

# Grape Picking

## Prunerite Vineyard Contracting Pty Ltd

Hi and welcome to the Hunter Valley. My name is Kyle with my wife Vicki and son Nicko. We run a vineyard contracting business. Prunerite manages and provides labour services to various companies in the Broke/Pokolbin areas.

It is estimated that the picking season will commence early January, hours varying from 4 to 8 hours per day. Picking season 4 to 6 Weeks. Pruning Season commences mid May for 4months straight. 38hrs to 46hrs per week.

Each afternoon you will be notified as to where we are picking the following day [ along with start time and address of vineyard]. We start around 6am, so everyone is expected to be there 10mins earlier to sign on the time sheet also to sign off, so as we have a record of this for pays to be calculated. We try to finish around lunch as it gets to hot, but some days we have to stay until finished.

### What you need to bring

- **Wear enclosed footwear**
- A hat
- You **must always have a shirt on**
- Sunscreen
- Lunch or snacks
- **Water** bring a bottle that you can put into your pocket to carry with you.

You are entitled to a 10-minute tea break, usually around 9am and an unpaid lunch break of 30 minutes at around 1pm.

Prunerite will supply cold water at the end of the rows so that you can fill your bottles up throughout the day. There will be a toilet onsite as well as first aid if needed.

There will be a team leader there if you have any questions. We will also provide instructions and a safe workplace.

If you have any concerns regarding pays or questions at all, ask your team leader or please contact Vicki through email [prunerite@bigpond.com]. **DO NOT** call Kyle as he is extremely busy throughout harvest.

Please if you are new to Australia, log onto fair work website and read about Employee/Employer obligations. [www.fairwork.gov.au](http://www.fairwork.gov.au)

## TRANSPORT

You must have transport as there is no buses and we work at different places each day.

### You must have a Valid Working Visa.

**No**, we don't pay cash, so don't ask.

All money is transferred into bank accounts electronically. So be extra careful when filling out bank details on the form provided. If you give incorrect numbers and it gets transferred into someone else's account, the money is irretrievable. Will be your loss.

### You must have an Australian Bank Account in your own name.

Pay week commences on Monday and ends Sunday. Pay processing day is Tuesday and your wage will be available to you in your nominated account on Wednesday. [usually late afternoon.] Pay rates for this year will be in accordance with the modern award which is \$25.79 per hour for people over 18 years of age. Picking days are credited towards 88 days second visa as we pick grapes in the Broke region. Postcode 2330

Please note working days towards second visa are the actual days you work. Not the time you spend in the Hunter.

You Must have an Email so we can supply you with a pay slip each week. If you do not have one you can open a Gmail account quiet easily. No overseas emails please as they can be difficult. You must have a superannuation account. Or we can add you to Australian Super.

## Accommodation

You are responsible for seeking your own accommodation however you will find below suggested accommodation and contact details:

- Cessnock Showground Camping. Call John 0412235447
- Wine Country Tourist Park / corner of Wine Country Drive and O`Connors Road Nulkaba 49905819
- Ingenia Holidays Cessnock 137 Mt View Road Cessnock 49902573

If you would like to be employed by Prunerite during the picking season, please complete the contact information, payment details and tax declaration form on our web page.

[www.prunerite.com.au](http://www.prunerite.com.au)

Please ensure you have a bank account, superannuation and email sorted before returning your form.

We hope to make this experience enjoyable for you and hope you will enjoy the Hunter Valley.

Cheers

Kyle and Vicki