



The Central Otago Burgundy Exchange

Applications for this year's exchange are now being received.

This programme initiated in 2006 is administered by the following partners:

- Centre de Formation Professionnelle et de Promotion Agricole (CFPPA) in Beaune - a viticulture & winemaking institute in the Burgundy
- Mosaique Bourgogne International
- Otago Polytechnic, Central Otago Campus
- Central Otago Winegrowers Association

The exchange allows for upcoming viticulturists & winemakers from the two regions to gain knowledge of alternative techniques and to be exposed to different wine cultures.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE – Friday 01 April, 2016

For an application form please contact:
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PERSONAL DETAILS:

Name: _____

Address: _____ | _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Are you a NZ permanent resident? _____

WORK EXPERIENCE

Please list positions held during the last two years:

Employer	Position held	Duration of employment

EDUCATION/QUALIFICATIONS

Please list any qualifications held, directly related to the wine industry:

Learning Institute	Qualification	Year obtained

Please list below any courses you are currently studying:

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION:

Please include the following with your application:

- ✓ Brief Resume
- ✓ Two references required; preferably one being from an employer
- ✓ A half page letter to the selection panel, outlining why you feel you should be selected for the exchange programme

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

CRITERIA

The committee will be assessing candidates on the following:

- Currently studying viticulture or oenology (includes apprenticeships) or
- Currently employed in the winemaking or viticulture industry
- Demonstrates strong values & commitment to working in the Central Otago wine industry
- New Zealand permanent resident
- A strong work ethic, comfortable with long days and physical work
- Excellent communication skills including a basic understanding of the French language or a strong willingness to learn
- References: two references are required; preferably one being from an employer

OBLIGATIONS

The successful candidates will be required to:

- be an ambassador for Central Otago, including being helpful & courteous at all times and embracing the French language and culture
- give a presentation to the local winegrowers and students on arrival in Burgundy
- give a presentation to COWA members on return to Central Otago
- complete any reporting / feedback documents on time

PRACTICALITIES

- The duration of the exchange is five weeks. Week one is a tuition week with weeks 3-5 on placement.
- For the 2016 vintage, it is anticipated the candidates will leave for Burgundy at the end of August/early September.
- Accommodation & meals are provided by the hosts – free of charge
- Travel, candidates will be encouraged to travel with the other exchange students as a group to Burgundy. At the end of the exchange candidates will be free to make their own way back to New Zealand.
- There is no expectation of payment from your host winery in France
- Language; it is beneficial for candidates to have a basic knowledge of the French language prior to arriving in Burgundy

SELECTION:

Interviews will follow the closing date for applications (time and date to be advised).