Harvest Experience at Jordan Wine Estate - 2015

Since the very start of my wine career, Jancis Robinson quickly became my wine guru - from studying her entire Oxford Companion to Wine in a year as a challenge to receiving my WSET Diploma from her at the graduation ceremony. So, naturally, I was following her on her Purple Pages website, when I came across the Woman in Wine project.

Living in Scotland, I have always had access to a fantastic range of world wines (both for research and pleasure I may add), but due to the climate, very little opportunity to even see a vineyard and winery, let alone experience working in one. I loved the two day WSET Level 3 workshop at Plumpton College, where we had a tour of the working winery and vineyard, so I was really excited to apply for the internship at Jordan Estate.

Five weeks of hard work and long days felt like they flew in, as I enjoyed every minute of it. Plenty of hands on experience in the winery - receiving grapes, pressing juice and wine, taking daily readings, analysing fermentations, preparing yeasts and nutrients, operating presses and pumps, hygiene procedures among other processes. This experience has been invaluable and allows me to be a better WSET educator and hopefully inspire more people in their wine discovery journey.





Read more about Ksenia's harvest on her blog: http://kseniaswinequest.blogspot.co.za/?m=1