



## WHAT IS TRAVELLING WINEMAKER/WINEMAKING?

We generally hear about winemaking but most people in India & outside don't know the concept of "Travelling Winemaker". It means we travel the world or different countries during the harvest period (Grape arrival season) and instrumental in making wine as per wineries expectations. It goes around 3-4 months generally, for example, In India we receive grapes in the month of January-February like that USA, Canada & all European countries have the season from August to November or September to December. New Zealand, Australia, Chile, Thailand, South African countries have the harvest season from February to March-April. During harvest each employee has a different role like cellar worker, lab technician, Intern, trainee, supervisor etc, depending on the qualification & experience. There is tight competition to get selected for any position. One has to be strong in Enology (Winemaking) qualification & experience & ready to work hard in any situation (in too cold or rainy weather), physically & mentally. The candidate has to face a number of visa interviews like winery interview, immigration interview, residence country immigration interview, country border interview when they reach the country of the vineyard etc. This process is a common phenomenon in every country.



### MY STORY-

After completing my Masters of Science in Wine, Brewing & Alcohol Technology I have worked in Indian wine industry for a year but then decided to travel the world as an "International Travelling Winemaker". Firstly it was very hard for me to get selected as i had not much experience for an international selection but I never gave up. I sent mostly 50-60 applications in various parts of countries and finally got a call from Portugal. Then I decided to go to America. Because of tough visa procedures & their pronunciation, I prepared well for international english then got selected for America. Slowly I became habituated of travelling and simultaneously gaining international experiences. New Zealand was the next destination that I went to and worked. I am glad that now every year I get a harvest invitation from New Zealand. It's very hard to create your own platform that they will invite you to each year in such a competition. ence & ready to work hard in any situation (in too cold or rainy weather), physically & mentally. The candidate has to face a number of visa interviews like winery interview,

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I did less harvests as compared to I should have but I can proudly say I never took anyone's help or used reference to get selected or never gone through any visa agent. That gave me confidence, as it is a challenging job for me being a lady in the so called wine industry, traveling alone in new different countries, working there & adjusting all things from meals to weather. What I became today I want to thank my parents who never asked for limitations to come into the liquor industry and go out of the country. They believe me, instead of staying in India they always support me to go abroad. One thing I must mention, while traveling I always realise no matter where-ever I go"



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