

# EASTCOTT

Vineyard & Winery

## Eastcott Grape Picking, Autumn 2015

The harvest is one of the most significant times in the year for the vineyard. This is your chance to join in at Eastcott and see at first hand how it works. We hope that you will find this a rewarding, fun and informative day and that you will have a long lasting respect for every future glass of wine!

### Requirements:

- You should be available for a minimum of half-a-day, but normally a whole day.
- Volunteers should ideally be 16+, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. *(Please note that non-participants cannot be accommodated i.e. small children.)*
- All pickers must be in good health & fit enough to spend most of the day standing up.
- Anyone who has a history of repetitive strain injury, should only volunteer for half-days.
- Similarly those with a history of back problems should please not offer help as picking involves bending.
- All volunteers are advised to bring their own garden gloves, as you will be using secateurs. *(In fact why not bring your own secateurs or 'snippers' as well.....?)*
- You should also dress appropriately for the weather on the day, including field footwear.
- Well behaved dogs are welcome in the vineyard but please note that they cannot enter the Winery.
- However we must also please ask that you do not leave dogs in the car whilst you work, as sometimes this has disturbed our other residents or those living close by.

### On Arrival at 9.00am

All volunteers will be given a Health & Safety briefing and instruction on how to pick the grapes.

### Grape Picking

You will then be taken in to the 6 acre vineyard to commence grape picking, where you will be allocated to work on selected rows. Here you will cut bunches of grapes off the branches (canes) and place them into picking crates that will have been distributed along each row. For those that are fully capable, then it is very helpful if you can move the full crates down to the end of the rows, from where they will be collected.

### Refreshments

Morning coffee & biscuits. 'Rustic' buffet lunch and a glass of Eastcott wine for those over 18. Afternoon tea as required but we aim to complete picking for the day by mid-late afternoon to allow same day processing. We will cater for vegetarians but please tell us in advance if you have any other requirements.

### 4.00 pm approx. Depart

As a token of our appreciation, all participants over 18 will be given a bottle of still wine.