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## **Agricultural Economist Vinpro May 2018**

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Our client Vinpro is the independent service organization that renders specialist services to South African wine producers and represents them on various forums. They currently have an opportunity for a dynamic individual to manage the agricultural economics function at their organization.

The position entails, inter alia:

- Maintaining study groups at primary production level
- Undertaking viability and other economic studies at production and cellar level
- Writing agricultural economics articles for wine industry publications
- Representing the organization on certain forums/committees
- Handling of agricultural economics enquiries
- Updating agricultural economics industry norms, as well as the costing guide
- Presenting lectures and preparing presentations for producer and information days
- Close liaison with viticulturists, soil scientists, the organization's BEE advisory service and information service
- Presentations and industry reviews to the management and members at cellars.

Their ideal candidate is a highly motivated and creative person who can function independently and does not shy away from challenges. He/she must have the ability to address audiences autonomously and with ease and to communicate fluently in English and Afrikaans (verbally and in writing). In addition, a BSc/B. Com degree (Agricultural Economics) or related qualification is called for, as well as a background and strong skills in information systems. Knowledge and experience of the wine industry and agricultural economics related services, supplemented by proficiency in Excel, Word and PowerPoint and good interpersonal, organizational and presentation skills will strengthen the application.

A competitive salary, including the full range of fringe benefits in keeping with an established company, is offered.

In accordance with Vinpro's employment equity plan, preference will be given to candidates from previously disadvantaged backgrounds.

Closing date: 31 May 2018

If no feedback is received within two weeks after the closing date, candidates may accept that their applications were not successful.

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