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## Our Legacy Harvested Announces Fall 2023 Internship Applications, Bringing BIPOC Diversity to Wine Industry, Open Now

Oregon Nonprofit Announces Second Annual Internship for Internship Program



Our Legacy Harvested 2022 Intern Class

**PORTLAND**, **Ore.** (March 7, 2023) – <u>Our Legacy Harvested</u> (OLH), a nonprofit founded in 2020 dedicated to educating, advancing and empowering the BIPOC community at any career level within the wine industry, has announced its second annual internship applications for the 2023 season, with <u>applications open now</u> through Monday, May 1.

Six wine production internships are available for applicants across the country, with the program taking place in Oregon's famed Willamette Valley from August - November, during the winery harvest season. The four-month internship program focuses on BIPOC individuals at any career level that want to advance their knowledge and expertise in the wine community. OLH will provide interns with a scholarship to cover certain basic needs, including housing and transportation, as well as a supportive and safe community to explore the Willamette Valley and Oregon wine industry.

The wine production internship will focus on vineyards and production at the winery, in addition to experiential dinners with other partnering wineries and field trips to other local wine regions. The hands-on experience ranges from viticulture and harvest activities to winemaking in the barrel room, teaching how the winery manages the vineyard, makes harvest decisions and production activities from bottling, blending, science of determining brix, testing when ready to pick, learning about cost and the many other decisions made at a smaller winery. Outside of working hours, interns will experience educational programming, social outings and networking opportunities to foster a safe and

supportive experience. Interns will also have opportunities to connect with industry representatives and members of the BIPOC winemaking community to encourage strong, lasting relationships.

OLH's 2022 internship class represented states across the country, including Oregon, Louisiana, Connecticut and more. Each intern had opportunities to build community and connections through the wine industry and beyond, resulting in multiple job placements and relocations to Oregon.

Founded in 2020 by Tiquette Bramlett, the first Black woman hired to oversee a winery in the country, OLH works to welcome and better represent the diverse world of wine drinkers and enthusiasts. The nonprofit is led by an all-female team: Charlotte Bramlett, Chief Financial Officer, Diana Riggs, Associate Director, Brittney Guthmiller, Development Director, Elaine Kim Heide, Programming Director, and Megan Roberts, Marketing Director. The long-term goal of OLH is to build a permanent campus, used to host pop-up events, fundraisers, dinners, educational seminars, and to foster the growing and evolving BIPOC wine community, partnering with tasting rooms, cellars and vineyards

"Bringing the vision of educating, advancing and empowering the BIPOC community in the wine industry to life through our internship program is exactly what we've been working towards," said Bramlett. "Supporting entrepreneurship and education will help individuals at any career level advance in this industry and we're looking forward to welcoming our second internship class in August, just in time for harvest season."

## **About Our Legacy Harvested:**

Our Legacy Harvested mission is to educate, advance and empower the BIPOC community at any career level so that tasting rooms, cellars and vineyards may be welcoming to, and may better represent, the diverse world of wine drinkers and enthusiasts. Founded in 2020 by Tiquette Bramlett, Our Legacy Harvested works with individuals to advance their knowledge and expertise in the wine community. Our Legacy Harvested values partnering with wineries to ensure tasting rooms, cellars, and vineyards better reflect the diverse world of wine they represent.

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