Allied Grape Growers

- AGG is a wine grape brokerage with offices in the Central Valley, Central Coast, and the North Coast. I interned as a vineyard scout for the North Coast office, which manages contracts for more than 1,000 acres of vineyards in Napa, Sonoma, Solano, Mendocino, and Lake Counties.

- The responsibilities of my position include:
  - Visiting vineyards contracted through AGG
  - Assessing vigor, water stress, cluster health, pest and disease risk, crop size, veraison, ripeness
  - Assessing and monitoring any vineyard management work
  - Counting clusters
  - Sampling for Brix/pH and delivering samples to wineries that request them

Insights

- As a vineyard scout for AGG I visited over 100 vineyards throughout the North Coast of California. I gained a new perspective on vineyard management as I observed a variety of approaches in management and witnessed the consequences, both positive and negative, as I revisited vineyards periodically during the growing season.

- Vineyard scouting also gave me the opportunity to feel and understand the timing of vine development 5 days a week. This gave me a new appreciation for how quickly vine development moves and how difficult it can be for vineyard managers and crews to keep up!