Introduction: Tapteil Vineyard and Winery is located on Red Mountain AVA, and was one of the first vineyards planted on the mountain (1980's). Currently Tapteil grows 70 acres of grapes and sells the majority, while producing 1200 cases a year to be sold in the estate tasting room.

Responsibilities: This internship focuses more on general management of all sides of Tapteil, including irrigation management, harvest sampling, understanding the sale of grapes, and working with clients buying the grapes. The internship also included the management of the previous vintages that were currently in barrels and the maintenance of fermentations for the 2020 vintage.

Summary: Tapteil was a great location for my internship because it allowed me to see all aspects of the business from grape grower, winemaker, to property maintenance and tourism. Working at a smaller winery that allows me to have a hand in all sides is my ultimate goal. Tapteil understood this and wanted to teach all sides, including reporting and business management. I will continue my professional relationship with Tapteil and hope to work together again in the future.