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EXPERIENCE

Charlie Palmer's Dry Creek Kitchen at Hotel Healdsburg — Healdsburg, CA
Wine Director and Sommelier — Dec 2013–Present
Manage all aspects of the wine program for the fine-dining restaurant, hotel and catering; provide creative direction for beverage program and promotional events; buy, stock and inventory wine; train staff; manage the budget and costs; sell wine and serve guests on the floor; create pairing menus.

Valette Restaurant — Healdsburg, CA
Consulting Wine Director — Jan 2015–Present
Created the wine program for this dynamic new restaurant; worked closely with the General Manager and Chef on all aspects of opening; buy wine, train staff, consult on service standards and recommend pairings.

Boisset Family Estates — St. Helena, CA
Viticultural Intern — June 2012–Feb 2013
Monitored premium winegrape vineyards throughout growing season; served as liason between growers, viticultural and winemaking teams for DeLoach, Raymond and Buena Vista wineries; wrote vineyard and statistical reports for production and financial planning purposes.

PRESS Restaurant — St. Helena, CA
Assistant Sommelier — Aug 2010–Jan 2012
Assisted the Wine Director and Sommeliers with stocking, inventory and ordering wine; worked on the floor selling wine and serving guests; bartended, hostessed, ran food, served, as needed.

Decanter — Sonoma, CA
Reporter — 2012–2014
Establish connections and report on news in and related to the California wine industry for this internationally recognized London-based publication and news organization.

The Scholium Project — Napa, CA
Harvest Intern — Sept 2011–Sept 2012
Worked in every aspect of harvest and winemaking from pruning to bottling; organized tastings and represented the label at special events; communicated with wholesale accounts and consumers during releases.

7x7 Magazine — San Francisco, CA
Wine and Spirits Columnist — 2011–2012
Covered wine, spirits and Wine Country for the monthly print magazine and for the website of this SF-Based publication.

CERTIFICATIONS AND HONORS

The Court of Master Sommeliers, Certified Sommelier
The Culinary Institute of America, Graduate and Advanced Certified Wine Professional
The Symposium for Professional Wine Writers, Fellowship Recipient
Concours Mondial de Bruxelles, Wine Specialist

EDUCATION

Culinary Institute of America — St. Helena, CA
Accelerated Wine and Beverage Program — May, 2011

Brigham Young University — Provo, UT
BA English — June, 2003