**Resume**

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**Objective:**

To secure a position where I may utilize my wine knowledge and experience.

**Overview:**

I am a professional with more than 30 years’ experience in management and customer service, as well as eight years as a Wine Educator and Consultant. My wine credentials include:

**(CSW)** Certified Specialist of Wine

**(CSWE)** Certified Spanish Wine Educator

**(CSS)** Certified Specialist of Spirits

**Level 1 Sommelier -** Court of Master Sommelier

**(WLS)** Certified Wine Location Specialist

**Certified and Accredited** by the CIVC and the IVDP

**(H/BS)** Hospitality/ Beverage Specialist

**(CBS)** Certified Beer Server – Cicerone Certification Program

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**Business Experience**

January 2015 – Present

 **Owner - Cut Of The Vine ™ A wine education and consultation company.**

I provide professional wine consultation for private individuals, chefs, corporations, winery owners and restaurants.

March 2008 – 2014

**Owner - Michael A. Cheatham Independent Wine Educator and Consultant, San Diego, CA**

I consulted in a corporate setting recommending and buying wine for corporate functions, including: sales dinners, holiday parties, top producers’ dinners and special themed wine tastings. I directed two private wine tasting clubs for novice and experienced wine aficionados. Periodically published a wine newsletter for club members.

September 1999 - 2016

 **Manager Mutual Fund and Annuity Operations**

**CUSO Financial Services, LP, San Diego, CA**

I manage all facets of Mutual Fund Operations from policies and procedures, bulk transfers to trade cancellations and corrections. My responsibilities also include mutual fund training for staff and sales force, Signature Guarantee and Medallion Stamp administrator for the firm and I managed the firms Abandoned Property program, as well.

**Wine Related Experience and Education**

Current - Advisory board member - **San Diego State University Business of Wine Professional Certificate Program**

Current - Creating wine tasting notes for a local Southern California Winery

2012-2013 - Wine consultation and parings for The Curious Fork, Solana Beach California

2005 -2016 - Corporate Wine Consultant for CUSO Financial Services, LPL and Sorrento Pacific Financial, LLC – San Diego, CA

2012/2013 VP San Diego Chapter of the American Wine Society

2008 **Graduated** - San Diego State University’s “Business of Wine” Certificate Program

2008 **5th Annual San Diego Bay Wine & Food Festival** – Wine Educator for Grand Central Marketing and the “Discover Wine with Robert Mondavi” Pavilion

2008 **Harvest Season** - J. Pillar Winery crush. Also the Anderson Vineyards harvest and crush at the Boorman Winery facilities, Santa Rosa Plateau, Murrieta, CA.

2007 Completed the **UC Davis** “Introductory to Wine Making for Distance Learners”. Grade earned “A minus”.

**Professional membership:**

Society of Wine Educators

The Guild of Sommelier

The Wine Scholar Guild

The Wine Century Club - With Distinction

**ServeSafe (California) Food and Alcohol Safe Certified**