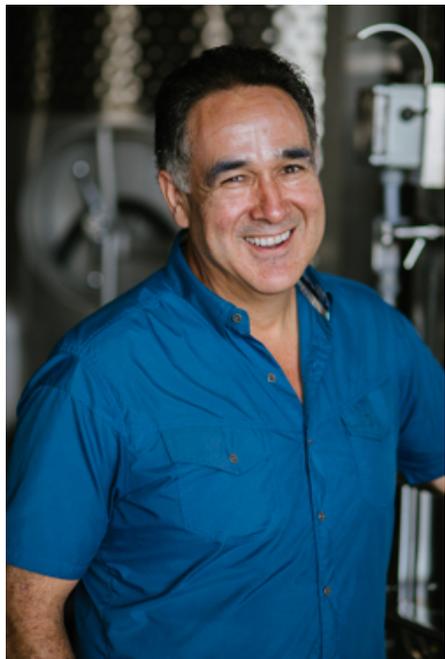


## MICHAEL TRUJILLO

*consulting winemaker*



***“Crafting quality wines is one of my creative outlets. I’m fortunate that the product of my creativity is recognized for its exceptional vineyard sourcing, varietal expression and value.”***

Like Brian Cunat, Michael grew up farming on his family’s ranch. Michael’s passion and interest in the wine industry developed over many years of hard work and was influenced by many industry experts and a wide variety of experiences. As a college student, Michael worked his first summer for food and lodging in the vineyards of Napa Valley. Not afraid of hard work, he was impressed with the bounty and flavors on the table each night, as well as the quality and abundance of great wine as a reward for a hard day’s work. Originally from Colorado, Michael never left California after that first summer back in 1982.

His 33 years of wine industry experience include vineyard work, academic study at both The University of California, Davis and Napa Valley College and winemaking tutelage by industry luminaries like Andre Tchelistcheff, Tony Soter and Jim Allen. Michael became an assistant winemaker in 1988 and in 1991 began his first independent venture by launching Karl Lawrence Cellars: a brand he created to try his hand at making outstanding Cabernet Sauvignon with the very best Napa Valley grapes, crafting vintages from 1991 to 2010. Throughout, Michael was the guiding hand at Sequoia Grove, where he was President and Director of Winemaking until 2018. Picking up where he left off, today he is in full swing with Trujillo Wines. Michael shares his winemaking expertise and counsel with several Napa Valley wineries including Materra | Cunat Family Vineyards.

The wines produced under Michael’s direction consistently receive high praise and accolades in the press and Michael continues to apply his creativity to his winemaking – expanding his breadth and expertise with new blends, different techniques and the most current technology and production processes.

Michael resides in the northeastern hills of Napa Valley where he is sharing his passion and love of the land and all its possibilities with his daughter, Sophia.