



**NAPA VALLEY PRUNING CONTEST CHAMPION FEATURE:
JESUS JUAREZ, MOULDS FAMILY VINEYARDS
TOP FINISHER – 2008 NAPA COUNTY PRUNING CONTEST**

FWF: ¿Qué sintió al ganar el concurso de poda?

JJ: Me dio mucho gusto, me dio mucho gusto haber ganado.

FWF: How did it feel to win the Pruning Contest?

JJ: It was very happy. I was very pleased to have won.

FWF: ¿Qué consejo daría a otros que quisieran competir (¡y ganar!) en el concurso?

JJ: Que se enfoquen en hacer mejor trabajo en vez de trabajar rápido. Mejor calidad en vez de rapidez.

FWF: What advice would you give to others who wanted to compete (and win!) in the competition?

JJ: Focus on doing a good job instead of working fast. Quality is better than speed.



FWF: ¿Qué cree que lo/ha hace especialmente bueno en tu trabajo?

JJ: Pienso que es el empeño y más que nada que te guste hacer el trabajo.

FWF: What do you think makes you particularly good at your work?

JJ; I think it is the commitment and, more than anything else, that you like your job.

FWF: ¿Cómo aprendió estas habilidades o capacidades? ¿Hubo alguien en particular que le enseñó?

JJ: Hace mucho tiempo, hace más de 15 años había mayordomos más estrictos y te hacían que hicieras mejor el trabajo y así fue como aprendí esas habilidades para trabajar en el campo.

FWF: How did you learn these skills/abilities? Was there someone that taught you?

JJ: A long time ago, more than 15 years, the foremen were stricter, and they made you do the job better; that's how I learned the skills to work in the field.

FWF: Cuando piensas en el trabajo en los viñedos, ¿cuál es la primera palabra que le viene a la mente?

JJ: El aire libre y que uno tiene que sacar el trabajo para ganar dinero por que se necesita, también lo haces por necesidad.

FWF: When you think about working in the vineyard – what is the first word that comes to mind?

JJ: The outdoors and that you must work to earn money, it is out of necessity.

FWF: A parte de su excelente en el campo, tiene algún talento como, por ejemplo, la cocina, bailar, etc.?

JJ: Trabajaba en restaurante y jardinería. Me gusta estar con mi familia.

FWF: Besides your excellent vineyard work, is there anything else that you are known for among your friends and family?

JJ: I used to work at a restaurant and landscaping, and I like to be with my family.

About the Farmworker Foundation's Annual Napa County Pruning Contest

The Pruning Contest was created to recognize Napa's farmworkers and let the world know how important they are to the quality reputation of Napa Valley vineyards. Each year, competitors display their skill and speed in men's and women's divisions to win cash prizes, gift baskets, and the cherished Pruning Contest belt buckle. In 2022, the Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation will celebrate 20 years of the Napa County Pruning Contest.

About the Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation

Founded by the Napa Valley Grapegrowers in 2011, the mission of the Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation is to support and promote Napa Valley's vineyard workers through education and professional development. The Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation is the only one of its kind in the United States, providing educational opportunities, advanced training programs, leadership and management classes, English literacy programs, and much more. To date, the Farmworker Foundation has offered education and professional development opportunities to more than 21,000 vineyard workers and their families. Visit [Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation](#) and follow on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)