

BULMARO MONTES, OWNER
MARITA'S VINEYARDS

In June of 2003, Bulmaro Montes, Joseph Phelps vineyard manager, retired. Bulmaro had been with the winery since its inception, helping put in the first vineyards at the Spring Valley Ranch in 1973 and bringing in many of the vineyard workers who are still there today.

Upon his retirement, however, Bulmaro managed to reunite some of the great team members that previously produced the "Insignia" wine for Phelps, and after investing his life savings and retirement money, he purchased a small piece of land to grow a vineyard. "Marita's Vineyard" is a super premium, 2.6 acres of land on top of a hill in Napa, planted with the best vines of Cabernet Sauvignon available.

"I know me and my team can produce a wine that's far superior to others I have made. That confidence comes from my own experience, plus the passion and knowledge of the team we've got," says Montes, and adds, "I'm sure that we can produce the best wine ever, a wine that can compare to the best Bordeaux, California Cabernet, or any other in the world."