



**NAPA VALLEY PRUNING CONTEST CHAMPION FEATURE:  
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TOP FINISHER – 2022 NAPA COUNTY PRUNING CONTEST**

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

**CZ:** Me sentí muy contento. Fue mi segunda vez participando en el concurso y gané primer lugar.

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

*CZ: I was very pleased. It was my second time participating in the contest and I won first place.*

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

**CZ:** Que agarren la tijera sin miedo y se apliquen a lo que es el corte e ir positivo a que van a ganar.

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

*CZ: Grab the shears without fear and focus on cutting and be positive that you are going to win.*

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

**CZ:** Que me aplico a hacer el trabajo. Tengo mas de 23 años de experiencia trabajado en el campo. Me gusta hacer mi trabajo.

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

*CZ: I do my best at work. I have over 23 years of experience working in the vineyards. I enjoy my job.*



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

**CZ:** Me gusta observar a los demás, me fijaba como lo hacían los compañeros y así aprendí.

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

**CZ:** *I like to observe others, I watched my co-workers and that's how I learned.*

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

**CZ:** *En mi casa ando viendo que está mal para arreglar y pasar tiempo con mi familia*

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

**CZ:** *At home, I like to check what needs to be fixed, I like fixing stuff – and I enjoy spending time 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](#)