



**NAPA VALLEY PRUNING CONTEST CHAMPION FEATURE:
VERONICA MEDINA, BAYVIEW VINEYARDS
TOP FINISHER – 2019 NAPA COUNTY PRUNING CONTEST**

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

VM: Me sentí muy emocionada por que era algo que yo no esperaba. No pensaba que yo iba a ganar, solo iba a representar mi trabajo que hago en Bayview. Me emocioné mucho porque fue una sorpresa.

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

VM: I was very excited because it was something I didn't expect. I didn't think I was going to win; I was just going to represent the work that I do at Bayview. I was very excited, it was a surprise.

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

VM: Que se animaran a ir a representar el trabajo que hacen en el campo, yo les diría que no vayan con la mentalidad de que van a ganar, vayan con la mentalidad que van a ir a representar su arduo trabajo y desempeño en la compañía en la que trabajan.

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

VM: I would tell them not to go with the mentality that they are going to win, but to show up to represent how hardworking they are, and how they perform their work in the vineyard.

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

VM: Pues, lo que uno necesita es la rapidez. Cuenta mucho, ser rápido, saber hacer los cortes sin pensarlo.

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

VM: What you need is speed. It counts a lot to be fast and know how to make cuts without thinking too much.



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

VM: Mi esposo me ha apoyado, él dice que uno tiene que aprender cómo hacer el trabajo bien y los supervisores nos dan el ejemplo de cómo hacer el trabajo, la supervisora da el ejemplo y ella va observando que el trabajo quede como lo están pidiendo.

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

VM: My husband supports me, tells me it's important to learn how to do the job well. My supervisor showed me how to prune, the supervisors give us the example of how to do the work, and they're always in the field making sure we do the job correctly.

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

VM: La poda, me encanta la poda – es un trabajo fácil y no difícil.

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

VM: Pruning, I love pruning - it isn't difficult work.

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

VM: Me encanta la música porque me relaja.

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

VM: I love music because it relaxes me.

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](#)