



MICHAEL JORDAN, MS, CWE
Director of Global Key Accounts

“Sommelier for the People”

Host of CRN DIGITAL TALK RADIO’S “*The Word on Wine*”



- 2008 *International Sommelier of the Year* - Whitefish Wine & Food Summit
- 2007 *General Manager of the Year* - Southern California Restaurant Writers
- 2006 *Restaurant Professional of the Year* - Orange Coast Magazine
- 2003 & 2005 *Sommelier of the Year* – Southern California Restaurant Writers
- 2005 *Wine Educator of the Year* – Starwine
- 2001 & 2002 *Sommelier of the Year* - California Restaurant Writers Association

Five-time Sommelier of the Year, Veteran Restaurateur and “*Sommelier for the People*” Michael Jordan is Director of Global Key Accounts for Jackson Family Wines. Michael travels the globe to work with key decision makers and hospitality industry leaders. Jordan also hosts a weekly radio show, *The Word on Wine* - in many AM radio markets across the country and podcast on CRN Digital Talk Radio. Passionate and friendly, Jordan demystifies the world of wines as an “Ambassador of Flavor” for wine lovers across the globe.

With over forty years working in hospitality Michael has opened 17 restaurants. He worked his way up to executive chef and has worked as General Manager and Sommelier in several world class restaurants. Jordan volunteers as the Chairman and Chief Judge of the Los Angeles International Wine Competition and Host of the Kapalua Wine and Food Festival on the island of Maui.

Jordan’s previous roles include: Global Manager of Wine, Walt Disney Parks & Resorts® Worldwide; President of The Beachcomber Restaurant Group; VP of THE RANCH Restaurant & Saloon (Zagat 28-29-28), GM/Sommelier at Napa Rose Restaurant, Disneyland Resort (Zagat 29-28-28), GM/SOMM of the “AAA Five Diamond” Pavilion Restaurant at Four Seasons Hotel Newport Beach; and GM/SOMM of the award-winning Pinot Provence Restaurant in Costa Mesa.

“Michael Jordan is one of just 15 people in the world awarded both Master Sommelier and CWE (Certified Wine Educator) Diplomas. And if there were an equivalent for heirloom tomato expertise, he’d have that, too.”

- Priscilla Mayfield’s column in *Orange Coast Magazine* - August 2013