

Oliver's Newsletter March – Front page

Hello everyone, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Richard Williams and I am the new wine buyer for Oliver's Markets. 2009 marks my 33rd year in the retail industry, and my career has led to such diverse positions as Store manager of Dean & DeLuca in the Napa Valley, and Wine Buyer for Woodlands Market in Kentfield.

It is my hope that all of the different places in which I've worked have given me a better understanding of the world of wine, as well as an idea of what people are looking for.

I also have been fortunate to spend a good deal of time in Europe, absorbing the culture of good food and wine, and hope to make that a significant part of the articles seen here on the front page as well as inside. After all, what better way to showcase the fantastic selection of Cheeses, Meats, Deli Items, Produce, and Packaged goods in such abundance at Oliver's markets than to show how well they pair with wine, and vice-versa.

I am very fortunate to have inherited a position that comes with a package deal. All three wine departments already are staffed with competent and knowledgeable people who know your tastes and wishes. My goal is to be not only in a constant dialog with all of them, but to spend as much time as possible in the stores, getting to know you and what you're looking for.

I look forward to meeting you in the stores and at the tasting bar, sharing our love of this wonderful food that comes in a bottle.

Cheers!