

# Joaquin Tovar

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## EDUCATION

**B.S., Business Administration, Management Information Systems**  
San Jose State University, San Jose, CA

May 2025

**A.A., Music Technology**  
Foothill College, Los Altos, CA

December 2018

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Lead Bartender**, Bird Dog, Palo Alto, CA June 2023 to present

- Oversee daily and weekly operations of all beverage aspects of the restaurant including managing inventory of beer, wine, and spirits
- Provide guidance and expertise to colleagues on wine, spirit, and cocktail knowledge, offering insights and recommendations to enhance their proficiency and improve guest experience
- Supervise and mentor new hires through on-the-job shadowing, ensuring their familiarity with and adherence to established service protocols and best practices

**Bartender**, Vina Enoteca, Palo Alto, CA January 2023 to June 2023

- Collaborated with the bar team to craft seasonal cocktails and successfully launched a new spring cocktail menu
- Proactively assumed responsibility to maintain an organized liquor room, ensuring seamless daily operations and inventory control
- Cultivated barista skills, encompassing the art of preparing espresso and foaming milk

**Bartender**, Ettan, Palo Alto, CA April 2021 to Sep 2022

- Optimized service well speed and efficiency in a high volume restaurant, ultimately leading to improved customer satisfaction and turnover
- Gained proficiency in large scale cocktail batching techniques, optimizing production efficiency
- Established and maintained rigorous bar cleaning standards, ultimately eliminating fruit flies within weeks of assuming the role
- Retained loyal clientele from previous bartending position

**Recording Engineer**, Suspect Studios, San Jose, CA April 2020 to December 2021

- Professionally recorded and engineered audio across diverse musical genres, including hip hop, rock, regional Mexican, and funk, ensuring high-quality production standards were consistently met
- Conducted real-time track editing, enhancing the efficiency and quality of recording sessions, while meeting the specific creative demands of clients
- Expertly mixed audio sessions into polished stereo tracks, delivering premium sound quality and customer satisfaction

**Studio Assistant**, Infinite Studios, Alameda, CA April 2019 to August 2020

- Exhibited meticulous organization gathering and managing creative assets from mixing & mastering clients
- Streamlined personal technical workflows to enhance productivity (macOS, Pro Tools, Avid S6 console)

**Bartender/Server**, Nobu, Palo Alto, CA May 2017 to March 2020

- Delivered fine dining experience in a fast paced environment serving high profile clientele often including professional athletes, celebrities, politicians, and tech executives

- Implemented customized upselling strategies
- Facilitated inventory management, receiving, and liquor room stocking operations
- Created popular cocktail of the month recipes prioritizing seasonal ingredients and surplus of liquor

**Concert Hall Technical Assistant**, CSMA, Mountain View, CA March 2016 to August 2017

- Acquired soldering skills while refurbishing and modernizing the concert hall's audio equipment, referencing outdated schematics and addressing incomplete construction

**Technical:** Pro Tools, audio signal flow, Apple ecosystem, Google suite, Waves, iZotope, Soundtoys

**Language:** fluent in Spanish

#### **ADDITIONAL SKILLS**

- High attention to detail
- Creative
- Exceptionally high stress tolerance
- Quick learner