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HOTEL AND SPA

Troy Revell Wine Director

Umstead Wine Director, Troy Revell's love for wine started as a hobby. The Atlanta, GA native was a passionate collector and took vacations to various wineries before making the leap from bartender to sommelier, turning his hobby into a career.

Revell began his career at Bin 54 Steak & Cellar in Chapel Hill, NC where he was the sommelier from 2012 to 2017. During his tenure, Revell became a CMS Certified Sommelier. He then made the transition to Wine Director at bu-ku and so-ca in Raleigh, NC where he worked from 2017 to 2019, along the way achieving his WSET Level 3 Certification in Wine. After a brief stint as sommelier at The Farrington House Inn, Revell joined the team at Forbes Five Star, AAA Five Diamond rated property, The Umstead Hotel & Spa.

Revell views studying and serving wine as both an art and a science, enjoying finding the balance in his wine lists, which influences his recommendations to diners. After a 2016 honeymoon to South Africa, Revell has a particular interest in South African selections and encourages his staff to continue learning and growing in their own interpretations of wine. He enjoys putting guests on the same path to expanding their palate and feeling unintimidated in their own exploration of all things vino.

In his time at the Umstead Hotel, Revell has guided the program first as Head Sommelier and then in a new position as Wine Director. He now oversees two full time Sommeliers in addition, and a total of 12 staff members have achieved at least an Intro Sommelier certification, including Chef Greene. The wine list has expanded from 1,100 to 1,500 selections and event offerings such as Umstead Uncorked and wine dinners have been greatly expanded.

In addition to his accomplishments as a sommelier, Revell is an avid Ultimate Frisbee player and has won two World Championships as a part of Team USA. Sports and music play a large role in Revell's life, and he enjoys sharing these interests with the newest additions to his family, two children with his wife Sarah.