

Martin Bournhonesque

An expert in organic production! Martin has worked with organics since 1990. In the first 10 years, he was producing south of San Francisco. Since 2003 he has been producing at ALBA (Agriculture and Land-Based Training Association), located in the Salinas Valley. He grows in greenhouses and receives the benefits of high quality and productivity of this region.

“I want to be able to eat what I grow without have to worry about it, and because, once you figure out a few things it is not too hard and so it is more satisfying. The customers that I have, the restaurants, appreciate that it is organic.”

Even aware that sustainability is a big challenge, Martin doesn't feel discouraged to work with ecological alternatives, such as using chicken manure fertilizer and compost, removing crops when they have suffered pest damage and frequently rotating crops to keep herbivorous insects under control.

“Our produce is very good and is organic, and I spend a lot of time guaranteeing that they will be really good”

What is produced?

Peppers, eggplants, beans; a lot of salad greens: arugula, spinach, chard; a lot of root vegetables: leeks, carrots, turnips, beets.

The most part of the produce is seasonal, and some can be maintained even during the winter in the greenhouse, such as beets, carrots, arugula, spinach, beans, pepper and eggplants. *“I have to keep it productive all the time.”*

Who is farming?

Martin and three other hired farmers maintain two greenhouses that together make 1.5 acres.

