



Will Tharreau, general manager, Fonté Café and Wine Bar

As general manager, Will Tharreau oversees the café's day-to-day operations, menu and wine program in close coordination with Fonté's owner, Paul Odom.

Born and raised in France, Tharreau earned his culinary credentials from La Maison du Chateau de Brissac-Quince in 1995. He held positions in Paris at The Ritz Carlton and Le Cordon Bleu before moving to Seattle in 1998. Once in the United States, he gained experience in both culinary and business management industries.

Upon arriving in the United States, Tharreau worked as a barista at IKEA's Café Stockholm followed by a manager position at the Nordstrom Café. In 1999, Tharreau opened the first Starbucks store on Alki and went on to manage both the Alki location and Fauntleroy location.

In 2001, Tharreau worked for Nintendo of America as a bilingual agent and producer for the Nintendo Power Magazine. He moved to Corbis, in 2003 to work as an account executive and later was promoted to account manager of the West Coast. At Corbis, Tharreau worked with many worldwide advertising agencies on accounts such as Nike, Comcast, and the Einstein Institute. In 2005, he was presented with the Best Sales Person award at Corbis Worldwide by Bill Gates. In 2008, he continued his career at Microsoft as an account executive before joining Fonté as a sales manager and working up the ladder to become general manager in 2010.