## Buying WHOLESALE FLOWERS, MADE EASY



## **MASTERCLASS CLIFF'S NOTES:**

- Mike's family has been in the flower business in New York City since the 1930s.
- Jet Fresh Flowers was started in 2007 in Miami, Florida.
- The key to being a part of the Jet Fresh Family is being yourself, having loyalty, and having a heart. This has really set Jet Fresh apart in the floral industry.
- The pandemic has really changed the industry, especially for wholesalers. There is less air freight, fewer drivers on the road, and it is taking more time to get products.
- Hug your local wholesaler! They really go above and beyond to make sure you get your product on time safely.
- Jet Fresh has a 10 hector farm in Ecuador for their rose production. They are currently planting staple wedding rose varieties along with varieties that are unique and special.
- They have a specialty rose line called Hippy Psychedelic Roses. Jet fresh does all of the painting at their farm in Ecuador.
- Jet Fresh is currently servicing Florida Details customers. They plan to partner with other wholesalers to get the product to customers outside of the area.
- Jet Fresh has new and exciting products coming to their collection in Details. Make sure you keep an eye out for those items to use in your events!

## Wholesaler Etiquette:

- You need to be flexible. Flowers are grown and not manufactured. The whole industry
  has changed and timing is not the same as it used to be.
- Costs for everyone have gone up and products have not been available at the farm level.
- Give trust to your wholesaler. They will try every avenue to find your product or they will find a substitution comparable to your product.
- This is a hard industry and we need to work together to thrive.
- Put orders in a week earlier and provide substitutions. Sell your events with these challenges in mind.

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