

## **NYC, May 5, PASSION ON THE VINE DI SERGIO ESPOSITO**

### **Passion on the Vine: A Memoir of Food, Wine, and Family in the Heart of Italy**

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Sergio Esposito, owner of NYC based Italian Wine Merchants, presents his new book published by Broadway Books (Random House). As a young child in Naples, Sergio learned to appreciate the deep relationship between food and wine. So it seemed inevitable that the boy who savored thimblefuls of Sangiovese mixed with water would grow up to become America's foremost authority of Italian wines. *Passion on the Vine* is Sergio's evocative memoir of his journey from Italy to America and his frequent trips back to his homeland, some with his growing family in tow. Through his personal stories, Sergio takes you to the cold hills of Friuli, the world-famous cellars of Piedmont, the sweeping estates of Tuscany, the windy beaches of Le Marche, and the lush fields of Campania. Along the way he introduces a cast of remarkable characters, not the least of which are his own mother and father—at times exasperating but always endearing. You'll also meet the man who introduced Italy's wine and gastronomic heritage to the world; a ballroom-dancing winemaker who bases his farming on the rhythm of the moon; and an obsessive prince who destroys his vineyards before his death so that his grapes will never be used incorrectly.

#### **Info**

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Hours: 6:00 pm

Venue: Italian Cultural Institute

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