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Passion on the Vine By Sergio Esposito

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Stepping into the magic of Italy is so deliciously fulfilling in this wonderful memoir, *Passion on the Vine: A Memoir of Food, Wine, and Family in the Heart of Italy*.

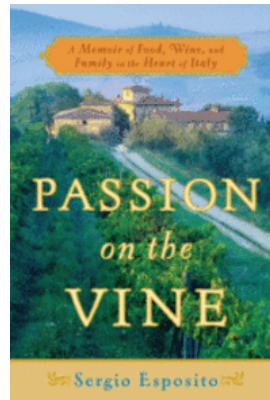
This is Sergio Esposito's heartwarming tale of coming of age and his intriguing and perilous path to becoming one of the greatest purveyors of the world's most outstanding wines.

If you have been to Italy you will love this book, if you plan to travel to Italy you must read this book, if you love and want to know Italian wine there is no better story of its meaning and heritage.

I have been an ardent fan of all things Italian since my first trip there in 1985 with my wife to be Diana. We spent three weeks exploring the cities and countryside of Italy in our Fiat sedan. It was the most incredible experience of my life at that point.

Over the years my love for Italian cuisine and wines has grown to the point of fixation. In 2001 we made another journey to Italy with our two children. A trip none of us will ever forget. The farmhouse in Grevi, the four star hotel on the Grand Canal in Venezia, the special adventures in Orvieto, Firenze, Assisi and more. All the places we saw and all the food we enjoyed. I think I could write a book myself.

Yet it was not until I read "Passion on the Vine" that my appreciation for Italian culture was fully realized



and set on a deeper course of enjoyment and understanding.

All the Fellini films I have enjoyed have helped, as have the many Italian dinners in Italy and throughout the U.S. and other countries, the 100s of Italian wines I have tasted, as well as the many Italian books and movies I have savored.

They all just laid the groundwork for Sergio's tale. His book has taken me to a wonderful new level of insight and gratitude.

Each chapter of this book reveals profound prospects of Italy that I sensed but never fully knew. Sergio's intimate and candid expressions holds nothing back.

You will marvel at Sergio's perilous passage from Naples, Italy to Albany, NY as a child. His path to New York City and into the world of wine. His many trips back to Italy and all the eccentric and intriguing characters he met there, people who are the foundation of the greatness of Italian wine we enjoy today.

Grazie Sergio.

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