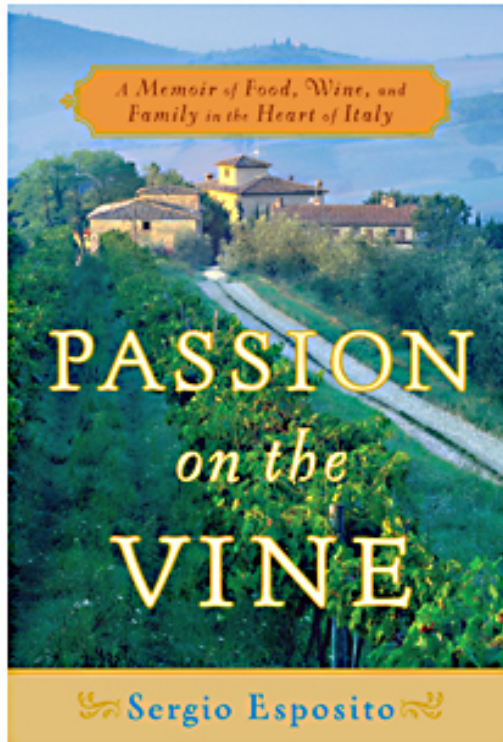


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Passion on the Vine

Passion on the Vine By Sergio Esposito



Passion on the Vine: A Memoir of Food, Wine, and Family in the Heart of Italy is the memoir of Sergio Esposito, the owner of Italian Wine Merchants, a speciality wine store in New York City. Beginning at his birthplace in Naples, the reader follows Esposito from a small child sipping wine at dinner to grown businessman selling some of the best Italian wines in the world. Along the way there are meetings with interesting winemakers, extended family dinners and lessons in the value of history and tradition.

Esposito is deeply rooted in the Italian lifestyle; their food and wine are part of who he is. Even though his family moved to New York when he was young, the man's heart clearly lies in Italy. Most of the book takes place in Italy, following Esposito as he travels throughout the country, meeting

winemakers and sampling wines. He shares the wines and winemakers' back-story with the reader, emphasizing how much he values tradition and passion in winemaking.

Passion on the Vine is filled with Italian wine, lots of characters and touching family moments. *Passion on the Vine* emphasises a familiar and heart-warming idea; Italian food is delicious, the wines are tasty and the people are one of a kind. The book is a good read for anyone who loves Italy and wants to hear more about their passionate love of wine and food. (Stephanie Bourgeois)

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