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**Esposito: Reason to celebrate Italy.**

**Book Buzz: What's new on the list and in publishing**

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**A 'Passion' for vino:**

With the dollar plummeting against the Euro, armchair traveling to Europe may become more appealing than ever. And ever since Frances Mayes alerted Americans to the pleasures of Tuscany, Italy has had its moment in the sun. The latest love letter to the boot-shaped nation is *Passion on the Vine* (Broadway Books, April), a memoir by Sergio Esposito, founder of Italian Wine Merchants in New York. Esposito, who emigrated as a child to Albany from Naples, calls his book "very honest and personal." It celebrates Italian food and wines, such as those featured at a recent feast at his wine emporium. The menu included regional cheeses, fettucine with braised lamb ragu, rack of wild boar and tastings of Gravner 2001 Ribolla Anfora and Bartolo Mascarello 1995 Barolo.

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