

About Angelo Tavernaro...

Angelo was born and grew up on a farm in Northern Italy in the Dolomite Mountain Region. He has worked in a variety of capacities in Italy, France, Germany, England and Bermuda before he eventually immigrated to the United States at the age of 26. He has significant work experience in the wine and culinary business having worked in some of the finest hotels and restaurants in New York City, Washington D. C. and Las Vegas. He became the Wine Director for Caesar's Palace and worked in that capacity for 20 yrs. Angelo went on to teach at the Culinary Training Academy for 8 yrs. He is also a Certified Wine Educator from the Academy of Wine and Services.

Following nearly 10 yrs of preparation, Angelo achieved the qualification of Master Sommelier, passing all 4 parts of the Master Sommelier qualification test in England in 1993. He became one of the few to take the Master Sommelier qualification test and pass all parts in one day. Angelo is current one of 110 Master Sommeliers in the United States and is one of 4 in the State of Washington. A total of 187 Master Sommeliers exist worldwide.

From his experience spanning 40 yrs and 3 continents, Angelo is fluent in 5 languages (Italian, French, German, Spanish and English). He relocated from Las Vegas to Prosser, WA in 2005 and recently moved to Tri-Cities. He and wife, Debbie, are parishioners at Holy Spirit Parish in Kennewick. Angelo joined the K of C Holy Spirit Council 10653 in July of 2011. He is very proud to be a Knight of Columbus and is currently a third degree member.

Angelo enjoys travelling to all wine regions of the world to further his knowledge of wine and food. He also enjoys teaching, cooking, reading, and bicycling along the Columbia River with Debbie and their little Boston Terrier, Peaches. Angelo is very approachable and willing to answer any questions you may have about wine.

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