

Tara Devon O'Leary



Tara Devon O'Leary is author of the *Every Wine Tells a Story* book series and the popular blog *WinePassionista.com*. She is an enthusiastic teacher helping mainstream wine drinkers to become more informed and have a better experience with wine.

Tara holds a Diploma certification from the world-renowned Wine & Spirit Education Trust (WSET) where she is also a Certified Educator. She is accredited by the Society of Wine Educators as a Certified Specialist of Wine and has served as judge at major annual international wine competitions.

For over 10 years Tara has diversified her wine expertise with a range of responsibilities including Head Sommelier at first-class London establishments, Contributing Editor of the fine wine website *WineYields.com*, and writer for several online publications including *JamieOliver.com*.

One of Tara's exciting projects is the wine-based reality TV show she created, which is currently looking for a home. The show is an enthusiastic, fun, interesting and informative approach to wine on television, and serves as a great foundation of wine understanding.

Her broad experience across the wine industry, both in North America and Europe, makes her a reliable source of information, education and inspiration for wine fundamentals, pairing wine with food, navigating a wine menu and how to confidently expand the wine drinkers choices – all delivered with a dash of flair, addictive enthusiasm and zero snobbery.

Before making the decision to enter the wine world full-time, Tara studied as an acting student at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts; worked at Warner Bros in Los Angeles and honed her writing skills as a travel writer in Santa Barbara.

Tara has explored over 30 countries and loves to share the stories of visiting with passionate winemakers, discovering distinctive wine regions and the unique wines made around the world, further enhancing the appreciation and education of wine drinkers.

Born in London, UK, Tara has lived in the Bahamas, Florida, New York, California and currently resides once again in London.

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