

# FABIO LONGANO



Born in Italy, my passion for fine wines has been an integral part of my life journey. Originating from a family deeply rooted in distribution, I began my professional career working for the family business, fostering a love for the world of fine wines.

Driven by an insatiable curiosity to explore and learn more about the world, I made the decision to relocate to the United States. I hold a degree in Culinary Arts, specializing in management, and have earned a prestigious certificate from the Associazione Italiana Sommeliers (AIS).

Over the course of the last 23 years, my professional journey has been marked by a series of enriching experiences, from collaborating with renowned restaurant leaders to working alongside distributors and importing organizations. These diverse experiences have equipped me with invaluable insights into the wine business, and I continue to thrive on the challenges and opportunities it presents.

Beyond the realm of work, I find joy in various pursuits. Whether it's listening to music, experimenting with culinary creations, or hosting gatherings, I derive inspiration from the simple pleasures of life. An interesting facet of my personal life involves cultivating grapes in my backyard, an endeavor undertaken with a relaxed demeanor and a well-worn t-shirt.

Throughout this journey, I am profoundly grateful for the unwavering support of those who believed in me. Both of my parents, Tony Ciccarelli (RIP), and Lisa Mize have played significant roles, directly and indirectly, in shaping the person I am today. Their encouragement and belief have been my guiding lights, contributing to the success and fulfillment I find in my professional and personal pursuits.

Additionally, meeting a visionary of the caliber of Giorgio Rivetti has reignited in me an immense excitement for the wine business that I haven't felt in years. His insights and passion have been a source of inspiration, propelling me to new heights in my career and infusing a renewed vigor into my love for the artistry of fine wines. As I continue this journey, I carry with me the collective wisdom and support of these remarkable individuals, driving me toward greater achievements and a continued passion for the world of fine wine.