

gastro **tommy**

your online guide to the cultural world of food & wine.

Welcome to GastroTommy

Ever met someone who seemed to know every great, unheard of restaurant in your area? Ever gone to dinner with somebody who seemed to know the wine list inside and out? Maybe they're a foodie, a wine enthusiast, or maybe they're in the industry: it's the person everyone always asks to choose the wine or pick the place.

After all, it's nice dining with an expert. You sit back and relax as they go over their experiences and suggestions for each bottle; maybe they even know the chef. Inevitably they always ask the same thing, don't they?

What's everyone having for dinner?

They pick a bottle you've never heard of before and with one taste you know you've entered new territory. It's a new flavor combination, a light and inviting nectar of some far off field in an exotic country.

When dinner arrives your wine seems to match your meal perfectly: a natural compliment. You vow to return soon and remember the name of the bottle – you'll never forget this miraculous combination of place, food, and libation that brought such enjoyment to you and your friends.

We all need a friend like that don't we?

If you don't already have one, you do now. His name is Tom Powers. Warmhearted and insightful, unpretentious and one-of-a-kind, Tom – or Tommy – as he's known to his friends, has over 20 successful and trend-setting years in the restaurant and wine industry. His latest entrepreneurial endeavor will channel his insider's knowledge into an entertaining **Web-only television show** that will impart everything he knows about food, wine and culture, all streamed directly to your computer or mobile device.

Tommy will be traveling on the quest of a lifetime in search of great hidden restaurants and new and innovative food and wine pairings. The show will take him to the out-of-the-way family wineries of California, Italy, France, Spain, South America, and beyond. You'll hear from the winemakers themselves explain exactly what makes their products legendary, unique, and worth knowing. After all, wine is a beverage with a history dating back to 6000 BC: there's a lot to know and even more to taste.



Tommy walks the fields with Greg Brewer at Brewer-Clifton winery during a recent California shoot.



Unique wine bottles at Au Bon Climat winery

Tom will visit with restaurant owners and speak with chefs about their thoughts and visions for today's modern cuisine and food culture. Travel with Tom through a Wisconsin cheese house as he navigates the endless halls and explains the difference between each explosive varietal of goat and cow.

Framing each episode is an award winning cinematographer who will deliver creative shots of the Napa landscape, the skyline of New York City, and a dark, musty cellar in Chicago. Shot in wide screen, high definition format, **GastroTommy** will look as good as it tastes.

After spending a few episodes with Tommy, you may just find your friends are putting the restaurant recommendations and wine list into your hands. And looking down the list of Chiantis and Chardonnays you'll recognize a little hidden gem from a remote region of Portugal. As your friends' glasses are filled and appetizers are passed, the bottle will unite your group and make your night unique. You will find yourself passing on your knowledge with considerable joy and enthusiasm.

After all, we all need a good friend like that.

Look for premier episodes of **GastroTommy** this fall on www.GastroTommy.com.