

## John Sporing, interim executive director of AWS

John lives in Reston, Virginia, and has been a member of the American Wine Society since 2011. He belongs to the NoVa Chapter and works closely with the NoLoCo and John Marshall chapters as well, and is a frequent presenter.



John is the CEO and chief taster of A Life Well Drunk, a wine education and tourism company.

He holds an Advanced Certification from the Wine and Spirits Education Trust of London and holds the titles of Certified Specialist of Wine from the Society of Wine Educators, Certified Port Educator from the Instituto dos Vinhos do Douro e Porto, and Sommelier from the Guild of Sommeliers. In addition, he is a Sake Ambassador, an Intermediate Certified Sherry Wine Specialist from the Consejo Regulador of D.O. Jerez-Xérès-Sherry, and is an active wine judge and educator.

A Life Well Drunk offers a wide range of wine experiences, from fun and educational tastings at home, to unique, small-group, bespoke trips to the world's wine regions. In 2020, he created the show WineUncensored, which featured wine makers from around the globe. To date, he has produced more than 60 episodes.

In addition, John sits on the National Education Committee of the American Wine Society where he is helping to develop and deliver new wine education content to their membership as well as sitting on the Board of the Atlantic Seaboard Wine Association. He is the Executive Director of the North American Regional Science Council, where he oversees the logistics and planning of annual conferences across North America.