



MARY BAILEY

Food, wine and travel writer Mary Bailey is the publisher of The Tomato food & drink. Mary appears regularly on CBC Radio One's Alberta at noon and is a monthly guest on Edmonton's top-rated Global TV Morning News. Her work has appeared in various regional and national publications. She spent several years in hospitality, including three years at the Hardware Grill, while starting The Tomato.

She is a national Gold Medal Plates/Canadian Culinary Championships judge. She founded Edmonton's Slow Food Convivia in 2002 and co-founded the local food event Indulgence, a Canadian epic of food and wine now in its 15th year. She is the co-author (with Judy Schultz) of two best-selling books on Alberta food: The Food Lover's Trail Guide to Alberta, Volumes I & II. She is also the creator of the Relish Food on Film Festival, called one of Alberta's Top 10 Food Festivals by Alberta Culture. She was honoured with the GALA (Growing Alberta Leadership Award) for community spirit in 2007 and is co-chair of the Edmonton Food Council.

A former wine merchant, Mary holds the Wines and Spirits Trust (WSET) Diploma; is a certified sommelier (International Sommelier Guild Diploma); a French Wine Scholar (French Wine Society) and possesses the Spanish Wine Educator's Certificate. She is proud to be included in the Unione Italiani Vini Editrice (International Italian Wine Journalists).

Mary has been building community through food and wine over a lengthy career in media, wine, volunteerism and hospitality. Her passion for local food is informed by the cultural aspects of food the world over, after all, everybody eats. She is also known to make a stellar martini, with Eau Claire gin of course.