

Laurie Forster

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Laurie Forster is one of America's leading wine experts and author of the award-winning book *The Sipping Point: A Crash Course in Wine*. Laurie is a Certified Sommelier, National Speaker and TV personality who is not afraid to tell you her first wine came from a box. Her edgy approach to demystifying wine caught the eye of major networks and led her to guest appearances on The Dr Oz Show, FOX Morning News, Martha Stewart Living Today and ABC News at Noon.

Laurie regularly speaks across the country where she edutains a client list that includes MetLife, Discovery Channel, Microsoft, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, LG Electronics, National Association of Catering Executives, American Cancer Society and McCormick & Company to name a few. Laurie has performed her comedic wine tasting at locations nationwide including Carolines on Broadway, DC IMPROV, Caesars Atlantic City and recently as a headliner for the 2018 HBO Women in Comedy Festival.



Forster is also the host of *The Sipping Point* and her mobile application "The Wine Coach" was listed as one of the Top 8 Wine Apps in Wine Enthusiast. A former software sales executive, Laurie's wine career began in Manhattan where she studied with the American Sommelier Association to obtain her certificate in Viticulture and Vinification. Laurie has since earned an Advanced Certificate with Merit from the Wine & Spirits Education Trust (WSET). She has also trained with the Court of Master Sommeliers and the Culinary Institute of America in Napa Valley.

Credentials & Affiliations

- National Speakers Association
- Meeting Professionals International
- Society of Wine Educators
- Certified with American Sommelier Association
- Advanced certified with Merit from the Wine & Spirits Education Trust (WSET)

Media Experience

Host of weekly radio show **The Sipping Point** on WBAL 1090AM (2011-2015)

Guest Host for **Living Today on Martha Stewart Radio** on Sirius XM

Host of weekly show **Something To Wine About** on WCEI 96.7

Morning Show Co-Host for **The Morning Rush** on WCEI 96.7

Radio segments: WTOP 103.5 (DC), FM 101.9 (NYC), MIX 106.5 (Baltimore), KQV 1410 AM (Pittsburgh), Martha Stewart Radio 110 SiriusXM (National), WPHT (Philadelphia), Sauced WLAC 1510 (Nashville), KFOG104.5 (San Fran), Your Time with Kim Iverson (14 markets), EZ Rock 800 (Canada) and more.

TV appearances: Dr Oz, Fox5 - Fox Morning News (DC), Fox Business (NYC), WBAL NBC 11 News Today (Baltimore), WJLA ABC News at Noon (DC), WMAR (Baltimore), Retirement Living - Daily Cafe Live, WMAR - ABC2 On the Go (Baltimore), WJZ CBS - Good Morning Maryland (Baltimore), WCNC NBC Charlotte Today, WGN Chicago Mid Day Fix, Fox 32 Chicago Morning Show and more.

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National Speaker

Partial Corporate Client List: Microsoft, MetLife, Merrill Lynch, McCormick Spice Company, Material Handling Industry Association, Empire Pipeline, Integral Systems, Intelsat, Accenture, United States Congressional Club, Reading Hospital, JP Morgan, Re/Max, eBay, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Bristol Myers Squibb, Booz Allen Hamilton, American Society for Dermatologic Surgery, Great Gatherings, PA Beef Association, Continental Contractors, Sweet Street Desserts, National Republican Senatorial Committee, Discovery Channel, Alzheimers Association, American Cancer Society, Constellation Energy



Laurie edu-tained the wine lovers at the Atlantic City Food & Wine Festival with comedy, wine seminars and mixology

Wine and Food Festival Appearances:, Headliner at the Atlantic City Food & Wine Festival, Sugarland Food & Wine Affair, Greenwich Food+Wine Festival, Metropolitan Cooking & Entertaining Show, Great Grapes Festivals, St. Michaels Food & Wine Festival, The Food & Wine Festival at National Harbor, Euphoria Greenville, Hershey Food & Wine Festival, Mohegan Sun Wine Festival and Dover Downs Wine & Music Festival.

Spokesperson

Acted as national spokesperson for Lindemans Winery's Pour on the Joy campaign which included radio media tour, live appearances, interviews and TV appearances. Completed media training with renowned coach Carmine Gallo of Gallo Communications and developed online materials for campaign. Laurie has subsequently acted as a brand spokesperson for Delicato Vineyards as well as other lifestyle brands with TV, media and in person appearances.

What do people say about Laurie?

Move over, Ellen. Step aside, Kathy. Laurie Forster's here to make you laugh ... and laugh ... and drink."

Debbie Phillips, Founder of Women on Fire

"While many of the meals I create and serve are paired with wine I have never really been much of a wine lover. After learning Laurie's Wine Sandwich(tm) method and the wine pairing strategies she shared in our joint seminar, things have totally changed for me! Now I see that I had just never noticed how the right food paired with the right wine made it taste better and how the wine enhanced my dish as well. I highly recommend Laurie's events and seminars especially her wine sandwich(tm)!"

Carla Hall, co-host of The Chew and Bravo's Top Chef All Stars



Laurie pokes fun at her life in the world of wine while edu-taining her audiences about how to Drink Different.