**Chris Kern Long Bio**

An award-winning wine writer, podcaster, wine educator and entrepreneur, Chris Kern has held the title of “America’s Uncommon Wine Expert” since 2007. His love for the uncommon wine varietals, off-the-beaten-path wine regions, and small boutique wineries has lead him around the world and allowed him to meet with thousands of winemakers, wine lovers, and folks just like you, educating them about “forgotten grapes” and tasting hundreds of unexpected, unusual, formerly lost, and just plain underutilized grapes of wine (he’s at 272 at last count).

For 15 years Kern has held nearly every position there is in the wine industry, first with his wine travel company Words & Wine, then with his retail wine shop Chris Kern’s Forgotten Grapes, his online wine outlet PasosBestWines.com, and WorldsBestWineClubs.com, which created privately-branded fundraising wine clubs for non-profit organizations. He was also the General Manager of LXV Wines, an award-winning boutique winery in Paso Robles named the 7th best tasting room in the U.S. by USA Today. Chris continues to run his long-standing, invitation-only Forgotten Grapes wine club and is the co-founder and co-host of “One Bourbon, One Chard, or One Beer,” the world’s first musical drinking gameshow podcast.

Kern was the creator of the award-winning ForgottenGrapes.com wine blog and produced scores of videos showcasing his unique skill of comparing the lesser-known grapes of wine to pop culture characters and celebrities. You might be able to find videos of him impersonating some of those celebrities if you look hard enough on the internet (please don’t). He created and hosted the wine and spirits news roundtable series “Spin The Bottle” as well as the blind wine tasting game show “You Don’t Know Paso.” He was also the creator, host, and executive producer of the Sunday Night Chef Fights, a series of Iron Chef-style cooking competition held in front of sold-out live audiences throughout southern California from 2006 to 2011.

His wine writing has been featured in countless newspapers and national magazines, and he’s showcased his wine and culinary knowledge on over a dozen local television and radio programs. He currently resides on the west side of California’s Paso Robles wine country with his New York Times #1 best-selling author girlfriend Teresa and their adorable clan of beagles.