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Managing and refining the wine program for Coco Pazzo and Coco Pazzo Cafe is a labor of love for Wine Director Tamra Presley Weiss. Every year she travels to Italy to visit wineries, taste new vintages and keep updated with what is going on in the world of Italian wines. The all Italian wine lists she has created are focused on complimenting the dining experience at both restaurants. The larger of the two lists is at Coco Pazzo with more than 200 wines by the bottle and 20 wines by the glass. There are many carefully selected high quality wines that represent excellent values. Small producers of highly allocated and sought after wines of renown are also to be found. The wine list is vibrant and changes frequently to reflect changes in vintages and availability.

Tamra's interest in wine began when she spent 5 years in Geneva, Switzerland at first as a student and then at the World Health Organization. She had the opportunity to travel to Italy frequently. Upon returning to Chicago she worked at the local level in sales for a distributor and then in marketing for the Premium Port Wines which is owned by the Symington family. Her passion for Italian wine and dream to create her own Italian wine program was realized in 1997 when she married restaurateur Jack Weiss.

Many Saturdays are spent educating the staff of both restaurants on the wine list. Servers are well informed to assist guests in selecting wines that will compliment their menu selections and enhance their overall dining experience.

Tamra Presley Weiss has collected an impressive list of awards for Coco Pazzo including the Wine Spectator Award of Excellence for the past four years and the Wine Enthusiast Award of Distinction for two years.