

MASTER SOMMELIER

JAY FLETCHER

Jay Fletcher, Master Sommelier, is the Executive Director of Fine Wine for Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits of Colorado. He specializes in the wine and hospitality industry, focusing on sales and service. He lives in Aspen, Colorado, with his wife Lynn and enjoys the high-altitude lifestyle.

Mr. Fletcher is an accredited Bordeaux Educator from the L'Ecole du Vin in Bordeaux, as well as a Commandeur d'Honneur from the Commanderie du Bontemps of the Medoc, Graves, Sauternes and Barsac. Jay is Chairman Emeritus for the board of directors of the Court of Master Sommeliers Americas and currently serves as a Master Level examiner for the organization.

Jay Fletcher has worked his way through all aspects of the restaurant and wine industry over the last forty years. He has solid experiential knowledge of the operation and management systems needed to run successful restaurants, wine programs, and wholesale beverage operations. In 1996 Jay passed the prestigious Master Sommelier Exam in London, England, to become the 30th American to hold the title of Master Sommelier.

Since then Jay has been a guest speaker and educator at hundreds of wine events around the country. Jay is one of the founding members of the Guild of Sommeliers Education Foundation as well as the Cellar Master for their extensive wine collection. During his term as Chairman of the Court of Master Sommeliers, Jay was involved in the production of the cult sommelier movie *Somm* and was featured in the film.