

## Ryan Allison, Founder

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Ryan Allison, founder of Awinestore.com and Cellar 46°, has developed a lifelong appreciation for Northwest wines. Ryan fondly remembers the wine cellar in the basement of his family's Mercer Island, WA home, which prompted an interest in visiting the wineries and vineyards of Washington State as an adult. Inspired by the wine making process and the wine makers he met during his travels, Ryan purchased Awinestore.com in 2002 and quickly amassed one of the largest offerings of premium Northwest Wines available online. Ryan also uses his wine expertise as an official judge for the NWIWC (New World International Wine Competition) which he has been invited to participate in since 2004. Ryan has also co-chaired an annual "Evening of Wine" fundraising event for Pacific Northwest Research Institute for Diabetes.

Prior to purchasing AWinestore.com and founding Cellar 46°, Ryan enjoyed a successful career as an internet pioneer and founded a number of successful start-up business including data retrieval company Arcessa, Inc. and Cubitz.com. He also owns and operates the Wood River Inn and the Tamarack Lodge in Sun Valley, Idaho.

An avid sportsman, Ryan rowed for the University of Washington in Seattle during college and spent the following years training with the US National Rowing team. Ryan is currently a Category 3 bicycle racer and logs an average of 3,000 miles per year. As an entrepreneur and an avid wine enthusiast, Ryan's true passion is sharing his knowledge and extensive collection of Northwest wines with his Awinestore.com and Cellar 46°customers.

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