



Leslie Sbrocco

An award-winning author, speaker, wine consultant, television host, and founder of the new multi-media company, Thirsty Girl, Leslie Sbrocco's entertaining approach makes exploring wine, travel, and food fun.

Sbrocco's first book, Wine for Women: A Guide to Buying, Pairing and Sharing Wine (William Morrow), has been excerpted by two national magazines - Redbook and Family Circle - and won the coveted Georges Duboeuf Best Wine Book of the Year award. Her second book, The Simple & Savvy Wine Guide, (William Morrow) was released to wide acclaim and she is currently at work on her third book, Adventures of a Thirsty Girl.

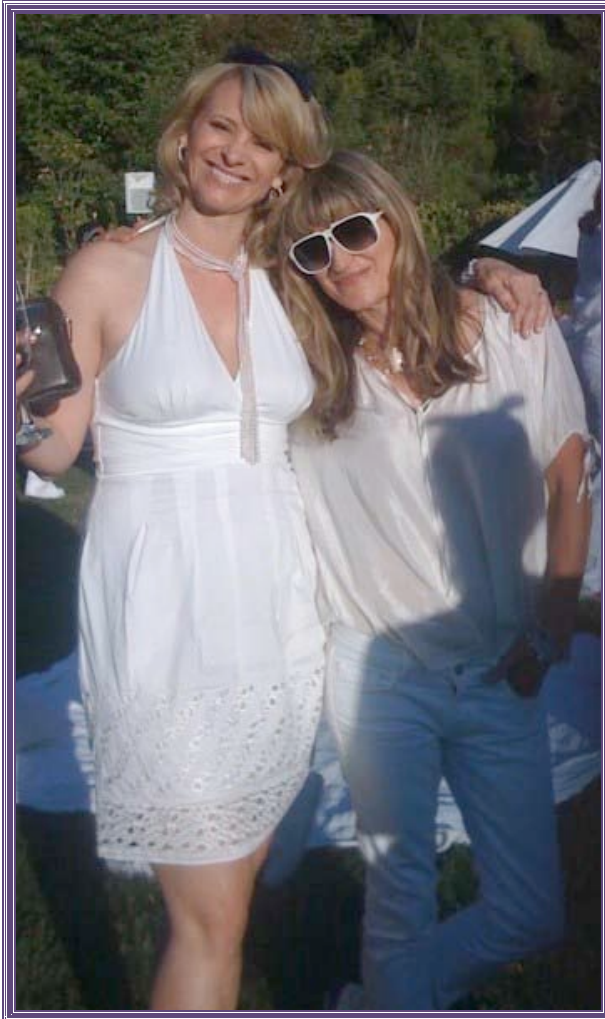
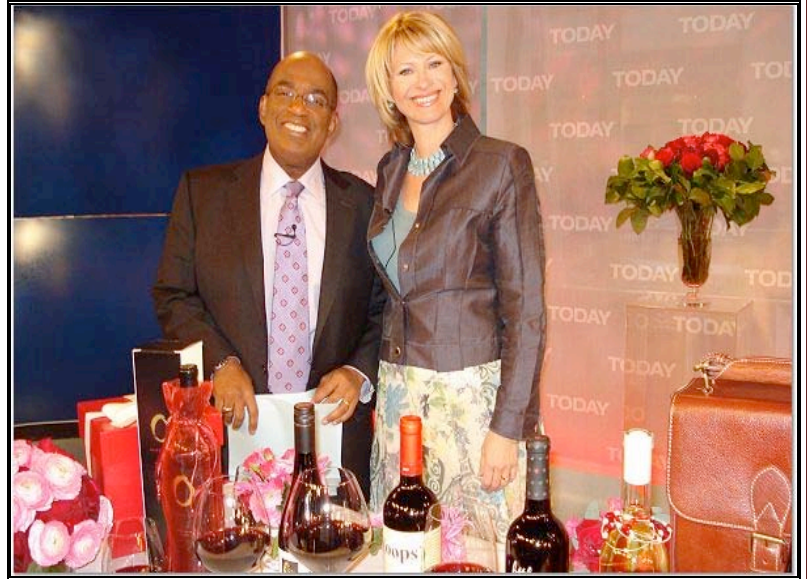
Her work has been published in outlets such as Epicurious.com where she was the Tasting Notes columnist for five years, O the Oprah magazine, Coastal Living, Woman's Day, Good Housekeeping and Glamour among others. Prior to completing Wine for Women, Leslie was a columnist for The New York Times online and General Manager/Co-founder of WineToday.com, a site of The New York Times Company.

Leslie's current television project is as host of the PBS series ***Check Please!*** for which she has won a coveted James Beard award, two Tasty Awards, and three Emmy awards. Sbrocco is also a featured judge on the PBS national series, ***The Winemakers***, and a regular guest on NBC's ***Today Show***, where her humor and passion resonates with viewers.

A sought-after speaker, Leslie has spoken at events ranging from O magazine's "Hi Gorgeous" tour to the American Dietetic Association national convention. She has been the keynote speaker at many wine events including the Boston Wine Expo, Pinot Noir New Zealand, and the Washington D.C. International Wine and Food show. Her corporate clients include RedPrairie, Cisco Systems, Ketchum, Southern Wine and Spirits, Target, Jackson-Lewis, Vineyard Bank, AOL, The Wall Street Journal, Liberty Mutual, and Fleishman-Hillard. She is also a wine educator for Crystal Cruises and Holland America Cruise Lines.

Leslie has built wine programs for and consulted with companies such as Harry & David, the Kimpton Hotel Group and Virgin America Airlines.

Sbrocco is a respected judge at a number of the largest wine competitions both domestically and globally including the Concours Mondial, The Argentina Wine Awards, and San Francisco and Los Angeles International Wine and Spirits Competitions.



Leslie with Debi Mazar of Entourage after presenting at the Tasty Awards, Al Roker on the Today show, and toasting with Catherine Hardwicke, director of Twilight