

# SOMM

## **Four men risk everything to pass the hardest test you've never heard of...**

SOMM is the story of four friends attempting to conquer an exam with one of the lowest pass rates in the world - the prestigious Master Sommelier Exam. This is a test that covers literally anything having to do with the entire world of wine and that is only the beginning of why it is so difficult. In over fifty years, fewer than two hundred people have ever earned the title of master and the ones who have risked their personal lives, their well-being, and often their sanity to pull it off. Known for its secrecy, access to the Court Of Master Sommeliers has always been strictly regulated and cameras have never been allowed anywhere near the exam, until now.

SOMM is about something most people have never seen, passion many have never experienced, and wines most people have never heard of, but its themes are universal. The people in the movie dream to climb the highest mountain in their profession, and their passion is contagious. That is the greatest thing about the story; you get behind these guys trying to accomplish something you didn't even know existed. When the end of the movie finally comes, it is tragic and inspiring, then you think back and wonder when it was ever about wine.

Filming took place over three years in six countries around the world, the bulk of which took place in the United States, Germany, France, and Italy. The crew also filmed helicopter shots over the Rhine River in Germany, dolly shots in Tuscany Italy, and time-lapse photography in Burgundy, France. Though the world of wine may be the setting, SOMM is a story of obsession, hope and friendship.