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Jeff Cope has visited over 250 Texas wineries while blogging about the winery visits and more on Texas wine at Texas Wine Lover (<http://txwinelover.com>). Besides just visiting Texas wineries for the past four years, he has visited wineries in California, New York State, other states, Canada, and Mendoza, Argentina.

Jeff grew up in upstate New York and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from Syracuse University. He may have grown up in New York State, but moved to Texas as fast as he could, and has been a resident in Houston for over 20 years where he and his fiancée Gloria live.

In order to get personal experience with the wine industry, Jeff has helped wineries bottle wine, prune, harvest, and press grapes. He has made wine from a winemaking kit to learn more about the winemaking process. Jeff and Gloria have also planned special blind tastings of specific Texas wine varieties for groups of tasters. They have volunteered at wine festivals and this year they are partnering with a Texas winery to organize the inaugural Discover Wine Festival that will take place in Houston and feature 19 Texas wineries.

Jeff is always learning more about the intricacies of wine by taking classes and attending seminars and conferences. He has judged at local and international wine competitions, and has achieved Level 1 Sommelier from the Court of Master Sommeliers. He is a member of the Texas Wine & Grape Growers Association (TWGGA) and was the recipient of the Texas Wine and Grape Growers Association's 2014 Wine Press Award. He co-wrote an article on Texas wine that was published in the AmericasCuisine Dallas, Volume 2 edition.