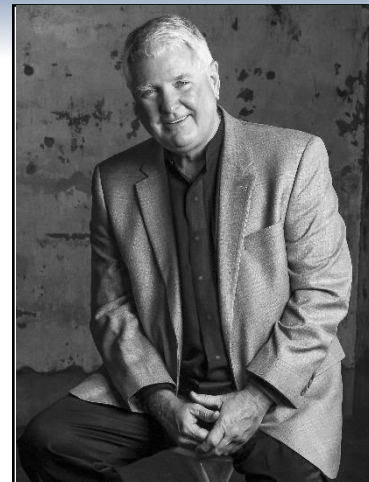


# PROFILE

## Al Spoler

Contributing Editor  
*Maryland Farm & Harvest*



Al Spoler has spent nearly 40 years in public broadcasting, working extensively in both television and radio. The Maryland native is a recognized food and wine specialist.

Since 1972, Mr. Spoler has been an important contributor to public broadcasting in Maryland. Versatility and longevity are the themes of his work, both in television and radio. His first job at Maryland Public Television was on a studio crew, and, after a number of promotions spanning eight years, he became a staff director. He estimates that for a period of two decades he directed more than 2,500 shows, including local and national productions.

All told, at MPT Mr. Spoler has worked as a senior staff director, producer, writer, and editor and is currently on-camera as co-host of the popular weekly program *Maryland Farm & Harvest*. At Baltimore-based WYPR-FM, he co-hosts two long-running radio programs, *Cellar Notes* and *Radio Kitchen*.

His 2012 TV feature *The Maryland Harvest: A Guide to Seasonal Eating* reflected his great interest in and advocacy for the growing “eat local” movement in Maryland. His close relations with farmers all over the state stood him in good stead when he was named co-host of the MPT weekly series *Maryland Farm & Harvest* which debuted in 2013.

In addition to *The Maryland Harvest*, Mr. Spoler produced and hosted a pair of documentary films, *Chesapeake Wine Country* and *Brewed on the Bay*, for MPT. He also produced numerous stories for MPT’s flagship series *Outdoors Maryland*. An avid supporter of Maryland’s wine industry, in 1999 Al was named the director of the Maryland Governor’s Cup wine competition, which he coordinated for 24 years. In 1997 he earned a regional Emmy for outstanding achievement in directing for the MPT production *The Morgan Choir: A Silver Celebration*.

In 2003, Al retired from MPT and began freelancing for the network, working on special documentary projects, especially the award-winning *Outdoors Maryland* series for which he holds several Emmy nominations.

In 2023, Al received the University of Maryland’s “Cornerstone Award” for his contributions to Maryland agriculture.

An alumnus of Dickinson College (PA), Al earned a master’s degree in communications from Boston University.

He resides with his wife, photographer Vickie Gray, in Baltimore City.



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