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Nancy is a former tax partner with the international accounting firm KPMG and CFO of Cogent Healthcare, Inc. who left finance more than a decade ago to pursue her passion for food and wine. In 2001 she founded Laguna Culinary Arts, a multi-faceted hands-on cooking school with a café, cheese and wine shop attached, and spent the next 12 years building a unique culinary destination in Laguna Beach while leading small groups to France, Italy and Spain for the ultimate food and wine vacations.

She recently sold the cooking school and moved the wine operation, renamed LCA Wine, to the popular new SOCO center in Costa Mesa, where she stocks nearly 400 wines from key growing regions around the world. LCA Wine shares space with The Neptune School of Wine, the premier school for wine education in southern California, headed by Peter Neptune, one of only 122 individuals in North America to hold the title of Master Sommelier.

Nancy holds a Diploma in Wine & Spirits from the Wine & Spirits Education Trust (WSET) of London, is a Certified Sommelier through the Court of Master Sommeliers, Certified Specialist of Wine with the Society of Wine Educators, and holds the title of French Wine Scholar from the French Wine Society. In addition, she is a certified instructor for the WSET and the French Wine Scholar program, both curriculums of which are offered at The Neptune School of Wine in Costa Mesa.

Nancy travels extensively and has visited many of the major wine regions of the world, including Argentina, Chile, South Africa, Austria, Croatia, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Italy and virtually every corner of France.