Meeting Chef Renato Solpietro for the first time is a happy experience. He is passionate about life in general and Italian culture and cooking in particular. His wife, Adrienne Davis is just as outgoing - picture a glass jar full of swirling fireflies and you have a good image of the exuberance and joy that emanate from them both. They pour that energy into their two businesses, A&R Tours and Napoli, That's Amore! Born and raised in Naples, Renato comes from a long line of talented chefs. His mother, Anita was a strong influence in school, and to appreciate local Italian businesses, musicians, and vendors on Saturday, July 25 from 3:00-9:00pm. Along with their generous sponsors, the Italian Business Club Foundation is excited to host this cultural event. The IBC is a local Italian organization that supports Italian culture in Portland and awards a scholarship to a student each year at Portland State University. Sherwood has a rich Italian history in the area, really prospering around the turn of the 20th century when the Italian farmers who had settled there made onions the area's biggest export crop. A lasting record of Italian cooking should be an adventure – you can’t wait for the thing to happen or that thing to happen; be ready to change and risk. There will be handmade pizzelle, hearth-style breads, pasta and olive oil, as well as information on private tours of Italy and cooking classes by both Taste of Italy and Napoli, That's Amore! Crooner Kes Rooney will serenade the crowds with the songs of Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin. Vocalist Pina di Rosa will perform classic Neapolitan songs. Children will play Italian language games presented by La Scuola Italiana, and authors Nick Nigro and Bay Ewald will be signing copies of their newly released cookbook, Living the Mediterranean Diet. To keep everyone cool in the summer sun, Voices for the Performing Arts will be selling Italian sodas, and balloon twisting, face painting and a visiting donkey will keep the children busy when they aren’t playing in the fountain. There will be something for everyone at the Italian Marketplace in Wine Country. For more information, visit www.italianportland.com