

Francisco Ramírez

A native of Santiago, Chile, at eight years old Francisco's family moved to the countryside near the city of Talca (300 kilometers south of the capital). There he enjoyed country life until he turned 18 and returned to Santiago to study Fine Arts at the University of Chile. He graduated in 1998 with a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts and a concentration in Painting.

As a Visual Artist, Francisco had an active career in the Chilean and International Contemporary Art Circuits panning over a decade where he participated in various group and individual exhibitions of his artwork. His paintings were developed around the signature series <u>Cabecitas</u>, <u>SUV</u> and <u>Highlight</u>.

After co-founding Liz Caskey Culinary & Wine Experiences, he spearheaded the operational side of the business for many years while simultaneously producing in-house photography and collaborating as a freelance photographer for food, wine, and travel articles in international media like American Airlines, Sherman's Travel, Forbes, LAN Airlines, and Martha Stewart, among others.

Francisco photographed his first cookbook, "Knack South American Cooking," with Liz Caskey in July 2010.

Today, Francisco is the Creative Director of Liz Caskey Culinary & Wine Experiences, overseeing all aesthetics, design, and branding related to the company. All photographs on www.lizcaskey.com are taken by him, unless another source is indicated.