

# GROWER OF THE YEAR



## NOMINATION FORM

The Grower of the Year Award is the highest honor given by the California Association of Winegrape Growers (CAWG). The award is bestowed annually to an individual, family, or company that represents an outstanding example of excellence in viticulture and management and is recognized by others for innovation and leadership within the industry. A central purpose for bestowing the Grower of the Year Award is to identify and promote outstanding examples of efficient, successful producers of quality California winegrapes.

This award is exclusive to CAWG members only. Nominees may be an individual, family, or company. Consideration will be given only to nominations that clearly address the criteria listed on this form.

### SPONSOR INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### NOMINATION CRITERIA

- Recognized by growers and wineries as an efficient, successful, producer of quality winegrapes (without regard to price point).
- Contributed to the success of other growers.
- Demonstrates a commitment to the adoption of new technologies, processes, or innovations to improve winegrape quality and/or profitability.
- Demonstrates a commitment to community well-being and the well-being of vineyard workers.
- Demonstrates a commitment to enhancing the environmental benefits of winegrape production.
- Contributed to the awareness and market success of a winegrape varietal(s) or an appellation.

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

- Completed Grower of the Year Award nomination form (this form).
- A letter or statement discussing the reasoning for nomination.
- A biography of the candidate not to exceed one page; a statement of contributions should be included in the biography.
- (Optional)** Exhibits or materials in support of the nominee that best demonstrate outstanding accomplishments.
- (Optional)** A maximum of three letters of support by those who know the quality of the nominee's work or service; letters should be explicit in their recommendation and contain specific reasons for support.

### SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION

Send nomination forms and supporting documents to Natalie Collins.

**By email:** [natalie@cawg.org](mailto:natalie@cawg.org)

**By mail:** CAWG

Attn: Natalie Collins  
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Forms are available at [cawg.org](http://cawg.org).

Questions? Contact Natalie Collins by email or phone 916.379.8995.

**Nominations Due: June 9, 2023**