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### **Third Annual CAWG Foundation Gala to Raise Funds for Student Scholarships**

SACRAMENTO, March 28, 2018 – The California Association of Winegrape Growers (CAWG) Foundation will host its third annual CAWG Foundation Gala on April 4. The event raises money for scholarships for children of winegrape grower employees and increases awareness of the foundation's accomplishments.

The gala – which brings together CAWG members, California legislators and government officials – will be held at The Sutter Club in Sacramento from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. It features a reception, silent auction and friendly wine competition judged by California political leaders.

For the wine competition, legislators and government officials were invited to nominate California red or white wines. Nominated wineries that have confirmed for the competition include Alma Rosa Winery, Cacciatore Fine Wines, Caraccioli Cellars, Ceja Vineyards, Cooper-Garrod Estate Vineyards, Fenestra Winery, Garré Vineyard and Winery, Honig Vineyard & Winery, I. Brand & Family, Jeff Cohn Cellars, Kendric Vineyards, Keys Creek Winery, Madroña Vineyards, Michael David Winery, Ramona Ranch Winery, Ramos Torres Winery, Ridge Vineyards, Rock Wall Wine Company, Rusack Vineyards, Stray Leaves Vineyard and The Steven Kent Winery.

“We are proud to work with growers, wineries and legislators to provide students with financial assistance and help them achieve academic dreams and opportunities,” CAWG President John Aguirre said. “The foundation has shown a strong commitment to giving back to hard-working employees by awarding more than \$400,000 in scholarships over the past 20 years.”

For event information, visit [www.cawg.org](http://www.cawg.org).

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#### **About the California Association of Winegrape Growers Foundation**

The CAWG Foundation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation. Each year the foundation awards two \$8,000 four-year scholarships to students planning to attend a campus in the University of California or California State University system, and four \$2,000 two-year scholarships to students planning to attend a California community college. Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors whose parent or legal guardian is employed by a California winegrape grower. The Robert Miller Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a student who resides on the Central Coast and plans to major in enology or viticulture at Allan Hancock College or Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. The foundation awards at least seven scholarships each year and has awarded \$403,000 since its inception in 1998. [www.cawgfoundation.org](http://www.cawgfoundation.org)

#### **About the California Association of Winegrape Growers**

CAWG provides industry leadership to advocate for public policies, research and education programs, and sustainable farming practices to enhance the business of growing California winegrapes. The organization represents the growers of more than 50 percent of the gross grape tonnage crushed for wine and concentrate in California. [www.cawg.org](http://www.cawg.org)