



AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Awards of Excellence Program presents two awards annually:

Grower of the Year and **Leader of the Year**

The California Association of Winegrape Growers (CAWG) Awards of Excellence Program is meant to spotlight exceptional people who have benefitted the broader community of winegrape growers through exemplary leadership and outstanding commitment to the well-being of the winegrowing industry, California communities and the environment.

WHO CAN NOMINATE?

Award nominations can be made by individuals or organizations using the nomination form provided by CAWG. The identity of the nominators is not made public but will be known by the nominee and judges. The nominator can only put forward one nominee per "Award Category," annually.

AWARD WINNERS RECEIVE

A reception will be hosted in honor of the recipients, scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, January 24th, 2023. This reception will take place during opening night of the Unified Wine and Grape Symposium in downtown Sacramento.

JUDGING PROCEDURE

Entries will be reviewed and scored by the CAWG Board of Directors' Member Services and Communications Committee based on the criteria indicated on the nomination forms. Nominations with the highest scores will be recommended to the CAWG Board of Directors' Executive Committee for final selection. In judging nominees, the Committee will be mindful of variations among businesses in financial resources, staff capacity, regional locations, etc. Any Committee member with a conflict of interest associated with judging a nominee must abstain from judging any proposals from that round of the selection process.

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

Grower of the Year

John Kautz, John Kautz Family
Steve McIntyre, Monterey Pacific
The Ledbetter Family
Andy Beckstoffer, Beckstoffer Vineyards
Jerry and Bruce Fry, Mohr-Fry Ranches
Brad & Randy Lange, LangeTwins
Steve Schafer, Schafer Ranch
Andy Hoxsey, Napa Wine Company
The Bogle Family, Bogle Vineyards

Leader of the Year

Nat DiBuduo, Allied Grape Growers
Ben Drake, Drake Enterprises
Richard Kheen
Volker Eisele, Volker Eisele Family Estate
Richard Smith, Smith Family Wines
Al Scheid, Scheid Vineyards
Karissa Kruse, Sonoma Winegrowers
Brad Goehring, Goehring Vineyards, Inc
Dr. Anita Oberholster, UC, Davis

HOW TO NOMINATE

Submit application and supporting documents to:

Natalie Collins, Director of Member Relations

Email: natalie@cawg.org

Mail: 1121 L Street, Suite 304 | Sacramento, CA 95814

For questions, please reach out to Natalie Collins at (916) 379-8995



*Nomination forms can be downloaded at
cawg.org*

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

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 who 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: _____

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 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
- ☐ 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 the outstanding accomplishments
- ☐ **(Optional)** A maximum of three letters of support by those who know the quality of the 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

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Attn: Natalie Collins
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Sacramento, CA 95814

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September 30, 2022**