



CAWG Foundation Gala to Support Student Scholarships

Wine and Food Pairing Event is Open to the Public

SACRAMENTO, February 27, 2020 – The California Association of Winegrape Growers (CAWG) Foundation is inviting wine industry members, elected officials and the public to a special event to help children of winegrape grower employees achieve their college dreams. The foundation provides several student scholarships annually and has awarded \$464,500 in scholarships over the past 22 years.

The CAWG Foundation Gala – featuring a reception, program, silent auction and raffle – will be held at The Senator Hotel (1121 L Street, Sacramento) on March 18 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Among the many exciting silent auction items are stays at an Incline Village condo and a Yountville vineyard guest home, which includes a tour and tasting. Gala tickets are \$100 each. Various sponsorship opportunities are available.

New this year is an entertaining “tour through California” that showcases spectacular wines from throughout the state and exquisite cuisine prepared by Brasserie Capitale. At each station, guests will hear from the winery and chef about the delicious wine and food pairings.

“Enjoying wine together connects us to the thousands of hard-working growers, vintners and employees who have made the California wine industry what it is today,” CAWG President John Aguirre said. “The foundation’s scholarship program is a way for us to show our deep appreciation for winegrape grower employees and to make a difference in the lives of their children who are pursuing college.”

For event information, visit [www.cawg.org / calendar and events tab](http://www.cawg.org/calendar-and-events).

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About the California Association of Winegrape Growers Foundation

The CAWG Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public benefit corporation. It currently awards three \$8,000 four-year scholarships to students planning to attend a campus in the University of California or California State University system, and three \$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. 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