RESERVE NOTES

Monthly Newsletter

BOARD ELECTIONS

The Texas Wine and Grape Growers Association is the only statewide trade association representing the commercial Texas wine and grape industry with an elected board of directors and it's election time again!

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WORKSHOPS

Want to grow wine grapes? Should you become commercial or perhaps a hobby? Not sure where to begin the process? How about home winemaking? See page 2 for two Agrilife Extension Workshops.

INDUSTRY SURVEY

A survey by the USDA – National Agriculture Statistics Service and the Texas Department of Agriculture is being released. Answers are anonymous. Information provides a third-party status assessment, which is important when talking to elected officials and government agencies responsible for developing programs to further support the Texas wine and grape industry.

TWGGA MISSION

The mission of the Texas Wine and Grape Growers Association is to promote the appreciation of premium grapes and fine wines from Texas, and to represent a unified industry with common marketing, governmental and educational goals.
HOME WINEMAKING WORKSHOP

Join us for the first ever home winemaking workshop at Carmela Winery in downtown Celina. No prior experience is needed and you will receive all supplies to make one gallon of wine (5 bottles) as well as participate in a fresh fruit demonstration. We will walk you through every step of the way with both classroom style teaching as well as hands on demonstrations. Finger foods will also be served. Register today as seating is limited to the first 30 registrants.

RSVP deadline is December 5th. $90 PER PERSON
Add a friend for $30 more.
Registration Includes
- Complete 1 Gallon Winemaker’s Kit with Juice
- Free Wine Tasting at Carmela
- Finger Foods
- Copy of All Educational Materials
*one kit per full price registrant*

RSVP : HERE
DECEMBER, 6 2019 4:00PM – 7:30PM
Carmela Winery
132 N Louisiana Dr., Celina, TX 75009

GRAPE GROWER WORKSHOP

Starting a commercial vineyard in Texas can be a very rewarding experience in North Texas. However, as with any agricultural enterprise developing a sound and detailed business plan is essential for sustainable success. Grapes are a long-term commitment and there are many challenges and opportunities that exist in our region. Join us for the day as we walk you through what it takes to grow grapes successfully in North Texas with an emphasis on commercial production.

RSVP deadline is Nov. 21, 2019
$150 PER PERSON OR
$250 PER COUPLE
Cash or check at the door.
Lunch and all educational materials included.

RSVP TO: M.COOK@TAMU.EDU
NOV 22, 2019 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM
Dove Ridge Vineyard & Winery
6000 Tucker Drive
Weatherford, TX 76085

The Largest Texas Wine Event of the Year!
February 20-22 | Irving, TX
Registration Opening Soon!
As provided in the bylaws, the officers (president, secretary and treasurer) can opt to serve a second consecutive one-year term by vote of the board. Both the secretary (Glena Yates of Spicewood Vineyards and Ron Yates) and the treasurer (Clark Hornbaker of Eden Hill Winery) have been approved by the board to serve a second consecutive one-year term. The statewide offices that will be up for election in 2020 are:

President-elect

At-Large Director
Currently held by Bob Landon of Landon Winery

At-Large Director
Currently held by Jason Englert of Grape Creek Winery

Additionally, Regional Vineyard and Winery Directors will be elected in the following regions:
Region 1 (High Plains)
Region 2 (North Texas)
Region 3 (Gulf Coast)
Region 4 (West Texas)
Region 5 (Hill Country)

The following nominating committees have been appointed by current regional directors. Members in good standing with the Association are eligible to serve on nominating committees or be submitted as candidates for elected office.

Please make your regional nominating committee aware of your interest in serving on the board and/or any nominations you’d like to submit by November 30. If you need help identifying your region, please e-mail sasha@twgga.org.

Region 1 – High Plains
Cheryl Sieffert- seiferstablesvineyard@gmail.com
Joe Riddle- uvanorada@aol.com
Ty Wilmeth- tywilmeth@gmail.com

Region 2 – North Texas
Sam Lumpkins-sammeanslump@gmail.com
Patrick Whitehead- patrick@blueostrich.net
Susan Stegers-steger@fragomen.com

Region 3 – Gulf Coast
Jerry Watson- watson@industryinet.com
Stephen Morgan-morganintexas@hotmail.com
Stan Johnson- sjohnson@nativelanddesign.com

Region 4 – West Texas
Dusty Evans-evansdusty5@gmail.com
Mark Tyler-tylermark@suddenlink.net
Jim Evans-jcevans1@sbcglobal.net

Region 5 – Hill Country
Penny Adams- wine@weddingoakwinery.com
Julie Kuhlken- jkuhlken@pedernalescellars.com
Glena Yates- glena_yates@ctlt.net

When considering serving, please be aware that there are three board meetings each year. There is also a fair amount of electronic communication as the board considers various issues throughout the year. Please direct questions about the election process or board responsibilities to dacota@twgga.org.
WINE BUSINESS MONTHLY TO HOST 6TH ANNUAL INNOVATION & QUALITY CONFERENCE

Wine Business Monthly will host its sixth annual Innovation + Quality Conference (IQ), a one-of-a-kind forum for ultra-premium wineries focused on innovations that advance wine quality, on February 27, 2020 at its new venue: the CIA @ Greystone in St. Helena, Calif. Tickets go on sale in November 2019.

Each year, around 400 luxury and ultra-premium winemakers from across the country join us in Napa Valley to discuss the best methods for producing the best wine.

In 2020, Wine Business Monthly will put an even greater focus on winemaker trials, with the opportunity for winemakers to submit their in-house trials or full-scale production experiments, and pour the results for their peers at the show.

To submit a trial for consideration, please click HERE.

Contact Erin Kirschenmann at erin@winebusiness.com or 707-940-3935.

Texas Viticulture & Enology
**REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

Prospective Wine Grower Workshop

Saturday December 7th 9:00am – 5:00pm

Welcome and Sign-in
Introduction to the Texas Wine Industry
Texas Terroir and Its Unique Challenges
Vineyard Site Selection Break
Vineyard Establishment and Installation Lunch (provided)
Grape Variety and Rootstock Selection
Disease and Pest Management
Grapevine Nutrition and Fertilization Break
Vineyard Floor Management
Vinedyard Economical: Costs and Returns AgraLife Vineyard Tour

$110 per person or $20 per couple
Register online or by phone at https://agraLifeRegister.events/wwtwwvwwwwwww
(TT) 845-3604
For more information contact
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Wine Opinions has launched a monthly newsletter with a focus on wine market topics, trends, and thoughts. The newsletter is free to members of the wine trade. You can manage your subscription (subscribe, change your email address, or unsubscribe) by clicking HERE.

Thanks to everyone who attended this year's Grape Camp. A special thanks to our volunteer team!

Amanda Pierson, The Bracero Group
Candice Kyler, Grapevine Wine Pouring Society
Cheramie Law, Salt and Pepper Wine
Jan Musgrove, Fredericksburg CVB
Judee Alex, Grapevine Wine Pouring Society
Rob Harper, 290 Vinery
Rob Reynolds, 4.0 Cellars