

2021 TWGGA Candidate Bio

Region 2 - Vineyard Director Nominees

Meredith Eaton, Firelight Vineyards

What are your goals for TWGGA and how do you plan to achieve them?

“If elected to this position, I look forward to the opportunity to listen and communicate operational & legislative concerns for vineyard owners and vineyard managers for region 2 TWGGA members. I am also looking forward to playing an active role in growing TWGGA memberships as well as participating in all related activities and regional meetings for the association. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.”

What is your professional experience, wine education/experience/achievements that would prepare you for this position?

I started in the grape growing/winemaking world as a hobby wine maker over 15 years ago. This hobby grew into a passion that drove me to complete an education in Viticulture and Enology and I graduated from Grayson College in 2014. I planted my first vineyard block in 2012 with additional blocks being added in the years to come. I started development of my winery business in 2014 and opened the Firelight Vineyards tasting room on the historic downtown square of Valley View, TX in June of 2015.

Our business grew and became an integral part of the community, leading to a business expansion which began in 2018 with the opening of the restaurant and enlarging the building on the square. Although I love working in the vineyard, I am also passionate about the adventure of wine chemistry and pushing the boundaries of traditional wine-making techniques.

