

2021 TWGGA Candidate Bio

Region 4 - Vineyard Director Nominee

Dustin Walker, Cathedral Mountain Vineyard

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

“I have been managing and making wine from Cathedral Mountain Vineyard (4,800ft) in Region 4 for the past 12 years. The southwest is the only predominant "mountain" Texas growing region. The volcanic terroirs, dessert sunshine, and cool nights provide a diverse winemaking region. Perfect opportunity to pioneer this region for the Texas industry. I look forward to working with TWGGA and showcasing the opportunities for this region.”

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

“During college at UNT I volunteered for several harvest opportunities. Helped plant a vineyard and assisted with winemaking. Also worked as assistant winemaker during college. Also had the opportunity to operate and make wine for times ten cellars for the past 12 years. As well as a Level II Somm. Currently working at Lockheed Martin and still manage Cathedral Mountain Vineyard. Have been in the industry for 19 years. Something fun about me is that I love watersports, snow skiing, and football.”

