

2021 TWGGA Candidate Bio

Secretary Nominee

Jim Irwin, Cerro Santo Vineyards /Adolphus Cellars - Region 1

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

“My goals for TWGGA are to advocate for grape growers and wineries in Texas and to encourage the continuing development of the Texas wine business. I plan to achieve these goals by participating in TWGGA functions and activities, by actively advocating in my area through local and regional organizations, and personally by working to produce quality grapes and quality wines.”

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

- 1979-1982: BS, MS, Texas Tech University -
- 1994-1998: Agri-life Extension, Experiment Station Lubbock, Winegrape research
- 2016-2017: TTU Wine Certification classes Fredericksburg, TX
- 2006 – present: Owner, Cerro Santo Vineyards
- 2018-present: Owner, Adolphus Cellars
- I traveled extensively internationally and primarily in China for over 10 years

