

**ILLINOIS GRAPE GROWERS & VINTNERS ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & DUES NOTICE**

Date _____

Annual dues are payable January 1st of each year.

Please check if you are a new member ____ or renewing member ____.

Type of Membership:

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| A. Commercial Winery (Annual Production over 500 Cases) | \$100 |
| B. Commercial Vineyard (One Acre or More) | 50 |
| C. Friends of the Industry (Associate) | 25 |

Vineyard or Winery Name: _____ County _____

Individual Name (s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

What is your winemaking status? Bonded _____ Amateur _____

Associate members please describe how you are involved in the industry.

PLEASE MAIL THIS APPLICATION & DUES TO:

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ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Officers

President; First Vice President; Second Vice President; Secretary-Treasurer; Past
President

Eight members of the Board of Directors (two from each of the four regions)

Viticulture, Enology and Marketing Committees

Regional Chairs

In addition the Association works closely with the Illinois Department of Agriculture, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Illinois Bureau of Tourism, University of Illinois and Southern Illinois University to provide for the growth and development of the grape and wine industry.

IGGVA is a non-profit organization that was incorporated in 1992. The members include commercial wineries and vineyard owners and operators, affiliated businesses, academic professionals, students and others personally or professionally interested in the growth of the Illinois grape and wine industry.

IGGVA PURPOSES

1. To provide a formal structure for a statewide association of grape growers and vintners in Illinois.
2. To promote the growth of the Illinois grape growing and wine making industries and the production of high quality grapes and wine.
3. To represent the interests of Illinois grape growers and vintners in legislative and political matters.
4. To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and to disseminate current information about viticulture and wine making practices.
5. To recommend, encourage and participate in research related to viticulture and enological issues.
6. To develop and analyze current marketing information for the use of the members.

ACTIVITIES AND BENEFITS OF IGGVA MEMBERSHIP

- Annual Conference – Last weekend in February – Discount on registration as a member. Seminars on enology, viticulture, marketing, banquet, trade show annual membership meeting.
- Educational Workshops – These are held annually in various locations around the State covering grape growing and wine making.
- Demonstrations at research vineyards and in commercial wineries.
- Wine Festivals – Members may participate in wine tastings and festivals held in a variety of Illinois locations.
- Website – www.illinoiswine.com. – Members can list items to sell or buy on the website. Workshops, festivals, meetings and the bi-monthly newsletter are posted on the website. Members can post events that may be taking place at their vineyard or winery.
- State Fairs – The Association sponsors wine gardens at the Illinois and DuQuion State Fairs. This provides an opportunity for wineries to have their wines tasted by the fairgoers.
- Commercial and Amateur Wine Competition – These are held each spring and allows commercial wineries and amateur wine makers to have their wines judged by the experts.
- Viticulture Research – The Association works closely with the Universities to identify important areas of research and to facilitate funding of those studies.
- Regional Meetings and Social Events – Each region has officers that plan events in each of the four regions of the State. The regional approach allows members to discuss regional topics, exchange information and sample locally grown wines.
- Marketing and Promotion – The Association promotes the grape and wine industry through brochures, magazines, newspaper, radio and other projects on a continuing basis.
- Technical Assistance – The Association contracts with viticulturalists and enologists to provide information sharing and problem solving assistance to the grape growers and wine makers one on one or in workshops and seminars.

- Newsletter – The newsletter is edited and published every two months by the University of Illinois. It is mailed to members without internet access and is posted on the Association’s website. It contains news from around the State and special articles on grape growing and wine making.
- Lobbying – The Association hired a lobbyist in recent years to assist in obtaining funding to promote the growth and continued development of the grape and wine industry.