

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

Date_____

Annual dues are payable January 1st of each year.

Please check if you are a new member _____ or renewing member_____.

Type of Membership:

- A. Commercial Wineries with production over 50,000 gallons \$250
- B. Commercial Wineries with production under 50,000 gallons \$150
- C. Commercial Vineyards with one (1) or more acres \$ 75
- D. Non-voting Friends of the Industry and Vineyards under
One (1) acre \$ 50

Vineyard or Winery Name: _____ County_____

Individual Name (s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State_____ Zip Code: _____

Phone_____ Cell _____ E-mail_____

Please complete the following information. It will be used for internal purposes only.

1. The number of gallons of wine sold in the past year. _____
2. The number of acres in your vineyard in the past year. _____
3. Do you want to be listed on the Illinois Wine web site? _____
4. For wineries only – Do you want to be listed in the Winery Guide? _____

What is your winemaking status? Bonded_____Amateur_____

Friends of the Industry 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

HISTORY

IGGVA is a 501 C 5 non-profit organization that was incorporated in 1992. The members include commercial wineries, 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. Membership is not limited to Illinois residents. We welcome all who share our interests.

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.

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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** – February – IGGVA members receive a discount on the registration fees. Seminars on enology, viticulture and marketing are held. A banquet, trade show and annual membership meeting are all a part of the three day event..
- **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** – Only IGGVA member wineries may participate in festivals sponsored by the Association..
- **Website** – illinoiswine.com. – Members can list items to sell or buy on the website. Workshops, festivals and meetings 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. Wineries must be a member of the Association to participate. 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 media on a continuing basis.
- **Technical Assistance** – The Association contracts with University of Illinois Extension and Southern Illinois University – Carbondale to provide technical assistance for new grape growers and existing growers. The Association has an enologist on staff to assist wineries with wine making. The University staff and the Association’s enologist provides information sharing and problem solving assistance to the grape growers and wine makers one on one or in workshops and seminars.
- **Newsletter** – The Wine Weekly newsletter is edited and published every Monday morning by Megan Pressnall, Director of External Relations. It is mailed or e-mailed only to IGGVA members. It contains news from around the State and special interest articles and information on grape growing and wine making.
- **Lobbying** – The Association has a lobbyist on retainer to assist in obtaining funding to promote the growth and continued development of the grape and wine industry and to track proposed legislation that may affect the grape & wine industry.

- **Spray Drift Program** – The Association in cooperation with the University of Illinois Extension established a Viticulture Tract Program whereby grape growers can register the location of their vineyard. This location is shared with commercial spray applicators to let them know where vineyards are located in their area. To register a vineyard go to: [://www.driftwatch.org/](http://www.driftwatch.org/). The service is free of charge.
- **Grants** – The IGGVA Staff is continually writing grants to help support the grape and wine industry in Illinois. Following is a list of those grants and their purpose.

USDA Federal State Marketing Improvement Program

1. Conduct a comprehensive Illinois Grape Census & Economic Impact Study
2. Conduct a study on creating an Illinois Wine Quality/Standards Program
3. Host “Pairing Illinois Varietals with Food” Training Sessions with Chefs, restaurants and retailers in urban environments to provide a combination of information and practical exercises, which will potentially open the door to previously untapped markets.

2011 Illinois Department of Agriculture Specialty Promotion Grant

Funds are being used to expand the viticulture tract of the 2011 & 2012 Illinois Grape Growers & Vintners Association’s Annual Conference & Trade Show.

2012 Illinois Department of Agriculture Specialty Promotion Grant

Funds will be used to conduct workshops in each of the four IGGVA Regions on a quarterly basis to address topics associated with pest and disease control in Illinois vineyards.

Illinois Department of Agriculture Enology & Viticulture Grant

These funds will be used in providing enology and viticulture education, training and technical assistance to the grape growers and wine makers in Illinois.

2011 Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

Heritage Tourism Grant

Funds are being used for the IGGVA Annual Conference, State Wide Advertising for Illinois Wineries and Festivals, Reprint of the Winery Guide and redesign of the [.illinoiswine.com](http://illinoiswine.com).

Erica Perkins Grant

These grant funds are being used in marketing program for Illinois wine.