



## **Wisconsin Grape Growers Association Announces WGGGA Industry Awards**

The First Annual Wisconsin Grape Growers Association Industry Awards will be celebrated at the Wisconsin Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Conference in January 2012. During this time we will recognize people who in various ways have made major contributions to the Wisconsin grape and wine industry.

### **Categories of awards include:**

- 1. Industry Award:** Presented to an individual who has made a major contribution in advancing the interests of the Wisconsin grape and wine industry.
- 2. Grower Award:** Presented in recognition of viticulturists who have made exceptional contributions to the Wisconsin grape and wine industry.
- 3. Winery Award:** Presented to (a winery or) wineries that have advanced the widespread recognition and quality reputation of Wisconsin wines.

The WGGGA Board of Directors will accept nominations for the First Annual Wisconsin Grape Growers Association Industry Awards September 1, 2011-September 30, 2011. The WGGGA Board of Directors will make a final decision based on the pool of nominees submitted by WGGGA Members, and the winners will be announced at the Wisconsin Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Conference in January 2012.

### **Wisconsin Grape Growers Association Industry Awards Nominations Process**

The nomination period for the 2011 Wisconsin Grape Growers Association Industry Awards is now open and will run for one month through September 30th. To nominate a person or a winery for any of the three awards categories (including Industry Award, Grower Award, Winery Award), please click on the link below and choose the appropriate award category. Simply provide the required information and submit your nomination. We will record all nominations and our WGGGA Board of Directors will begin to sift through them starting October 1st. Please keep in mind a few things:

1. People need only be nominated one time to be eligible.
2. The individual(s) do not have to be from Wisconsin to qualify for the Industry Award or the Grower Award.
3. All bonded Wisconsin wineries are eligible for Winery Award.
4. WGGGA Board Members are not eligible.