



AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2023 Awards

The CAVE Board of Directors have established an annual tradition of honoring individuals or industry friends who have made stellar accomplishments to the Colorado wine industry. The CAVE Award for Excellence recipients are selected by the CAVE Board of Directors and then honored at the annual VinCO Conference in January. In continuing with this tradition, CAVE will honor accomplishments for 2022 and the award categories will include:

- **Winery of the Year:** Presented to a winery that has advanced the widespread recognition and quality reputation of Colorado wines.
- **Grower of the Year:** Presented in recognition of the grower who has made exceptional contributions to the Colorado grape and wine industry.
- **Friend of the Colorado Wine Industry:** Presented to an individual who has made a major contribution in advancing the interests of the Colorado grape and wine industry.

ELIGIBILITY

We are looking for outstanding individuals and/or businesses that in various ways have made major contributions in 2022 to the Colorado grape and wine industry. The nomination period is open until January 6, 2023. Only CAVE members are eligible to submit nominations; however the individual, organization or winery nominated does NOT have to be a CAVE member. No self-nominations will be accepted.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations must include all information requested and include a narrative describing the reason for the nomination (no more than 250 words). The narrative needs to describe the nominee's significant performance/accomplishment/contribution and specifically why the nominee should be considered to receive the Award. Please feel free to submit any additional information you feel would support this nomination.

SELECTION

The award winners will be chosen by the CAVE Board of Directors.

2012 CAVE Awards of Excellence Recipients

James Mayrose – Friend of the Colorado Wine Industry

2013 CAVE Awards of Excellence Recipients

Dave Tewksbury – Friend of the Colorado Wine Industry
Sylvia Sharpe – Friend of the Colorado Wine Industry
Barb Bowman – Friend of the Colorado Wine Industry
Debbie Kovalik – Friend of the Colorado Wine Industry

2014 CAVE Awards of Excellence Recipients

Kaibab Sauvage – Grower of the Year
Infinite Monkey Theorem – Winery of the Year
Sandie Cooper – Friend of the Colorado Wine Industry

2015 CAVE Awards of Excellence Recipients

Bruce Talbott – Grower of the Year
Carlson Vineyards – Winery of the Year
Gordon Burns – Friend of the Colorado Wine Industry

2020 CAVE Awards of Excellence Recipients

Keith & Diana Reed – Grower of the Year
Carlson Vineyards – Winery of the Year
Josh Niernberg – Friend of the Colorado Wine Industry

2022 CAVE Awards of Excellence Recipients

Phil Patton – Grape Grower of the Year
Sauvage Spectrum – Winery of the Year
Stephen Smith – Friend of the Colorado Wine Industry

2016 CAVE Awards of Excellence Recipients

Jay and Jennifer Christianson – Grower of the Year
Stoney Mesa Winery – Winery of the Year
Brenda Wray/Theo Otte – Friend of the Colorado Wine Industry

2017 CAVE Awards of Excellence Recipients

John Behrs – Grower of the Year
Red Fox Cellars – Winery of the Year
Alpine Bank – Friend of the Colorado Wine Industry

2018 CAVE Awards of Excellence Recipients

John Garlich – Grower of the Year
Creekside Cellars – Winery of the Year
Warren Winiarski – Friend of the Colorado Wine Industry

2019 CAVE Awards of Excellence Recipients

Galen Wallace – Grower of the Year
The Winery at Holy Cross Abbey – Winery of the Year
Jenne Baldwin-Eaton – Friend of the Colorado Wine Industry

2021 CAVE Awards of Excellence Recipients

Bennet Price – Grower of the Year
Maison La Belle Vie – Winery of the Year
Monty Haltiner – Friend of the Colorado Wine Industry



AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE NOMINATION FORM

Winery of the Year: _____

Contact Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Narrative/reason for the nomination (limit 250 words): _____

Grower of the Year: _____

Contact Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Narrative/reason for the nomination (limit 250 words): _____

Friend of the Wine Industry: _____

Contact Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Narrative/reason for the nomination (limit 250 words): _____

Nominator* _____

Organization: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____

*The nominator may be contacted for information on behalf of the nominee.

Completed nominations are due on or before January 6, 2023.

Completed nomination forms can be returned by mail to: CAVE, PO Box 1556, Palisade CO 81526,
via fax to: 970-464-0999
or e-mail to: cshull@coloradowinefest.com

AWARD CATEGORIES

Winery of the Year

Winery that has advanced the widespread recognition and quality reputation of Colorado wines.

Grower of the Year

An individual who has contributed extensively to Colorado's grape and wine industry.

Friend of the Wine Industry

Individual or Organization who has made a significant contribution in advancing the interests of the Colorado Wine Industry.

Awards will be announced at the Wine Industry Awards Banquet
January 18, 2023.

For additional information, please contact the CAVE office at 464-0111