



Ontario Wine Industry Champion Award

Wine Growers Ontario and Ontario Craft Wineries have created the Ontario Wine Industry Champion Award. The Ontario Wine Industry Champion Award is bestowed to an individual (who does not work in a winery) who has provided exemplary support for the Ontario wine industry through media, research, policy and regulation, education or advocacy, significantly contributing to the overall strength and long-term viability of the industry. The award recognizes champions who are passionate about Ontario wine and industry prosperity, beyond those employed directly in the industry.

Eligibility: This award is open to all stakeholders who support the development of the Ontario wine industry, who are not directly employed within a winery.

Nomination and Selection Process

The Ontario Wine Industry Champion Award are open to all organizations, businesses and individuals in the Ontario grape wine industry. Individual self-nomination is not accepted; however, organizations or businesses may apply directly. Individual Board members and employees of Wine Growers Ontario or Ontario Craft Wineries are not eligible for the Award.

The judging committee will consist of persons actively involved in the Ontario wine industry. Judges are expected to declare any conflicts of interest.

Key Dates:

Call for nominations – December 6, 2023

Deadline for nominations – March 1, 2024

Press release and website announcement – April 2024

Nomination Form (please submit one form per nomination):

All nominations will be forwarded to the judging committee for review and assessment. Nominees will be assessed based on overall contributions and impact to the Ontario wine industry, commitment to the Ontario wine industry, and overall positive participation in the Ontario wine industry.

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Individual or organization nominated:	
Address:	
Telephone number:	
Email:	
Website (if applicable):	

Nominated by:

Name:	
Address:	
Telephone number:	
Email:	
Date of nomination:	

- This form may be photocopied as needed.
- This form should be accompanied by a letter(s) of recommendation that addresses why the nominee is deserving of this national recognition. Please provide as much detail as possible. Additional supporting materials are welcomed and should be limited to 10 pages.
- Additional information on the nominee may be requested.
- Submit all nomination materials as a PDF to karen@wgonario.ca or Helena@ontariocraftwineries.ca with the subject line "Ontario Wine Industry Champion Award".

NOMINATION DEADLINE: **MARCH 1, 2024**

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