

2019 ILLINOIS STATE FAIR COMMERCIAL WINE COMPETITION RESULTS

An Illinois Grape Growers and Vintners Alliance Event

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ILLINOISWINE™

Illinois Grape Growers & Vintners Alliance (IGGVA)

*Recognizing
Illinois' best and
brightest wines*

224 COMMERCIAL ENTRIES

41 Double Gold Medals
65 Gold Medals
98 Silver Medals
40 Bronze Medals

68 AMATEUR ENTRIES

16 Gold Medals
26 Silver Medals
11 Bronze Medals

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2019 ILLINOIS STATE FAIR WINE COMPETITION JUDGES



Back row:

Karen Thielman - Sommelier, IL; **Bradley Beam** - Competition Enologist, IL;
Steve Somermeyer - Somermeyer Farms Vineyard, IN

Middle Row:

Victoria Ringer - Former Executive Director, Downtown Springfield, Inc., IL;
Kristen Ellis - Educator, American Wine School, IL; **Lisa Ellis** - IGGVA Executive Director, IL

Front Row:

Ken Myszka - CEO, Epiphany Farms, IL; **Domenic Carisetti** - Winemaking Consultant, NY;
Amanda Weidhuner - Graduate Student, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, IL;
Linda Kloss - Sommelier, Sullivan's Steakhouse, IL; **Deb Finney** - It's All About Wine!,
Springfield, IL; **Karen Conn** - CEO, Conn's Hospitality Group, IL; **Bill Stokes** - Publisher,
Springfield Scene Magazine, IL

Not Pictured: Dr. Charlotte Warren, President, Lincoln Land Community College, IL

WINNER
2019 ILLINOIS STATE FAIR
COMMERCIAL WINE COMPETITION

BEST OF SHOW
ILLINOIS GROWN GRAPES



EFFERVESCENCE DE FRONTENAC GRIS
GALENA CELLARS

ILLINOIS WINESM
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WINNERS
2019 ILLINOIS STATE FAIR
AMATEUR WINE COMPETITION

BEST OF SHOW
GRAPE WINE

MES RACINES
2017 ST. PEPIN
SAM FARLER

BEST OF SHOW
NON GRAPE WINE

WINE NOT WINERY
PEACH/WATERMELON
JOE AND RUBY SENDEK

SPECIAL THANKS



Lincoln Land Community College

Dr. Charlotte Warren, Jay Kitterman, Jolene Lamb

**Reidel Glass • Danenberger Family Vineyards
Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery and Eatery
Abraham Lincoln Hotel**

Our Amazing Volunteers:

*Christopher Thielman • Rick Lamb • Kristi Carey
Adam Volk • Stephen Paca • Junell Ransdell • Michael Lamb*

*Event Staff: Lisa Ellis, IGGVA Executive Director; Bradley Beam, Competition
Enologist; Kelly Beauchamp, IGGVA Events Coordinator*