2022 ASEV-ES Distinguished Service Award

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD (NEW in 1999)

Award Criteria

Purpose:

This is a new award to recognize ASEV-ES members or nonmembers who have demonstrated outstanding service to the wine and grape industry through teaching, research, extension, administration, industry leadership, entrepreneurship, or volunteerism.

Nature:

The recipient will be recognized during the annual meeting at the Grand Awards Banquet, where he/she will be presented a citation along with a plaque to commemorate the occasion.

Method of Nomination:

The nomination shall include: 1) a brief biographical sketch of the nominee, 2) a specific statement of the achievements on which the nomination is based, and 3) an evaluation and appraisal of the nominee’s accomplishments. Nominations are not automatically extended from year to year, but re-nomination can be made by a formal letter of recommendation submitted prior to the deadline. Previously submitted documentation will be retained by the Awards Committee for one year.

Note: If the committee so chooses, an award may not necessarily be presented.

Previous Recipients:

This award was presented in 1999 to Dr. Earl Mitchell, in 2000 to Ellen Harkness, in 2001 to Jim Trezise, in 2002 to Susan Read, and in 2003 to Mark Bassell; 2008, Arthur Roberts; 2009, Rob & Jennifer Merletti, Hope & Bill Moffett; 2010, Chris Stamp; 2011, Clayton Cone (2013); Mark Chien (2014), Dr. William (Bill) Nail, in Memoriam (2016), Dr. Murli Dharmadhikari (2017), Dr. Joseph A. Fiola (2018), Todd Steiner (2022)
Todd Steiner was awarded the 2022 American Society for Enology and Viticulture-Eastern Section (ASEV-ES) Distinguished Service Award at the ASEV-ES conference in Bloomington, MN in July of 2022.

Mr. Steiner has been with The Ohio State University/OARDC 33 years and has been the leader of the Enology program since 2001. Todd received a B.A. in Biology from Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kansas. He went on to specialize in enology under the direction of Dr. Jim Gallander at The Ohio State University/OARDC. He serves as the state Enologist to the Ohio commercial wine industry. Due to the rapidly growing Ohio commercial wine industry, Todd has moved to a full extension appointment under the Ohio Grape Industries Committee and The Ohio State University. His extension responsibilities include co-organizing the annual Ohio Grape and Wine Conference, the annual Ohio Wine Competition, organizing workshops and being a featured presenter at both in-state and out-of-state meetings. Winery consultation is an especially important aspect of his responsibilities in extension. He is also responsible for initializing a wine analysis program in working with quality control and troubleshooting for the Ohio commercial wine industry. Todd has helped develop the groundwork for the Ohio Quality Wine Program (OQW) that started with wines being evaluated in 2007. Recently, he has developed several large programmatic efforts in addition to writing a wine production guide to answer the growing wine industry in Ohio. Todd has been honored in being asked to judge in numerous regional, national, and international wine competitions within the United States. He has devoted many years to serving the American Society of Enology and Viticulture – Eastern Section (ASEV-ES) in different capacities and as a professional member since the late ninety’s during his enology career. Todd has also served several terms on the ASEV-ES Board of Directors.

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