

2017 Grape Grower of the Year

Please submit the name of the Ontario grape grower that you feel would be an excellent candidate for the 2017 Grape Grower of the Year. This position, also recognized as the Grape King, represents an over 60-year "Tradition of Excellence" for Ontario's grape and wine industry. The Grape King is an ambassador for all grape growers in Ontario and represents the industry at events throughout their one-year term.

Requirements and Qualifications

1. All nominees must be a registered member of the Grape Growers of Ontario, have an active Grape Growers of Ontario number, and must have excellent knowledge of vineyard management and the grape growing industry.
2. Vineyard must be located in Ontario. Vineyard must be **of at least ten (10) acres**.
3. Former King's vineyard is eligible after a ten-year lapse.
4. Judging will be conducted by personnel from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and Brock University's Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute. In the event vineyard evaluations are close, an Advisory Committee will select the final winner.
5. The grower's installation as the 2017 Grape King will take place in his/her vineyard on September 13, 2017.*
6. The grape grower's family becomes the Royal Family and will be invited to participate in activities of the 2017 Niagara Grape & Wine Festival.
7. The Grape Growers of Ontario will present a financial award to the 2017 Grape Grower of the Year.
8. The Grape King will attend either the 2018 Spring Okanagan Wine Festival or the 2018 British Columbia Wine Grape Council Oenology and Viticulture Conference as Ontario's grape and wine ambassador.
9. The Grape King will receive an official jacket for attendance at all events.

* After the 2017 Celebrity Luncheon

Please enter the vineyard of _____
for 2017 Grape Grower of the Year.

Name of Candidate _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____ Telephone _____

Vineyard Operator _____

Nominated by _____

Mail or fax to: Grape Growers of Ontario, 1634 South Service Road, St. Catharines, ON L2R 6P9.
Fax (905) 688-3211 or email to info@grapegrowersofontario.com

Deadline date for applications is Friday, July 14, 2017.