

# The American Grand Cru Society

Welcome to the American Grand Cru Society (AGCS) website. The Society is an association of consumers and wine trade experts, who are committed to classifying American wine. The challenge is formidable and we invite you to join in our efforts.

Our priority is to provide wine consumers at-large, unbiased recognition of US vineyards and producers. This will include wine regions, vineyards, and producers who best represent the place of origin for the wines they represent. In support of our mission and goal, the Society is currently working on (3) program initiatives:

- Membership Development
- Society Development
- Wine ratings of wines produced by others

## Membership Development

General Membership is open to interested individuals. This requires a simple registration and payment of an annual fee. The initial annual fee is \$25.00

Trade Membership is available for companies and organizations dedicated to the wine trade. These may include vineyard owners, wineries, distributors, retailers, on-trade restaurants, full service hotels, and wine promotional organizations that support this mission.

Development Membership is open to candidates from both the General Membership and the Trade Membership. In order to become a Development Member you must demonstrate a willingness to commit time and/or resources to Society Development efforts. A submission of interest in writing, including specific areas of interest and resources available to contribute is required for consideration.

## Society Development

Society development is our fund raising and resource effort to support organizational independence, while promoting the Society mission through activities and programs.

## American Vineyard Recognition

The American Grand Cru Society has the authority to designate wines the status of being Grand Cru wines from their state of origin (i.e. California Grand Cru, Oregon Grand Cru, and Virginia Grand Cru). Wines selected to receive this prestigious status are authorized to use the status in marketing activity for no charge. In addition they become eligible to be submitted for American Grand Cru status consideration. Designation status requires approval by a board comprised of wine specialists and technical experts governed by the American Grand Cru Society. To be considered for status producers will fill out a detailed application and submit wine samples of the current vintage, plus the previous 3 vintages comprising a minimum 4 year vertical tasting for analysis. Detailed and complete information regarding vineyard sources, wine production methods, winemaking team and leadership are minimum requirements.

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