

*Puget Sound Wine Grower's Association*

**Application For Membership**

**Mail to: Brent Charnley, President  
Puget Sound Wine Growers Association  
724 Fisherman Bay Rd  
Lopez Island, WA 98261**

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

DBA (other Business Name used) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's actual owners: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliated with any existing members of PSWGA? \_\_\_\_\_

Designated Representative for Notices: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No: \_\_\_\_\_

E\_mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Web Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Application for Membership Type: (details follow form below)

General US \$100 (A PS AVA vineyard, or winery producing wine from PS grapes)

Associate US \$50 (Any other non-commercial entity)

Sustaining US\$100 (Any other commercial entity)

***-- Please also complete description paragraphs below --***

Applicant agrees to be bound by the Articles, Bylaws and Rules of the Puget Sound Wine Grower's Association

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Its \_\_\_\_\_



*Extracts from Bylaws of PSWGA:*

**ARTICLE 2**  
**Membership**

- 2.01 **General Membership.** General membership in the Association is open to any person or legal entity that is engaged in commercially growing wine grapes within the Puget Sound appellation boundaries, or is a brand owner which produces and bottles a Puget Sound appellation table wine, dessert wine, sparkling wine, or distillate of wine, any of which are sold commercially. By virtue of membership, each general member subscribes to the mission statement and goals of the Association and shall participate in the Association. Each general member shall have the right to attend Board and membership meetings, participate in the transaction of business, and hold office. Each general member shall have the right to vote on all matters that come before the members. Each general member shall be entitled to one vote for growing Puget Sound Appellation grapes commercially, and one vote for making Puget Sound Appellation wine or distillate commercially, for a maximum of two votes. Each general member shall choose a representative from the winery or vineyard who is designated to receive correspondence and ballots from the Association. The representative must be an active owner or management-level full-time employee of the general member. Each winery or vineyard shall be limited to one general membership, regardless of number of owners. Persons, vineyards or wineries who are controlled by or who control a general member or its owners shall not be entitled to separate general memberships.
- 2.02 **Associate Membership.** Associate membership is extended to any non-commercial person or legal entity interested in promoting the goals of the Association. Each associate member shall have the right to attend membership meetings, and may with leave of the general members or Board participate in the transaction of business, but shall not be entitled to vote or to hold office.
- 2.03 **Sustaining Membership.** Sustaining membership is extended to any commercial person or legal entity interested in supporting the Association. Each sustaining member shall have the right to attend membership meetings, and may with leave of the general members or Board participate in the transaction of business, but shall not be entitled to vote or to hold office.

- 2.04            ***Honorary Membership.*** **Honorary membership may be extended on a year-by-year basis to any individual the Board determines to have significantly contributed to the benefit of the Puget Sound wine industry and is deserving of honorary membership.** Each honorary member shall have the right to attend membership meetings, and may with leave of the general members or Board participate in the transaction of business, but shall not be entitled to vote or to hold office
- 2.05            *Obligation to Follow Association Rules.* Each member of this Association agrees to be bound by these Bylaws and any amendments thereto, and by the lawful actions of the Board or voting members of the Association.
- 2.06            *Applications.* Applications for membership shall be received and decided upon by the Board. The Board shall establish procedures and forms for submitting applications.
- 2.07            *Termination.* A membership shall be suspended or terminated whenever the Board, or a committee or person authorized by the Board, in good faith determines that any of the following events have occurred: (a) resignation of member, on three months' notice to the Association; (b) failure of a member to pay dues, fees, or assessments in the amount and under the terms set by the Board; (c) occurrence of any event that renders a member ineligible for membership, or failure to satisfy membership qualifications; or (d) the member is terminated for cause.
- 2.08            *Discipline.* A member may be suspended or terminated for cause by the Board or its designee. Cause shall include a significant abuse of the authority conferred on a member or a failure, in serious degree, to observe the Association's rules of conduct as prescribed in these Bylaws or otherwise by the Board. The member shall be given a minimum 15-days prior written notice of the proposed discipline with the reasons. The notice shall also include the member's opportunity to be heard, orally or in writing, not less than five days before the effective date of the discipline by the Board or its designee. The Board or its designee shall determine whether cause exists and the appropriate discipline, if any. The Board is not required to follow the above procedure when imposing lesser discipline such as private reprimand.
- 2.09            *Member Liability.* No member, officer or director of the Association shall be personally or otherwise liable for any of the debts or obligations of the Association.

