

**WINE AWARD:** Wente Family Estates, Livermore Valley, California  
**HOSTS:** Dame Carolyn Wente, founder and owner; Dame Amy Hoopes, President  
**TIME FRAME:** Harvest 2019 (September)

Wente Family Estates <https://wentevineyards.com>, named American “Winery of the Year” by *Wine Enthusiast*, is the oldest continuously-operated and family-owned winery in the country.

This winner will spend a week during Harvest 2019 with Dame Amy Hoopes, President; Dame Carolyn Wente, fourth generation winegrower and CEO; and Karl Wente, fifth generation winemaker & COO, learning of viticulture in crafting superior wines from 30+ cultivars.

From the vineyards, she will work with the winemakers. She can also work with the culinary team preparing the daily menu at The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards with Chef Mike Ward, and she will join Dames Carolyn Wente and Amy Hoopes and their team members for various meals on property to discuss the winery’s (and family’s) philosophy on wine and food.

She will meet with Lisa Kalfus, VP Marketing to learn about national brand strategies and marketing plans. With marketing team leaders, Reinel Adajar and Heather Everett, she will tour and taste at award-winning small family owned wineries around the Livermore Valley. This Legacy winner will leave with a wealth of knowledge, inspiration, and incomparable hands-on experience. *This award is particularly well suited for someone in fine beverage service or industry.*