



Paul Renzaglia

WINEMAKER

Paul Renzaglia was chosen to carry on the fine winemaking tradition begun generations ago by the Renzaglia family in a small Italian Village near the Adriatic. In the 20 years as winemaker he has twice been recognized as Illinois winemaker of the year and captured over 650 medals in national and international wine competitions.

A few of his most noticeable awards include two Illinois Best of State honors, 5 Illinois Governor's Cups, 2 National Jefferson Cup Awards and multiple Double Gold and Gold medals from competitions across the United States. He was instrumental along with his father, in establishing the Illinois Grape Growers and Vintner's Association which serves to represent, support and promote the many wineries and vineyards across the state of Illinois and until recently served as the IGGVA President. He along with two other winery owners formed the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail in Illinois, as the first and oldest operating wine trail in the state of Illinois from the original 3 wineries in 1995 it now boasts 13 members and counting.

From the latter 1980's to present day Paul Renzaglia remains a key player in the ongoing reputation of Illinois wine as he has been a key note speaker at many wine conferences across the country regarding his knowledge and practice of winemaking and the history of French American hybrids and how those varieties relate to the Midwest market and beyond.

Paul's wealth of knowledge regarding the science of winemaking and his contribution to the Illinois wine industry are inestimable and he remains one of the most knowledgeable and most experienced commercial winemakers in the state of Illinois.