The Illinois Grape Growers and Vintners Association was organized in 1987 and incorporated in the State of Illinois June 0, 1992 to:

- provide a formal structure for a statewide association of grape growers (viticulturalists) & winemakers (vintners)
- promote the growth of the Illinois grape growing and wine making industries and the production of high quality grapes and wines
- to represent the interests of the industry in legislative and political matters
- provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and to disseminate current information about viticulture and wine making practices
- recommend, encourage and participate in research issues
- develop and analyze current marketing information for use by the members

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