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## GALENA CELLARS VINEYARD & WINERY



## GALENA COMMUNITY PRIDE SINCE 1985

Little did Robert and Joyce Lawlor know back in the early 1970s what their passion for winemaking would bring. Rolling farmland hosting four acres of specialty grapes, 60,000 gallons of wine per year, 40 wine varieties, three tasting rooms and thirty plus years later, the Lawlors are proud to have created a family legacy that now spans three generations.

In 1976 daughter Christine "Chris" Lawlor opened her first winery in McGregor, Iowa making cherry wine. Eventually moving to Galena in 1985, Chris and the Lawlor Family opened shop in a restored 1840s granary building on South Main Street. The family went onto purchase a farm on North Ford Road that became their vineyard, and to open a third location in Geneva, Illinois.

Today Galena Cellars operates in three locations, will soon ship to 12 states and the District of Columbia, operates a successful wine club, has built a large social media following, and employs roughly 40 employees. The second generation has now retired, and children Eric and Britt White have now assumed leadership rolls marking the next generational chapter for the company.





Eric White, Christine Lawlor-White, and Britt White celebrate the release of their annual Nouveau wine in November 2018.

*"Winemaking is one of those businesses that typically is a family business. It's as if winemaking is in your blood! Each generation makes important contributions and the wine just gets better and better." Christine Lawlor-White*

The majority of Galena Cellars wines are sold direct to the consumer through their tasting rooms, online store, and wine club. Popular wines include, Eric the Red, Sparkling Frontenac Gris, La Crescent, Chardonel, and Cherry. New for 2021 is their 111 North Main location in Galena where soon a small bites menu will be offered. A full calendar of live music is again scheduled for 2021 at all three locations, including the vineyard's Music in the Vines Series. A member of Northern IL Wine Growers Association, Galena Cellars is a driver of the Corkless in Galena event along with many specialty experiences and community collaborations in a continued effort to educate guests about Galena Cellars and the Illinois wine industry.

## Contact Details

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Eric White, Winemaker & President, works with fresh grapes at the vineyard wine cellar. In 2020 he won the Winemaker of the Year Award by the IL Grape Growers & Vintner's Alliance. An award mother Chris won twice before in 2002 and 2008.