

E. Karl Boegner, Proprietor and Winemaker Emeritus

E. Karl Boegner is the Proprietor and Winemaker Emeritus of Wolf Mountain Vineyards and Winery, producer of gold medal winning, handcrafted wines, and home to one of the South's premier wedding venues.

Karl established Wolf Mountain Vineyards in 1999, with plans to open a winery in the North Georgia Mountains near historic Dahlonega. Wolf Mountain planted its first grapes in 2000 and opened its winery to the public in 2003.

Since the first vintage bottled in 2001, Wolf Mountain wines have become internationally known, and the winery was the first Georgia winery EVER to win Best-in-Class and double Gold Medals at the prestigious *San Francisco Chronicle* and Los Angeles International Wine competitions.

Leader in Hospitality Industry

Karl is also president of Hospitality Operators, Inc., a restaurant, hotel and private club management and consulting company he founded in 1978. As part of this company, he opened and managed Chateau Elan, and as Executive Vice President, operated the resort's 1,000-acre luxury golf course, residential resort, winery and vineyard in Braselton, Ga.

He also opened a luxury executive hotel where he served as General Manager and was Senior Vice President of Club and Polo Operations for the Polo Fields in Cumming, Ga.

In addition, Karl coordinated The Atlanta International Wine Festival & Wine Summit competitions with more than 150 judges and 1,500 wines. He developed, marketed, opened, and operated The Roswell Founders Club, a city club in Roswell, Ga. as well as the Roswell Founders Hall, a popular Atlanta wedding and reception site.

Forty Plus Years Operations Experience

Karl has more than forty years experience in hospitality and vineyard operations. Prior to Wolf Mountain and Hospitality Operators, Inc., Karl was Vice President of Operations for Noble Inns Corp. of Atlanta, where he operated five hotels.

He also made history as part of the opening team of Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando. There he opened the Golf Resort and Clubhouse and was banquet support at the Contemporary Hotel. In addition, he managed country clubs in Fort Lauderdale, Tallahassee, and Palm Beach, FL, and in the northern Atlanta suburbs.

The 70-year-old has a Bachelor's degree from Florida State University with a major in hotel and restaurant administration and minor in accounting. A native of Chicago, Karl was Vice Chairman of the Roswell Historic Preservation Commission, Past Chairman of the Historic Roswell Convention & Visitors Bureau, and Honorary Chairman of the Atlanta International Wine Festival and Wine Summit. He is also Past Chairman of the Dahlonega

Chamber of Commerce and the Dahlenega Convention & Visitors Bureau.

He and wife Linda Boegner have been married 50 years and have three children - Kristin, Brannon, and Lindsey. Linda, Brannon, Lindsey, and son-in-law Stephen Smith, all work at Wolf Mountain, playing key roles in the winery's operation.

When Karl is not overseeing operations at Wolf Mountain, he restores vintage German sports cars and collects both antiques and fine wines.