

Geneva artist creates designs for wine bottle labels

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<u>GENEVA</u> – The designs of Geneva artist Marla Shega were chosen for wine bottle labels for new releases by <u>Galena Cellars Winery</u>, at 477 S. Third St., Geneva.

Shega's three designs each feature a curved trellis with bunches of purple grapes hanging down.

Shega said she was commissioned by the company, which has its headquarters in Galena and its vineyards in Scales Mound, according to its website, <u>www.galenacellars.com.</u>

"I was really excited," Shega said. "I always wanted to do labels for Galena Cellars, and it does not hurt that I'm a wine drinker, too. I really enjoy the product."

Each label states The Secret Garden above the trellis, but within its lower curve is the name of the grape for each new white wine: LaCrescent, Viognier and Brianna.

Each label is also a little different, Shega said, with Brianna featuring two honeybees and several flowers across the bottom. LaCrescent features a white flower above the name and Viognier has accents of other flowers accenting the name.

Shega said she has been doing wine labels for about 10 years. She said she also created an illustration of a sun for Prairie State Wineryin Genoa for its wine Sol.

Shega is also known for creating black-and-white illustrations of Chicago landmarks, such as the Art Institute of Chicago lion, Wrigley Field, Old Water Tower and Chicago Theatre.

More information about Shega's artwork is available by visiting <u>www.marlaspalette.com</u>.

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