

## Vines, Wines & Family Lines #3

*An intimate journey back to modern Santa Barbara wine origins, with the pioneer who helped give Santa Barbara Pinot Noir “legs”*



**Guest:** Legendary winemaker Byron Kent Brown, founder of Byron Winery  
a.k.a Ken Brown of Ken Brown Wines

**Tour Guide:** Bob Dickey

**Date:** Thursday, Oct 29th 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. (Note day change!)

**Members & Guest (1) Price:** \$10 each

**Non-Members or Additional Guest Price:** \$20 each

**Location:** Sahyun Library 316 Castillo Street, Patio Room

In 1964, viticulture pioneers Uriel Nielson and Bill DeMattei planted the first post-Prohibition commercial vineyard on the Tepusquet bank of northern Santa Barbara County. Their first harvest was sold to the Christian Brothers Winery in 1968 for a price equal to that of the highest quality Napa Valley grapes. In 1980, Zaca Mesa winemaker Ken Brown began making wines from this vineyard, eventually acquired the acreage, and founded the esteemed Byron Winery. The Burgundians -- Pinot Noir and Chardonnay -- and a “noble grape” (Syrah) emerged as superlative and reliable (for Pinot Noir) and, combined with Ken’s wine making mastery that has influenced numerous SB area winemakers...the rest is Santa Barbara Wine history.

Join us in an intimate and unique opportunity to converse with one of Santa Barbara’s most engaging wine pioneers and have a chance to taste some of Santa Barbara’s best wines. Bob Dickey will draw from Ken how he helped sparked the re-emergence of Santa Barbara’s nascent modern wine industry (post Prohibition) that has spawned an extensive and impressive pedigree of Santa Barbara County vintners.

**RSVP:** by Monday, Oct 26, to: [events@sbgen.org](mailto:events@sbgen.org) (Indicate VW&FL in Subject)

**Send payment to:** Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society (VW&FL in memo field)

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