



## Space Park Enology Club Presents

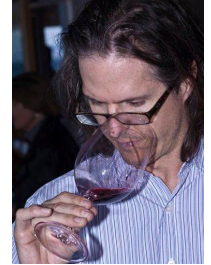


# *New Grapes/New Opportunities with J. Wilkes Wines & Winemaker Wes Hagen*

*Friday March 23, 2018 7:30 pm at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Redondo Beach*

*Hosted by: Jan Adleman*

The Space Park Enology Club is once again highly privileged to host winemaker extraordinaire, **Wes Hagen**, for another fun and exciting evening of learning and tasting. Wes will showcase wines from his new employer, **J. Wilkes Wines**, for whom Wes is now the chief **Winemaker, Brand Ambassador, and Raconteur**. To provide a little background. **J. Wilkes** was launched in 2001 by Jefferson Wilkes, a winesgrower and grape salesman at Bien Nacido and Solomon Hills Vineyards in Santa Maria Valley as well as French Camp Vineyard in Paso Robles Highlands. Under his own label, Jeff Wilkes focused on Santa Maria Valley Pinot Noir, Pinot Blanc, and Chardonnay, making his last wine in 2010 before his untimely passing late that same year.



Fast forward to Spring 2015 when **Wes Hagen** joined **J. Wilkes Wines** and when he last spoke at our Enology Club, just hinting at the prospects of his new label. A lot has happened since then and Wes will fill us in on his job change and new adventures with J. Wilkes. As many of you know, Wes was the former vineyard manager & winemaker at Clos Pepe Estate located in the Santa Rita Hills. As a strong advocate for local wine growing regions, Wes was instrumental in the creation of three American Viticultural Areas (AVA's): the Santa Rita Hills AVA; Happy Canyon AVA of Santa Barbara County; and the newest Ballard Canyon AVA. Ballard Canyon, established in 2013, includes highly regarded wineries such as Rusack, Beckman, as well as Enology Club favorite, Stolpman.

Wes continues to build on his extensive experience and to be passionate about wine and winemaking, always imparting increased knowledge and appreciation of wines to his audiences. As a former English teacher, Wes now enjoys mentoring aspiring wine makers, teaching a variety of enology & food pairing classes, and producing numerous videos detailing his work in wine making, vineyard management, and farming.

Our tasting will feature current releases of **J. Wilkes Wines** for which Wes was the winemaker. It includes a flight of **Pinot Blanc & Chardonnay**, a flight of **Pinot Noirs**, and a flight of **Cabernet Sauvignon & Zinfandel**. As a special treat, Wes will also be pouring his unique **Late Harvest Pinot Blanc** dessert wine.

For more information about J. Wilkes Wines, visit: <http://jwilkes.com/trade/>

**DO NOT miss this very special event: Friday, March 23, 7:30PM at the Crowne Plaza Redondo Beach & Marina, 300 N. Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach, 90277**, corner of Harbor Dr. & Beryl St. **Space is limited.** Make your reservation ASAP to attend this unique event! Pairing cheeses & crackers will be served.

### **Reservations required by Friday, March 16, 2018**

Reserve **online** at: <http://spenology.org/schedule.php>

*(Follow the web link, find 'Sign Up', fill in requested information & click Submit at bottom of page)*

#### **Register TODAY:**

Online at <http://spenology.org/schedule.php>

**and then mail checks to:**

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Any questions, please contact Valerie, our new

Reservations Chair at [vnesbitt21@gmail.com](mailto:vnesbitt21@gmail.com)

**Cost:** \$35 for members, \$42 for non-members

Please make checks payable to:

**Enology Club**

**Must be at least 21 years of age to participate in this event.**

**Join the club and pay dues at the event;  
\$7 non-member event cost difference  
will be applied to your membership fee!**