

**Pioneer of Santa Barbara Wine Country:  
Ken Brown and Ken Brown Wines**  
*Friday, February 22 at 7:30pm*



The Space Park Enology Club is highly honored to host winemaker and winery owner Ken Brown. Ken (né Byron Kent Brown) is recognized as one of Santa Barbara County's pioneering winemakers and innovators. He was among the first vintners in the mid-1970s to realize the tremendous potential for Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in this cool-climate appellation. He was also the first winemaker to introduce the Syrah grape, as well as Pinot Gris and Pinot Blanc, to Santa Barbara County.

Most of Ken's career has been spent pursuing the elusive traits that make great Pinot Noir. While enrolled in the graduate program in enology and viticulture at Fresno State, Ken met Richard Sanford and Michael Benedict and tasted one of the first Pinot Noirs from their Sanford and Benedict Vineyard. Soon thereafter in 1977, Ken became the founding winemaker at Zaca Mesa Winery where his wines were highly acclaimed, and he was one of a handful of winemakers to establish Santa Barbara County as an approved appellation. In 1984, Ken, along with his wife Deborah and several partners, founded Byron Vineyard where he gained national recognition for his Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Ken sold Byron Winery to the Robert Mondavi family in 1990. Ken and Tim Mondavi then collaborated to set up an experimental vineyard program and build a state-of-the art gravity winery in 1996 to provide the best possible winemaking environment for the fruit.

In early 2003, Ken felt inspired to renew his pursuit of Pinot Noir on his own and return to small scale production. With the benefit of his 30+ years of experience in the region, Ken's goal in founding Ken Brown Wines is to focus on very small lots of Pinot Noir from the finest vineyards of Sta. Rita Hills including Sanford & Benedict, Radian, Rita's Crown, Rio Vista, and La Encantada. The wines are produced at Ken's winery in Buellton. Most lots consist of 250 cases or less with total annual production of about 3,000 cases. In addition to his Pinots, Ken also produces limited bottlings of Syrah and Chardonnay which we will also taste at our event.

We look forward to seeing you **February 22nd, 2019 at 7:30pm** at the **Crowne Plaza Redondo Beach and Marina, 300 N. Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach 90277**, located on the corner of Harbor Dr. & Beryl Street. An assortment of bread, fruit and cheese will be served. **Seating is limited**, so sign up early to ensure your place at this great event.



**Reservations required by Friday, February 15th**

**RESERVE ONLINE HERE**

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**Reserve online and then mail checks to:**

Valerie Nesbitt

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The event price is (~~\$11 parking NOT included~~)

**\$39 for members**

**\$46 for guests/non-members**

Please make checks payable to Enology Club

**Must be at least 21 years of age to participate**

**Guests: If you join the club and pay dues at the event, the \$7 non-member cost difference will be applied to your membership fee.**