The Finding Aid of the Vick Knight Jr. Papers 0029

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**Title:** Vick Knight Jr. Papers  
**Creator:** Knight, Vick, Jr.  
**Identifier/Call Number:** 0029  
**Contributing Institution:** California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. Special Collections and Archives  
**Language of Material:** English  
**Physical Description:** 3.33 Linear Feet (4 boxes)  
**Date (inclusive):** 1973-2000  
**Abstract:** Vick Knight Jr. was an educator and author whose writings about wine focused on the Temecula wine region. The collection includes copies of his wine columns for the *Riverside Press Enterprise* and recordings of his television show *Knight at Large*. There are also materials he accumulated about the wine industry including wine labels, pamphlets, and other informational material about wineries in the region.

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**Immediate Source of Acquisition**
Vick Knight Jr. donated the collection to California State Polytechnic University, Pomona in 2000.

**Biographical / Historical**
Vick Knight Jr. was an educator, author, and newspaper columnist whose writings about wine focused on the Temecula wine industry. Knight was born on April 6, 1928 in Lakewood, Ohio to composer and advertising executive Vick Knight Sr. and Janice Knight.

Knight served in the United States Navy before earning his bachelor's degree from the University of Southern California (USC) in 1952. He later obtained a master's degree from what is now California State University, Los Angeles in 1958 and a doctor of education degree from California Coast University in 1991. Knight began teaching in 1952. He worked at schools in various cities in California, including Pico Rivera and Yorba Linda. Knight also was a school principal and served on the Riverside County Board of Education and the Lake Elsinore Unified School District board. A public library in Lake Elsinore is named after Knight.

In 1990, Knight began writing columns for the *Riverside Press-Enterprise*. He also was the author of a book on wine, *Toasting Temecula Wines*, which was released in 1996.

In addition to writing about wine, Knight was an amateur winemaker who won multiple awards for his winemaking, including a gold medal at the 1987 Orange County Fair wine competition and first place in the 1988 Los Angeles County Fair homemade wine competition.

Knight Jr. died on December 5, 2013 in Canyon Lake, California. He was 85 years old.

**Scope and Contents**
The collection contains materials related to the Temecula wine industry, including published and draft versions of Vick Knight Jr.'s *Riverside Press-Enterprise* columns; wine labels; wine pamphlets; wine calendars; wine catalogs, and episodes of a television show that Knight hosted called *Knight at Large*. There are also two empty bottles used for Knight's homemade wines.

**Arrangement**
The collection is arranged alphabetically by folder title.

**Related Materials**
Separated Materials
The following items have been removed from the collection and added to the Special Collections and Archives Rare Books Collection.


*New West*. October 9, 1974.


*The Plain Dealer Magazine*. October 18, 1981.


Processing Information
The collection was processed by Rob Strauss in August 2018.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Wine and wine making
Temecula (Calif.)
Wineries -- California

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