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Frances Dinkelspiel Discusses *Tangled Vines*, about Murder and Arson in California's Wine Industry

Oakland, CA – Bay Area author Frances Dinkelspiel will talk about her *New York Times* bestselling title, *Tangled Vines: Greed, Murder, Obsession and an Arsonist in the Vineyards of California* at the Oakland Public Library's Montclair Branch, 1687 Mountain Blvd., on Tuesday, May 3, 6:30 pm. Copies of her book will be available for purchase and signing afterwards, courtesy of A Great Good Place for Books.

On October 12, 2005, a Sausalito businessman torched the Wines Central warehouse in Vallejo, in order to hide evidence that he had stolen wine from its vaults. Within hours, the fire had destroyed 4.5 million bottles of precious wine worth over \$250 million. In *Tangled Vines*, author Dinkelspiel relates both the story of the inferno and her own journey to reconstruct the history of the vineyard where her great-great grandfather, Isaias Hellman, created some of the priceless bottles that were destroyed in the fire. The *Los Angeles Review of Books* proclaimed that "From its explosive prologue to the very last sentence, Frances Dinkelspiel has written an utterly riveting true crime book."

Ms. Dinkelspiel is an award-winning journalist who co-founded the local news site, *Berkeleyside*. Her work has appeared in numerous publications, including the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *People* magazine, and elsewhere. Her first book was *Towers of Gold: How One Jewish Immigrant Named Isaias Hellman Created California*. *Tangled Vines* is her second book.

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