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“Kristen Harnisch’s follow-up to her wine-soaked debut, *The Vintner’s Daughter*, is just as sumptuous as her first offering. . . . **This vital, sweeping story** is delivered in Harnisch’s silky, upscale prose. **Much like a fine glass of wine, *The California Wife* is a highbrow indulgence that is tasteful, captivating and heady.**”—*The Globe & Mail*

“*The Vintner’s Daughter* was an enjoyable romantic saga, and this new entry, which spans 1897 to 1906, is even more involving. **Harnisch has hit her stride as a writer** . . . The story brings readers deeply into the economics of the wine industry – a unique historical fiction subject . . . **Readers will enjoy being whisked back in time to Napa’s beginnings as a major wine-producing region, and the stage is set for future adventures with these warm-hearted, ambitious characters.**”—*Historical Novels Review*

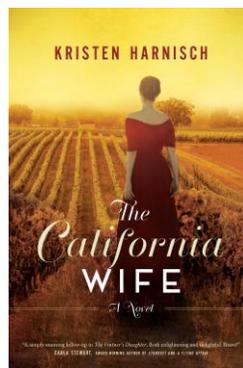
“It was easy to get lost in the pages of *The California Wife*, Harnisch’s compelling new novel. **Harnisch is adept at creating determined, complex characters, whose combination of strength and vulnerability make them irresistible.** Her admirable ability to bring forth a strong sense of place made every glorious detail of the Napa Valley sparkle: I wanted to reach for a glass of wine as I read. This sweeping tale is **a true delight!**”—Linda Holeman, International Bestselling author of *The Linnet Bird* and *The Lost Souls of Angelkov*

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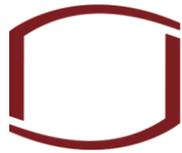
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Kristen Harnisch

author of *The Vintner’s Daughter*



Kristen Harnisch’s sweeping new novel, **THE CALIFORNIA WIFE**, is both a sequel and a stand-alone and begins in the same scene in which her first novel ended. Harnisch takes readers back to 1897, when Sara Thibault has returned to France following the devastating end to her relationship with Philippe Lemieux, the vintner with whom she fell in love in California.



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Reunited and soon to be wed, Sara and Philippe struggle to manage two vineyards, his much-esteemed Eagle's Run in Napa Valley and her humble family vineyard, St. Martin, in the Loire Valley. Philippe, used to making his own decisions, doesn't always include Sara, and she, fully aware of her talents as a vintner, challenges his omissions head-on at home and in the streets with other Suffragettes. Troubles abound: the specter of Prohibition threatens their livelihood as do rival vintners, and ghosts from Philippe's past might unravel the family he has just begun to build. As tensions mount, Sara welcomes the proximity of her dear friend Marie, a midwife who is the first woman selected to study surgery at Cooper Medical College in San Francisco.

From managing a new marriage to managing new businesses, from the Paris World's Fair in 1900 to a small vineyard in France, from the rough streets of San Francisco to its newest college, Sara and her family charge into the 20th century—and readers will readily follow, rooting for them through every page.

Kristen Harnisch drew upon her extensive research and her experiences living in San Francisco and visiting the Loire Valley and Paris to create the stories for **THE CALIFORNIA WIFE** and her first novel, **THE VINTNER'S DAUGHTER**. Ms. Harnisch has a degree in economics from Villanova University and currently resides in Connecticut with her husband and three children. Visit her online at the following places:

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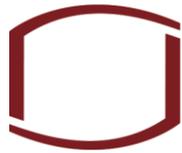
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More Praise for *The California Wife*

"*The California Wife* is not only **an accurate and nostalgic account of the early history of our wine industry** in California, it's a lovely novel with characters you want join in a harvest, a meal, and a glass of wine. **I recommend this book to wine lovers and historical fiction fans alike!**"—Tina Vierra, Associate Publisher, *Wines & Vines*

"... a **vivid, fine-tuned** novel about two fiercely ambitious and determined people who face obstacles that would bring most of us to our knees. Harnisch's skillful blend of 19th-century societal norms and details about wine-making practices never overwhelm the characters but enrich them, captivating the heart. **You'll long remember this beautiful story about redemption, forgiveness, love, and family bonds.**" —Ann Weisgarber, author of *The Promise* and *The Personal History of Rachel DuPree*

"A passionate novel set in the beautiful Napa Valley in the early 1900s. You'll cheer for Sarah Lemieux as she tries to balance, love, family, and independence in a time when women were expected to obey. **Rich in history, passion, and community, *The California Wife* is a novel that continues to surprise until the very end.**"—Marci Nault, author of *The Lake House*



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“Fans of historical fiction, heart-pounding romance, and remarkable women look no further. Kristen Harnisch does more than craft a rollicking good tale in intriguing locales; she transports you back in time through engaging dialogue, complex characters, and vivid description. Sara is no shrinking violet, and as she travels from France to the Napa Valley she learns how to channel her passions to build the life she’s always dreamed of. An exquisite read from start to finish.”—**Alexandria Brown, Napa County Historical Society Research Librarian**

“As seasoned wine country travelers, we see the present-day struggles of small, family-owned wineries and know how difficult it is to become successful. Winemakers are constantly at the mercy of unpredictable weather and must work long hours to ensure a good product and profitable wine sales. Kristen **Harnisch does a remarkable job of transporting us back 100 years and gives us an authentic feel for what it was like to make wine at that time** without the benefit of enology and viticulture programs or the advances of modern-day science. Sara and Philippe’s love for each other helps them face hidden family secrets, threats from a rival winemaker and a tragedy that could destroy everything they have.”--**Joe and Janella Becerra, Winecountrygetaways.com**

“Rich with setting and story, Kristen Harnisch pulled me deep into the Napa Valley vineyards and through the streets of San Francisco in her lovely turn-of-the-twentieth century story, *The California Wife*. Harnisch weaves history and family passion together so seamlessly that **I had to remind myself I was reading fiction. This is a simply stunning follow-up to *The Vintner’s Daughter*. Both enlightening and delightful. Bravo!**”--**Carla Stewart, Award-winning author of *Stardust* and *A Flying Affair***

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