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**Kick off the New Year with the First Wine Dinner Series in 2015 at Fairview Dining Room  
Features California's Wrath Wines**

Durham, N.C., January 8, 2015 — Indulge in Monterey County California's Wrath Wines at an unforgettable food and wine experience where east meets west. Executive Chef Jason Cunningham and his creative culinary staff team up with Wrath Co-owner and Wine Director — and proud Duke graduate — Michael Thomas for an enticing food and wine evening that officially kicks off the [Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club's](#) 2015 wine dinner series on Wednesday, January 21. After graduating from Duke in 1989, Thomas received his Ph.D. in Classical Art and Archaeology from the University of Texas at Austin. From there he was drawn to Italy where he developed a great passion for food and wine using his free time to explore the restaurants, markets, and wine shops from the back streets of Rome to the hill towns of Tuscany and came to appreciate the striking regional characteristics of Italian food and wine. This served him well when his family purchased San Saba Vineyards in 2007. Thomas returns to his undergrad stomping grounds to showcase his signature selections of pinot noir, chardonnay, syrah and sauvignon blanc from one of the premier wineries in Monterey County. The characteristics of the Santa Lucia Highlands, California climate are conveyed in Wrath Wines' unique flavors and varietals while flavors of North Carolina shine through in the menu selections.

The evening kicks off with a reception at 6:45 p.m. when the Wrath Wines' sauvignon blanc will be served followed by a 7 p.m. dinner featuring a regionally inspired multicourse menu superbly paired with other Wrath Wines. Dinner is \$69 per person or \$59 for Executive Club members (additional Executive Club member discounts do not apply for this dinner). Make reservations online at [Eventville](#) or by calling the Fairview Dining Room at 919.493.6699.

[The Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club is located on the campus of Duke University](#), only twenty minutes from Raleigh-Durham International Airport and ten minutes from Research Triangle Park. The Washington Duke Inn is the only AAA Four Diamond hotel in Durham and part of the *Southern Living* Hotel Collection: a small, curated group of independent, four- and five-star level hotels, resorts and inns that span 18 Southern states and offer the best in authentic Southern hospitality. Nestled on 300 acres filled with tall pines and hardwoods, the Inn is known for its



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beautiful facility and grounds, 271 elegantly appointed guest rooms and suites, marvelous cuisine in the Fairview Dining Room — winner of the AAA Four Diamond Award, 2014 Forbes Travel Guide Four-Star Award and *Wine Spectator* Award of Excellence — the Bull Durham Bar, the Robert Trent Jones-designed 18-hole championship Duke University golf course, and its convenience to local points of interest. It is set apart from other area hotels and conference centers by unparalleled service, a gracious staff, luxurious interiors and attention to detail. The Inn is owned by Duke University and is managed by WDI Durham Management Company of Durham, North Carolina. For more information or reservations call 919.490.0999 or 800.443.3853, or by visiting [washingtongdukeinn.com](http://washingtongdukeinn.com), and on Facebook at [facebook.com/WashingtonDukeInn](https://facebook.com/WashingtonDukeInn) and on Twitter at [twitter.com/washingtonduke](https://twitter.com/washingtonduke).

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