



LOT 1

**Château Pichon Longueville
Comtesse de Lalande 1982**

PAUILLAC, BORDEAUX
6 bottles

A MONUMENTAL START TO A MONUMENTAL EVENT. LET THE BIDDING BEGIN!

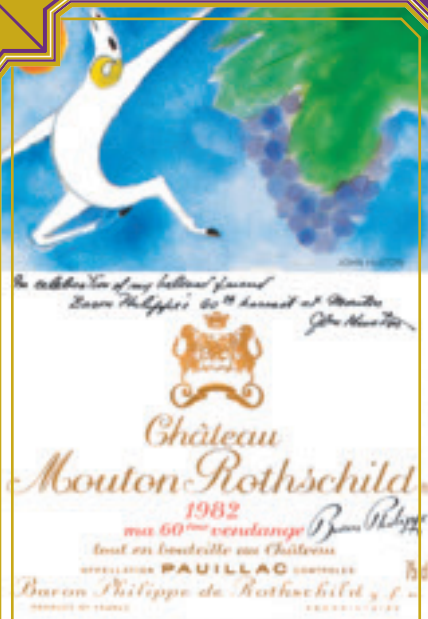
This is clearly one of the iconic wines of the last century and should be celebrated. It retains all its glossy, rich, flamboyant cassis fruit, with a hint of chocolate, berry jam-like notes, and plenty of earthy flavors. It is incredibly well-balanced and pure, scoring a **perfect 100 ranking from Robert Parker**.

The history of this property is rich and wild, and its prosperity can be traced to a storied Grande Dame—the original Countess de Lalande whose name still rests on this wine. Her leadership, and that of the indomitable May-Eliane de Lencquesaing, previous Lyric Opera Wine Auction Honored Guest, illuminate the centrality of Grand Dames to the world of wine.

This lot is offered in tribute to all the Grand Dames at Lyric Opera—Carol Fox and Ardis Krainik, past and present members of the eponymous Lyric Opera Women's Board, and divas from the fabulous Maria Callas to the graceful and dynamic Renée Fleming. We raise a glass to each of you!

*Generously contributed by
Patrick G. and Shirley Ryan*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$4,800



LOT 2

Château Mouton Rothschild 1982

PAUILLAC, BORDEAUX
3 bottles

Generously contributed by
Mrs. Lisbeth Stiffel

ESTIMATED VALUE \$4,800

1982 MOUTON ROTHSCHILD IS ANOTHER OF THE LEGENDS OF BORDEAUX.

Amazingly youthful, pure and vibrant. The **100-point 1982 Mouton Rothschild** has moved beyond its youthful style that existed during its first 25 years of life, which yielded to a bouquet of secondary nuances as cedar and spice box. The crème de cassis, underlying floral note, full-bodied power, extraordinary purity, multilayered texture, and finish of over a minute showcase what this Château accomplished in 1982.

Robert Parker suggests that it is certainly capable of remaining fruity and vibrant in until 2082. This is a great wine, filled with complexity and brilliance.

Note: Two bottles are base neck level. One bottle is very high shoulder level.

MYTHICAL AND SUPERIOR ARE TWO WORDS THAT DESCRIBE BOTH THE DONOR'S CELLAR AND THE VINTAGE ITSELF.

Is 1961 the greatest vintage of the 20th century? Some say it is. There's composure and elegance throughout these wines, and even at this point in time—54 years old!—they show their deep berry fruit with layers of earth, mushroom and roses. In particular, **the 100-point Château Latour** offers a regal perfume of tobacco leaf, cassis, iron, cedar, spice, truffle and forest floor notes. Powerful, full bodied, intense and deep, this concentrated wine takes over the palate with multiple layers of rich, ripe, spicy black fruits that fill the mouth and coat the palate. Latour 1961 personifies the term “iron fist in a velvet glove.” This is elegance meshed with power.

Note: Margaux bottle is top shoulder level. All others are very high shoulder level. Mouton Rothschild has a torn label and cap.

This is an exceptional opportunity to acquire all four of the First Growths in Pauillac, with perfect provenance.

LOT 3

Château Lafite Rothschild 1961

Château Latour 1961

Château Margaux 1961

Château Mouton Rothschild 1961

PAUILLAC, BORDEAUX
4 bottles, one of each

*Generously contributed by
Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bryan*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$11,800



LOT 4

Château Gruaud Larose 1961

(6 bottles)

**Original 1865 “Shipwrecked” bottle
filled with Ch. Gruaud Larose 2000**

(1 bottle)

**Château Gruaud Larose 1982, 1983,
1986, 1989, 1990, 1995, 1996,
2000, 2003, 2005, 2009, 2010**

(1 bottle each)

SAINT-JULIEN, BORDEAUX

19 bottles

*Generously contributed by
Northern Trust and
Château Gruaud Larose*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$7,000

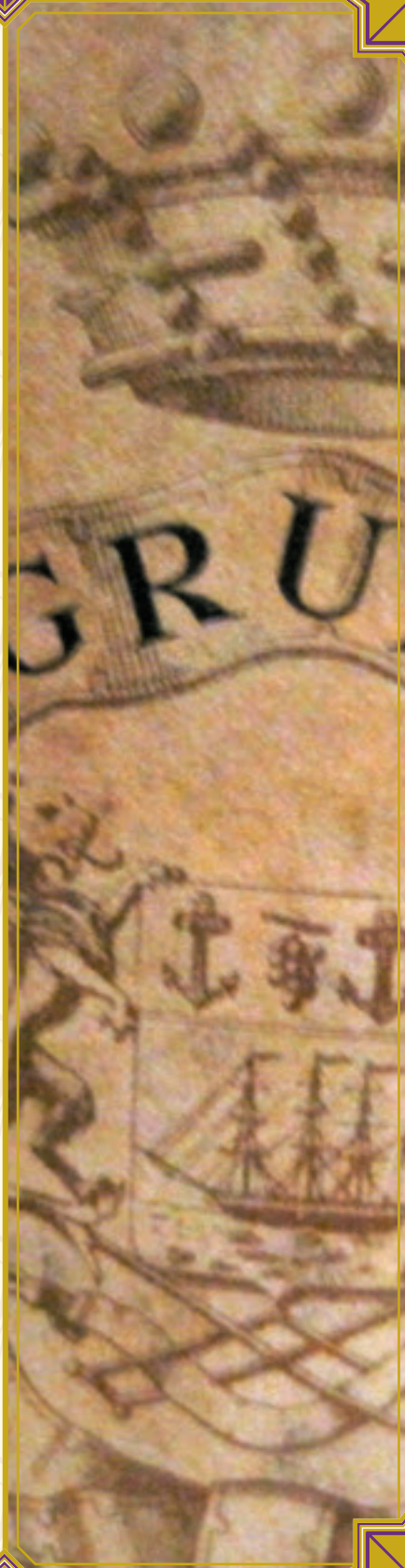
**A SINGULAR LOT OF MAJOR SIGNIFICANCE.
THE GRANDEST GRUAUD LAROSE, A VERTICAL
TASTING EXTRAVAGANZA AND AN ORIGINAL
BOTTLE FROM 1865.**

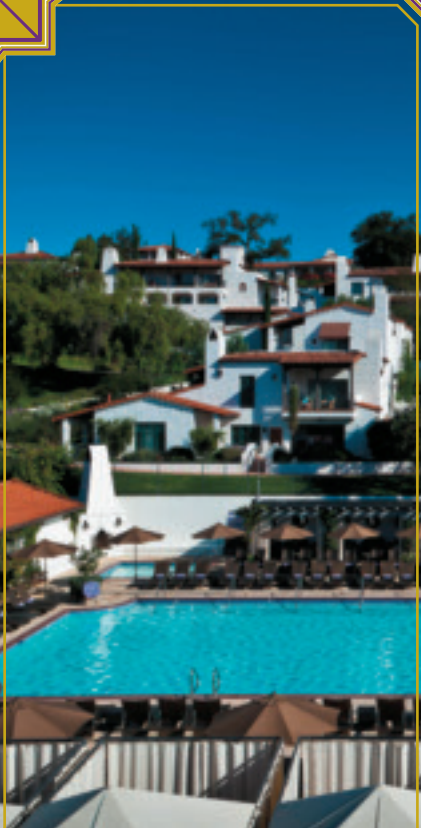
Northern Trust offers six bottles of the extraordinary 1961 Château Gruaud Larose, as homage to our Honored Guest. With such an impressive line-up in this auction, these bottles can be singled out as the greatest mature wines of Gruaud Larose. They have power, richness and dense concentration. It's a vigorous wine and remains fresh and young despite its age, with dark garnet color with some amber. The accolades continue for its wonderfully fragrant quality, a viscous texture, sensational depth of fruit and a fabulous, lengthy finish.

With its slogan ‘**The Wine Of Kings, The King Of Wines,**’ **Château Gruaud Larose revels in its celebrated status** in the compact, cru classé-concentrated appellation of Saint-Julien, the smallest of the Médoc's famous regions. Gruaud Larose's 82 hectares of vines add up to almost 10% of all Saint-Julien's vineyards. Starting with the 1982, a wine that shows impressive concentration with polish and pure expressions of licorice, cassis and plum, the following vintages in this **extraordinary vertical shine as well, with unparalleled provenance.**

Château Gruaud Larose offers an outstandingly unique bottle to complete this lot: an original Gruaud Larose 1865 bottle which was retrieved from the icy depths of the Sea, and refilled by the Château with their ultra-premium Gruaud Larose 2000.

In February 1872, a ship called the Marie-Therese left Bordeaux bound for Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City) in Vietnam carrying 2,000 bottles of 1865 Gruaud Larose. The vessel sank in a storm in the Gaspar Straits in Indonesia. One hundred and twenty years later, several hundred of the bottles were brought to the surface. **Included in this lot is one of the original bottles from 1865, now refilled with Ch. Gruaud Larose 2000.** This vintage features “absolutely wonderful aromas of flowers, currants and citrus. Full-bodied, yet very, very refined, with a center core of fruit that tastes like crushed raspberries and goes on and on. Greatest wine from this estate since 1945,” according to *Wine Spectator*. We’ll drink to that!





LYNCH-BAGES AND OJAI ■ ■ ■

AN UNOPENED CRATE OF FANTASTIC BORDEAUX, AND A PLACE TO CELEBRATE ONE'S GOOD FORTUNE IN LANDING IT AT AUCTION!

This staggering **Château Lynch-Bages 2005** is a fantastic reminder of former Honored Guest and Lyric Opera friend Jean-Michel Cazes. He's still omnipresent at Lynch-Bages, the estate which overlooks the Gironde estuary at the entrance to Pauillac. As one could guess, there's still tannic structure in this dense purple-hued 2005, with beautiful ripeness, full-bodied mouthfeel and an undeniable brightness. It is potentially one of the longest lived Lynch-Bages since the remarkable 1989 and 2000.

There's no better place to enjoy your wine than Ojai! Luxury awaits you in the majestic surroundings of Southern California's rural paradise, Ojai Valley Inn & Spa. Kick back, relax, and immerse yourself in the unsurpassed beauty of Ojai!

TRIP FOR TWO INCLUDES

- 3-night stay for 2 guests in the **Fireplace Shangri-La Guest Room** at **Ojai Valley Inn & Spa**, 6 classic spa treatments, and 2 Kuyam treatments
- 1 round of golf for 2 players on Ojai's 18-hole premier Southern California championship golf course

Note: Expires February 7, 2016. Must be used midweek, Sunday through Thursday on a space-available basis. Excludes holidays, holiday weekends and black-out dates.

LOT 5

Château Lynch-Bages 2005

PAUILLAC, BORDEAUX
12 bottles in original wooden case
AND

**STAY FOR TWO GUESTS
AT OJAI VALLEY INN & SPA**

4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

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*Generously contributed by
Mr. and Mrs. A. Steven Crown*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$5,800

LOT 6

Heitz Wine Cellars Martha's
Vineyard 1997

NAPA VALLEY
6 magnums, signed

Generously contributed by
Heitz Wine Cellars

ESTIMATED VALUE \$3,500

**DIRECT FROM THE LIBRARY OF HEITZ WINE
CELLARS AND SIGNED BY KATHLEEN HEITZ
MYERS. REMARKABLE!**

Wine Spectator underscored this wine's legendary status by selecting **Heitz Wine Cellars Martha's Vineyard Cabernet** as one of the Top 12 wines of the 20th Century. The **1997** vintage is a stunning example of copious black currant fruit intermixed with soil and mild pleasant undertones of licorice. The wine is medium to full-bodied, pure, ripe and nicely-textured with a lengthy finish. In the mouth, the Cabernet fruit is wonderfully balanced with firm tannins, and the richness of layers adds to the complexity and intrigue.

"Heitz Wine Cellars has followed their impressive 1996 with this equally splendid cuvée honoring the late Joe Heitz."—Robert Parker.

These vintage 1997 magnums, direct from the winery, are a rare offering with perfect provenance.





“THE 1997 HARLAN ESTATE IS ONE OF THE GREATEST CABERNET SAUVIGNON BASED WINES I HAVE EVER TASTED.”—ROBERT PARKER.

When Bill Harlan purchased 230 acres in Napa Valley in 1984, he clearly expressed his ambition to “create a first growth wine.” Only 38 acres are cultivated with grape varieties Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Limited production, consistent acclaim from *Wine Spectator* and Robert Parker— including four scores of 100!— have cemented the wine’s “Cult” status. **Bidders take note: This is not an easy wine to get your hands on.**

A blend of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, with the rest Merlot and Cabernet Franc, 1997 Harlan is enormously-endowed and profoundly rich. Opaque purple in color, its soaring aromatics of vanilla, minerals, coffee, blackberries, licorice, and cassis are down right exuberant. In the mouth, layer after layer unfold powerfully yet gently with the acidity, tannin, and alcohol in harmonious balance. **100 points hardly seem adequate.** The elongated finish goes on and on and the aging potential is unparalleled, making this drinkable far into the 2030s.

LOT 7

NAPA’S “FIRST GROWTH”

Harlan Estate 1997

NAPA VALLEY

6 bottles in original wooden case

*Generously contributed by
Guggenheim*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$7,500

LOT 8

**Next of Kyn Cumulus Vineyard
2009 Syrah**
(3 bottles)

**Next of Kyn Cumulus Vineyard
2009 Syrah**
(1 magnum)

**Sine Qua Non This Is Not An Exit
2009 Estate Syrah**
(1 magnum)

**Sine Qua Non Esto No Es Una Salida
2009 Estate Grenache**
(1 magnum)

CENTRAL COAST CALIFORNIA
3 bottles and 3 magnums in original
wooden cases

*Generously contributed by
Baín & Company*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$5,000

**SOME CALL MASTERMIND GENIUS MANFRED
KRANKL THE MAD SCIENTIST OF SINE QUA NON.
THE WINE AND THE BOTTLES ARE WORKS OF ART.**

The **Next of Kyn Cumulus Vineyard Syrah** is an extremely expressive wine, deep in color with sweet notes of cassis, acacia flowers, licorice and a hint of pepper. **It's wildly intense with a full-bodied texture that is sure to please.** The immense purity of the fruit gives the 2009 tons of elegance and character and at the same time, big, rich, silky tannins. This blend of 80% Syrah, 14% Grenache and 6% Roussanne is shaping up to show its expressiveness and pedigree.

This Is Not An Exit Estate Syrah is a similar blend, with fruit from his **Santa Rita Hills Eleven Confessions Vineyard** plus a classic 1% dose of Viognier. The fruit bursts with rich kirsch, flower oil, smoked meats, licorice and graphite. It then hits the palate with intense richness, depth and loads of fruit with a blockbuster finish.

Sine Qua Non Esto No Es Una Salida Estate Grenache benefits from a short half hour of decanting to allow the deep ruby colored concentrated wine to breathe. You'll maximize the aromas of black currant and cassis, and the lively flavors of blackberry and raisin.

Three magnums, three bottles, mad scientist winemaker?
Your personal science experiment beckons.





COLLECTORS, TAKE NOTE: THESE GUILD OF SOMMELIERS WINES SIMPLY CAN'T BE FOUND ANYWHERE.

The cellar of the Guild of Sommeliers is a magical spot, sort of a Room of Requirement for wine lovers everywhere. Need some of **Marc Colin's Montrachet**? Think hard and it is yours. Having a 2005 Bordeaux emergency? *Voilà!* The **Pontet-Canet** or **Léoville Poyferré** appear. We've yet to meet a real life Harry Potter, but the Guild of Sommeliers has indeed offered an otherworldly lot in his absence.

The lot itself is breathtaking, spanning vintages and regions, true. The producers are world-class, A-list, and all that. What is even more remarkable—if that's possible—is how each wine elevates the other selections in the lot. Much like a well-spoken sommelier can decode the mysteries within the glass and bottle, unveiling the life and breath of the wine, these wines become almost supernatural in the context of each other.

This lot has been personally curated by the ultimate wine insiders, and the connoisseurship of their intentional selections is inspiring.

The purchaser of these items must exhibit sincere *need* in order to take home these enchanted items from our magical donors. Commence enthusiastic bidding!

LOT 9

Domaine G. Roumier, Michel Bonnefond, Ruchottes- Chambertin Grand Cru 1989 (2 bottles)

Domaine Armand Rousseau, Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Clos St Jacques 1993 (2 bottles)

E. Guigal, Côte-Rôtie La Turque 1994 (2 bottles)

Domaine Jean-Jacques Confuron, Romanée Saint-Vivant Grand Cru 1995 (2 bottles)

Domaine G. Roumier, Michel Bonnefond, Ruchottes- Chambertin Grand Cru 1995 (2 bottles)

Château Rayas, Châteauneuf-Du-Pape Reserve 1996 (2 bottles)

Domaine Jean-Louis Chave, Hermitage 1997 (1 magnum)

Domaine Ponsot, Clos de la Roche Grand Cru 1997 (2 bottles)

Marc Colin, Puligny- Montrachet 1er Cru La Garrenne 2004 (2 bottles)

Château Pontet-Canet, Pauillac 2005 (2 bottles)

Château Léoville Poyferré, Saint Julien 2005 (2 bottles)

Bruno Colin, Puligny- Montrachet 1er Cru La Truffiere 2006 (2 bottles)

CÔTE DE BEAUNE, CÔTE DE NUITS, BURGUNDY
CÔTE-RÔTIE, HERMITAGE, RHÔNE VALLEY
PAUILLAC, SAINT-JULIEN, BORDEAUX
22 bottles and 1 magnum

*Generously contributed by
Guild of Sommeliers, Fred Dame,
President, M.S., Jay Fletcher, Cellar
Master, M.S.*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$8,800

LOT 10

Ermitage Blanc, Chapoutier,
De l'Orée, 1994 (1 bottle)

Ermitage Blanc, Chapoutier,
De l'Orée, 1995 (1 bottle)

Ermitage Blanc, Chapoutier,
Le Méal, 1997 (1 bottle)

Ermitage Blanc, Chapoutier,
Le Méal, 1998 (1 bottle)

Ermitage Blanc, Chapoutier,
Le Méal, 1999 (1 bottle)

Ermitage Blanc, Chapoutier,
l'Ermite, 2001 (1 bottle)

Ermitage Blanc, Chapoutier,
De l'Orée, 2001 (1 bottle)

Ermitage Blanc, Chapoutier,
Le Méal, 2003 (2 bottles)

Ermitage Blanc, Chapoutier,
Le Méal, 2003 (1 magnum)

Ermitage Blanc, Chapoutier,
De l'Orée, 2003 (1 bottle)

Ermitage Rouge, Chapoutier,
l'Ermite, 2005 (2 magnums)

Ermitage Rouge, Chapoutier,
Le Méal, 2005 (2 magnums)

Ermitage Rouge, Chapoutier,
Le Pavillon, 2000 (6 bottles)

NORTHERN RHÔNE VALLEY
16 bottles and 5 magnums

Generously contributed by
Michael and Jacqueline Ferro/Chicago
Sun-Times Foundation

ESTIMATED VALUE \$5,800

50 SHADES

Not sure you'll find any Grey in this lot, but you'll find every other shade here. This outstanding lot shows inky black to ruby to brilliant golden.

Michel Chapoutier is one of the most highly regarded winemakers in the world. Since taking over his family firm in 1990 at age 26, he has transformed the winery into the leading Rhône Valley producer. Chapoutier's family dates back to 1808, and their wines benefit from their deep knowledge of the land.

The **De l'Orée 1994**—an impressive 99-point wine—is intense golden yellow in color with a nose that can give fruity lemon with floral overtones of acacia and hawthorn. It has a well-rounded, full bodied mouthfeel. Robert Parker notes that in **1997**, Michel Chapoutier introduced a luxury cuvée of white Hermitage called **Le Méal**. It displays, in addition to cherry notes, an orange Grand Marnier characteristic to its fruit. It is an immense, full-bodied, fabulously powerful and concentrated dry white with a steely finish. There are only 300 or so cases of this wine produced annually.

In the 2001 **l'Ermite** you will find the Ermitage's oldest vines put to great use. Limpid straw yellow in color, this very round, rich wine will bring an elegant balance with just a light bitterness at the finish.



The dance of the white wines ends in 2003 for our two vineyards. The magnum of **2003 Le Méal** is extremely rare in this format and a wonderful effort to be savored. The **2003 De l'Orée** shines brightly. The full-bodied white wine has a most beautiful bouquet of liquid minerals, citrus, honeysuckle and a tropical hint.

A quick word about our red wines in this lot. Two Syrah— Le Pavillon and l'Ermite Syrah— typify the absolute best of the region. The **2005 l'Ermite** is so full and round that it's expected to keep its fruit for up to 60 years, full of dark red fruit, a hint of white pepper and ethereal minerality. The black/blue-colored **2000 Ermitage Le Pavillon** is brilliant out of the bottle. Notes of graphite, ink, licorice, crème de cassis, and minerals jump from the glass of this syrup of Hermitage. Full-bodied, unctuously-textured, gorgeously rich, spectacularly concentrated and long, it is a *tour de force* in winemaking.

Note: Ermitage Blanc, Le Méal 1998 has a torn label and 4 bottles of Ermitage Rouge, Le Pavillon 2000 have slightly torn labels.

Blue, black, yellow, red. Still no Grey, but this is an impressive 50 Shades of the wine-kind, and a Rhône dynasty in the making.



LOT 11

Domaine Jean-Louis Chave Hermitage 1988

(2 bottles)

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(2 bottles)

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(2 bottles)

HERMITAGE, RHÔNE VALLEY
6 bottles

*Generously contributed by
Carl Stern and Holly Hayes*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$3,000

THE RARITY OF THESE RHÔNE BEAUTIES IN THIS SHORT VERTICAL SHOULD BE PRIZED.

Those who cherish the power and perfume of classic Hermitage know that some of the greatest examples come from the Jean-Louis Chave family cellars. The family dates back to 1481 in the Northern Rhône region of Hermitage, continuing a five-century dynasty of extraordinarily high quality and pure expression of the region.

The beauty and complexity found in JL Chave Hermitage is in their masterful blending. The only grape used in their red wine is Syrah, but the wine is produced from a melange of the top sources in the appellation. Many Syrah add up to be greater than the sum of their individual parts.

The wines show a nice nose of black tea, black olive tapenade, smoky meat and earth notes. **They are certainly wines of great depth and structure, drinking very nicely right now but will benefit even more from another decade.** The 1990 is the bigger wine in the group, with huge and explosive flavors on the palate yet amazing polish and even more balance than the earlier vintages.





EVEREST, THE PINNACLE OF CHICAGO'S FINE-DINING SCENE

World-renowned Chef Jean Joho invites your party of six to marvel at the breathtaking views of Chicago as you take in an evening of exquisite wine and cuisine prepared by the master chef himself. Also enjoy the grand cru classé among the world's finest Bordeaux, and **Dom Pérignon's unbeatable Brut Champagne**. This luxurious lot has it all! Go ahead, spoil yourself!

With dinner, the **1990 Troplong Mondot is a beautiful wine** with a deep, rich, ruby-purple color, and an intense and complex bouquet of black fruit, spices and mineral notes. This wine has concentration and a mix of power, finesse and grace, with enough tannins and backbone to ensure great aging potential. And, the **fabulous 1994 Côte Rôtie La Landonne** has a dense dark purple color, with aromas of olive, iron and black fruit.

The **1945 Graham Vintage Port is a rare, rare treat**. As Richard Mayson, the Decanter World Wine Awards Regional Chair for Port, notes, it is "among the finest vintage Ports declared this [20th] century". *Decanter's* veteran columnist Michael Broadbent declared in 1989 that it was 'outstandingly the loveliest' of the 1945 vintage Ports. A spectacular finish, indeed.

Note: Must be a mutually agreed upon date, Tuesday through Friday. Expires August 30, 2015. Wine will be taken home by the purchaser tonight; it is the responsibility of the purchaser to bring the wines to dinner.

LOT 12

CHEF JOHO DINNER AND WINE AT EVEREST FOR 6 GUESTS

Wines for dinner:

Dom Pérignon 2000
(2 bottles in original case)

E. Guigal, Côte-Rôtie La Landonne 1994
(2 bottles)

Château Troplong Mondot 1990
(1 bottle)

Graham Vintage Port 1945
(1 bottle)

ÉPERNAY
CÔTE-RÔTIE, RHÔNE VALLEY
SAINT-ÉMILION, BORDEAUX
PORTUGAL

6 bottles

*Generously contributed by
Chef Joho and Everest,
Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bryan,
Mr. and Mrs. James J. O'Connor*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$4,000

LOT 13

DINNER AND WINE FOR 10
GUESTS IN YOUR HOME
WITH SPECIAL GUEST
RENÉE FLEMING SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 21, 2015

Wines for dinner to take home:

Château d'Yquem 1988

(1 bottle)

Dom Pérignon Brut Champagne 2002

(2 bottles)

Château Haut-Brion 2002

(2 bottles)

Château Latour 2003

(2 bottles)

**Louis Jadot Les Demoiselles Chevalier-
Montrachet Grand Cru 2006**

(12 bottles in 2 original wooden cases)

PAUILLAC, PESSAC-LÉOGNAN,
SAUTERNES, BORDEAUX

CÔTE DE BEAUNE, BURGUNDY

ÉPERNAY

19 bottles

Special thanks to Renée Fleming

*Wines generously contributed by
Mr. and Mrs. Todd D. Mitchell,
Mr. and Mrs. James L. Sandner and
Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Thoma*

*Catering generously contributed by
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ESTIMATED VALUE \$10,000

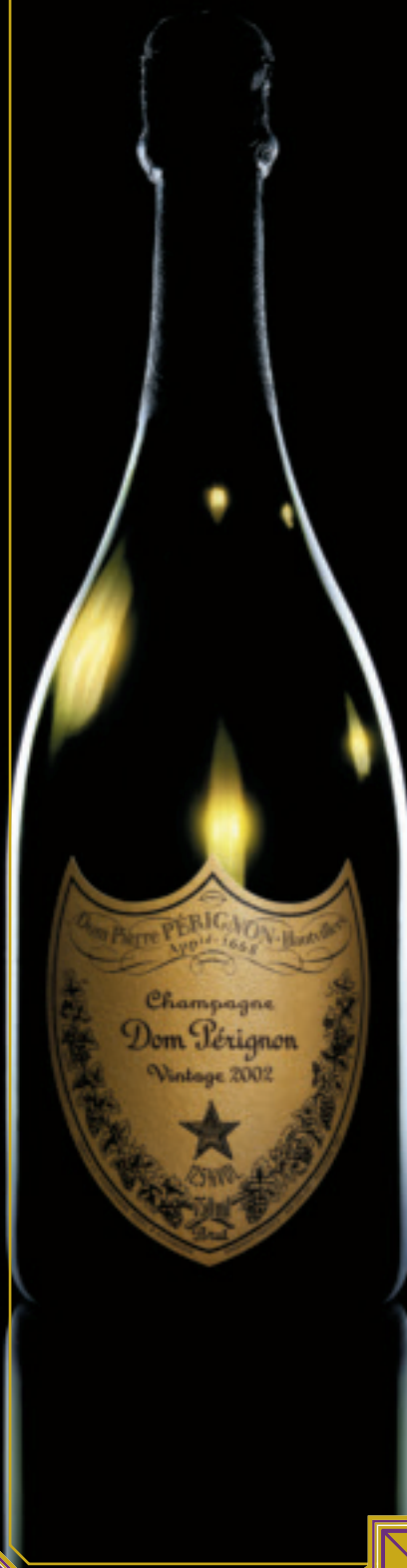
DINNER AND WINE WITH RENÉE FLEMING

Gather a few of your closest friends and spend the evening, in the comfort of your home, chatting with Renée and enjoying the delectable food served by Calihan Catering.

In addition, you will have a wonderful selection of wine including some of Renée's favorite white burgundy. The **2006 Les Demoiselles** impresses for its verticality, fabulous overall balance and completeness. It is a joy to taste!

Start the evening of November 21, 2015 by popping some bubbly **Dom Pérignon**. The 2002 vintage is the perfect way to begin a celebratory evening of old and new friends. Add some **2002 Haut-Brion** which is suave and light on its feet, with excellent integrated acidity framing and extending the flavors. It's been called a "classy and classic" wine, finishing with ripe, building tannins. Then, incorporate a Bordeaux legend with **Château Latour**. In a class of its own, Château Latour has been an incredibly consistent First Growth of the Médoc for over 100 years. And, some of the best wines from this storied history have come from the last twenty years. Regal, full bodied and powerful, the **2003 Latour** is no exception to the greatness of this château. It boasts a dark color and a nose of licorice, espresso, blackberry, jam, earth, plums and spice. **This wine lives up to the 100-point reputation!** Finally, top the evening off with **1988 Château d'Yquem**, and you are set for a perfectly lovely evening of dinner, wine, Renée and friends.

Note: Must take place in the purchaser's home with a maximum of 10 people. Due to scheduling constraints of all parties, the dinner must take place November 21, 2015, in the metropolitan Chicago area, and no musical performance is included.



LIVE AUCTION

LOT 14

TRIP FOR TWO TO PARIS AND BORDEAUX

6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS

including

\$7,500 TRAVEL CREDIT

(See travel notes p. 235)

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Château Palmer, Château Lafite Roth-
schild, Château Mouton
Rothschild, and Château Margaux

ESTIMATED VALUE \$15,500

PREMIER PARIS & THE BEST OF BORDEAUX

■ ■ ■

PREPARE YOURSELF TO INDULGE IN THE CITY OF LIGHTS AND THE BEST OF BORDEAUX.

Your time in Paris is luxuriously your own. On the other hand, Bordeaux is a whirlwind of fabulous visits with the crème de la crème, including tonight's Honored Guest!

TRIP FOR TWO INCLUDES

- 3-night stay at **Park Hyatt Paris Vendôme**, located in the heart of Paris and overlooking the fashionable Rue de la Paix. Breakfast included
- Dinner at Park Hyatt's Michelin-starred restaurant, **Pur'**
- 2-night weekend stay at **Golf du Médoc Resort and Spa**, located just outside Bordeaux and classed among the top 15 golf courses in continental Europe
- Greens fees and the opportunity to play golf with tonight's Honored Guest, **David Launay** of **Château Gruaud Larose**
- Lunch, private tour and tasting at **Château Gruaud Larose** with David Launay
- Lunch, private tour, and tasting at the historic **Château Palmer**
- Private tours and tastings at **Châteaux Lafite, Margaux, and Mouton Rothschild**. Yes—ALL THREE!

Note: Accommodations and tours must be scheduled generously in advance. Golf with M. Launay must be scheduled as his availability permits. Restrictions may apply.

BLISSFUL TIME IN PARIS PAIRED WITH WORLD-CLASS GOLF AND VISITS TO THE FINEST CHÂTEAUX OF BORDEAUX.



LOT 15

DINNER AND WINE FOR 6-8
GUESTS AT LES NOMADES
WITH SPECIAL GUEST
JEAN-LOUIS CARBONNIER

Wines for dinner:

Château Palmer 1999 (3 bottles)

Château Palmer 2009 (3 bottles)

Château Suduiraut 2005 (1 bottle)

Wines to take home:

Château Palmer 2005 (6 bottles)

*Generously contributed by
Les Nomades, Château Palmer and
Mr. and Mrs. James L. Sandner*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$4,800

ATTENTION FRANCOPHILES!

Chef Roland Liccioni has perfected his craft at Les Nomades. In this memorable six course dinner for 6-8 guests, a sublime menu will accompany outstanding wines. Robert Parker said that the **1999 Palmer** was “one of the superstars of the vintage,” and, ten years later Château Palmer 2009 was again at the top of the vinatage. **Jean-Louis Carbonnier, Château Palmer’s Director of the Americas, will join you for this dinner**, so you can discuss the merits of the wines with him yourself! Spectacular white wines for dinner are being provided from the personal cellar of Jim and Erica Sandner, as well as a bottle of impressive Sauternes. 2005 Suduiraut “is powerful stuff, with great intensity,” says James Suckling who gave it 97 points.

Tonight you’ll take home six bottles of the wonderful 2005 Château Palmer with, “abundant acidity and tannins beautifully coated by the wine’s exceptional fruit extract and overall harmony and richness.” (97 points) - *Wine Advocate* #176, April 2008

Note: Date must be mutually agreed upon and excludes weekends. Expires February 7, 2016. Does not include gratuity or tax.



LOT 16

COCO PAZZO DINNER AND WINE FOR 6 GUESTS WITH SIR ANDREW DAVIS

Wines for dinner:

Ca' del Bosco Franciacorta Brut Millesimato NV
(1 magnum)

Gaja Gaia & Rey Chardonnay 2011
(1 bottle)

Marchesi Antinori Pian delle Vigne, Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 2008
(1 bottle)

Marchesi Antinori Tenuta Guado Al Tasso 2009
(1 bottle)

Gaja Barbaresco 2010
(1 bottle)

Felsina Berardenga Vin Santo Chianti Classico 2004
(1 bottle)

Wine to take home tonight:

Tenuta San Guido Sassacaia 1990
(1 magnum)

LOMBARDY, PIEDMONT,
TUSCANY, ITALY
5 bottles and 2 magnums

*Special thanks to
Sir Andrew Davis*

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Coco Pazzo*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$4,000

SIR ANDREW'S FAVORITE RISOTTO

Chicago's authority on Tuscan dining, Coco Pazzo, invites you to dinner for six with Lyric's authority on opera, Sir Andrew Davis! Since its 1992 opening, the praise continues to roll in from critics and longtime guests of this renowned restaurant, whose seasonal cuisine conjures up the most vivid pictures of life and cuisine in Italy. The classic beauty and impeccable service create a lovely setting for the rare opportunity to share memorable stories with Lyric Opera's magnetic **Music Director Sir Andrew Davis**. Not coincidentally, Coco Pazzo is Sir Andrew's absolute favorite restaurant!

Executive Chef Federico Comacchio's menu will be matched with wines from Italy's best producers, in great vintages. All are drinking beautifully, and camaraderie shared over this once-in-a-lifetime meal will be one for the books. Now that's Italian!

Also enjoy a magnum of super Tuscan **Sassacaia** from Tenuta San Guido, a 7,500-acre estate located on the western coastal outskirts of Tuscany. This mature Italian wine sings in the glass!

Note: Server gratuity is not included. Date to be mutually agreed upon by Coco Pazzo and Sir Andrew Davis, and expires May 1, 2016.



LOT 17

TRIP FOR TWO TO
TUSCANY AT THE
PRIVATE ESTATES
OF ITALIAN ROYALTY

6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS

Wines to take home tonight:

Tenuta dell'Ornellaia Masseto 2008

(1 imperial)

**Lungarotti Rubesco Vigna
Monticchio, Torgiano Rosso
Riserva DOCG 2007**

(1 magnum)

TUSCANY, UMBRIA, ITALY

1 imperial and 1 magnum

*Generously contributed by
Marchesi Antinori, Cary and Tara
Kochman, the Masseto Estate,
Johnson Ho and Pantheon Wine Shoppe,
LUNGAROTTI Winery Torgiano,
Borgo Scopeto Relais*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$20,000



ITALIAN LEGENDS UP CLOSE & PERSONAL

VISIT THE PRIVATE ESTATES OF LEGENDARY
ITALIAN WINEMAKING FAMILIES AND MEET THE
MODERN DAY MASTERS OF ITALIAN WINE.

Tonight, take home an **imperial of Tenuta dell'Ornellaia Masseto 2008**. This wine is everything that Italian wine lovers crave. **James Suckling ranked this wine “#1 in Top Dozen Bottles Tasted in 2011**. Opulent and complex, with dark fruits such as plums and blackberries. Milk chocolate. Dried herbs too. Black olives. Stunning nose. Full bodied, with firm and chewy tannins, but a very creamy texture, and lots of milk chocolate, berry and mineral character. It goes on for minutes. Clear and powerful. Savory and salty. **One of the best Massetos ever.”**

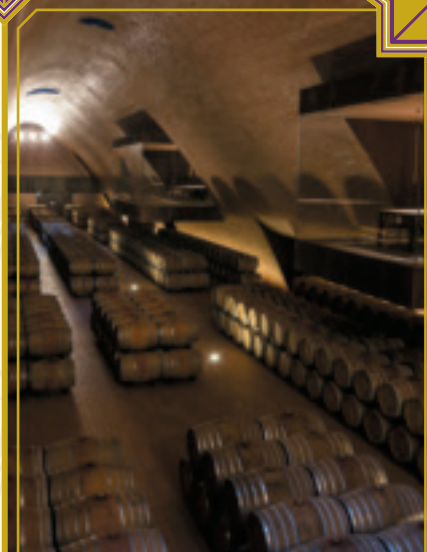
TRIP FOR TWO INCLUDES

- **1 night at the Frescobaldi family's Masseto estate**, one of the most prestigious wine estates in the world — often referred to as the Château Pétrus of Italy
- Personal vineyard tour with Masseto's CEO, **Giovanni Geddes** and Winemaker, **Axel Heinz**
- Private luncheon and tasting with Masseto's executive management team with a very rare historical tasting of Masseto's top vintages stretching back to the legendary 1997 and 2001 masterpieces
- Wine and dinner at the Michelin-starred **La Pineta**, which overlooks the beach of **Marina di Castagneto**, where the fresh catch of day turns into stunning dishes; featuring wines from **Tenuta dell'Ornellaia**
- Breakfast the following morning
- **2 nights at Borgo Scopeto Relais**
- Dinner at **La Tinaia** in the old cellars of the Borgo
- Vineyard visit to either **Caparzo** or **Borgo Scopeto**

- **2 nights at the Antinori's Villa Tignanello**, located in the heartland of Chianti Classico, and known as the Antinori's private country-house
- Tour of **Tignanello Vineyards and Cellars**, whose wines have been lauded by the international press as "amongst the most influential wines in the viticulture history of Italy"
- Wine tasting and lunch at **Villa Tignanello**
- Dinner at **Osteria di Passignano**, Antinori's outstanding Michelin-starred restaurant
- Private visit to **Antinori nel Chianti Classico cellar**, which will wind you through six centuries of history of the Antinori family and their passion for producing wine
- Tasting and lunch at **Rinuccio 1180**, situated on the rooftop of the cellars and boasting a stunning view of the surrounding landscape
- Visit to **Badia a Passignano Estate**, an abbey which plays a vital role in the story of Chianti Classico
- Guided tour and tasting at the renowned **Lungarotti Winery** situated in the green heart of Umbria
- Admission and audio guide at **MUVIT, Wine Museum of Torgiano**

Note: Antinori visits expire December 2016. Voucher must be sent at least two months before date of arrival. Reservation based on availability. Masseto visits expire February 2017. Scheduling subject to mutual convenience and requires significant advance notice. Blackout dates for Lungarotti tours include Saturday afternoons and Sundays, and April 6, May 1, June 2, December 8, and December 24 to 27, all in 2015. Advance reservation required.

THIS DECADENT ITALIAN TOUR LEAVES NO GREAT SENSATION OVERLOOKED!



LOT 18

TRIP FOR FOUR TO CLEVELAND FOR FINE FOOD, WINE, ART, SPA, AND MUSEUMS

4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

“Cleveland...One of the Best Places to Travel in 2015”

Travel + Leisure, December 2014

Cult California wines to be enjoyed during this trip:

Bond 2007

Futo 2007

Ovid 2007

Next of Kyn (Sine Qua Non) 2007

Saxum Booker Vineyard Syrah 2007

Saxum James Berry Vineyard 2007

Scarecrow 2007

Shafer Vineyards 2007

Kapscanady 2008

Sine Qua Non Five Shooter Grenache 2010

Sine Qua Non Five Shooter Syrah 2010

Sine Qua Non The Monkey 2010

Sine Qua Non The Moment 2011

Generously contributed by Tom and Kathy Futey, Caritas Financial, Chef Jonathon Sawyer, Restaurant Trentina and The Greenhouse Tavern, and Walden Inn and Spa.

All dinner wines donated by Caritas Financial.

ESTIMATED VALUE \$18,200

DESTINATION CLEVELAND

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Insiders who know this foodie paradise intimately, Cleveland friends Tom and Kathy Futey have included the cult wines to prove it! Cleveland has culture in spades. From the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame to privately guided tours at each of Cleveland's most important art museums and galleries—this is Cleveland as you've never experienced it before.

TRIP FOR FOUR INCLUDES

- 3-night stay (two rooms) at **Walden Inn**, one of the country's five-star inns
- Upon arrival, dine at Walden Inn's signature gourmet dining room, **The Barn**, for an unforgettable dinner in a unique setting. The meal will feature sensational 2007 vintage California wines from **Futo**, **Ovid**, **Shafer Vineyards**, **Scarecrow**, **Bond**, and **Kapcsándy** 2008. **Scarecrow 2007** earned 100 points from **Robert Parker**, and **Futo** and **Ovid** are unbelievably exclusive
- Treatments at **Spa Walden** and lunch at Walden Inn
- The chef's table is all yours for dinner at **The Greenhouse Tavern** with wines from **Sine Qua Non** and **Saxum**. Meet **Chef Jonathon Sawyer** after enjoying his local interpretation of French farmhouse cuisine in this amazing 12-15 course meal. Your unbelievable Central Coast wines will include Saxum's 2007 James Berry Vineyard *Wine Spectator* Wine of the Year
- VIP tour of the **Rock and Roll Hall of Fame**
- Private guided tours at the **Cleveland Museum of Art**, **Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland**, and **Cleveland Clinic Art Gallery**

Savor the signature dinner tasting menu, Menu Bianco, at Chef Jonathon Sawyer's Northern Italian inspired **Trentina**. The menu will also highlight a selection of **Italian wines** and **1995 Ch. Lafite Rothschild**, and **1998 Ch. Haut-Brion**

- **Car and driver** provided for guests for three days

Note: Must book early for dates during wedding season (May-September) or enjoy the city during the height of the cultural season (September 1 - November 30). Expires May 31, 2016. Must take place during mutually agreeable dates with participating chefs. Airport transfers not included.

DEPART CLEVELAND WITH NEWFOUND APPRECIATION OF THE OUTSTANDING CULTURE—FOOD AND WINE, MUSIC AND MUSEUMS—OF THIS FABULOUS MIDWESTERN CITY!

Food photography: BurkleHagen



LOT 19

AFRICAN SAFARI FOR
TWO, ACCOMPANIED BY
WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER
SUE FLOOD

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS AT THE
BUSHCAMP COMPANY
MFUWE LODGE IN SOUTH
LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK
includes

PHOTOBOOK BY
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ZAMBIA SAFARI OF A LIFETIME

Sue Flood, award-winning wildlife photographer,
filmmaker and author, accompanies you on this luxury
safari of a lifetime.

TRIP FOR TWO INCLUDES

- 7-night stay at the award-winning **Mfuwe Lodge** in South Luangwa National Park where you can lounge on the open deck, take a dip in the swimming pool, or pamper yourself in the luxurious sanctuary of the **Bush-Spa**
- A once-in-a-lifetime personalized vacation photobook documented and compiled by world-renowned wildlife photographer **Sue Flood**, whose clients include BBC, Discovery Channel, and Animal Planet
- Game drives (day and night), birdwatching, guided walking safaris, food and most drinks

Note: Valid through February 29, 2016. Does not include park fees/conservation levies, visa fees, bar charges. Photographer arrangements should be scheduled generously in advance.

AN UNRIVALLED WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE IN ONE OF THE LAST UNSPOILED WILDERNESS REGIONS OF AFRICA. GIRAFFE, BUFFALO, ANTELOPE, CROCODILE, ELEPHANTS — MARVEL AT THEIR MAJESTY AS YOU ENCOUNTER THEM IN THE WILD, AND THEN REMINISCE FOR A LIFETIME TO COME THROUGH THE BEAUTY OF YOUR MESMERIZING PHOTOGRAPHS. AWAY YOU GO!

P.S. The photos on the opposite page were taken by Sue Flood. Amazing!

*Generously contributed by Ms. Sue
Flood and The Bushcamp Company*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$15,000



LOT 20

TRIP FOR TWO TO BUENOS AIRES AND PATAGONIA

7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS

including

\$7,500 TRAVEL CREDIT

(See travel notes p. 235)

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and Maïo

ESTIMATED VALUE \$16,800

PENGUINS & THE BEST OF PATAGONIA

From the colorful cosmopolitan energy of Buenos Aires to the breathtaking glaciers of Patagonia, explore the staggering beauty of our neighboring continent with this whirlwind adventure.

TRIP FOR TWO INCLUDES

- All private transfers from airports to destinations during the entirety of the trip to ensure consistent comfort
- All in-country flights

IN BUENOS AIRES:

- **2-night stay at the Alvear Art Hotel** in Buenos Aires' historic district, steps from San Martin Plaza
- Lunch at **Contraluz**, the hotel's stylish modern restaurant
- Private half-day Buenos Aires Highlights Tour, visiting the hubs of the **Main Square, San Telmo, La Boca** and **Puerto Madero**
- Dinner and tango show at **Esquina Carlos Gardel**

IN PATAGONIA:

- **2-night stay at EOLO — Patagonia's Spirit**, a magnificent country lodge located in a vast landscape of pure and unspoiled Patagonian beauty
- Breakfast, lunch, tea, and dinner with non-alcoholic drinks
- Trekking and mountain biking through Mount Frias and in La Anita Valley assisted by bilingual guides
- Your choice of either a private full-day guided excursion to one of the most important Patagonian destinations, **Perito Moreno Glacier**, or a trip with shared navigation on **Lake Argentino**, Argentina's largest fresh-water lake where you will enjoy a gourmet lunch

- **2-night stay at the breathtaking Los Cauquenes + Resort + Spa + Experiences** in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world
- Breakfast each morning, and shuttle service between hotel and Ushuaia city center if desired
- Unforgettable canoe excursion to **Gable Island** and a nearby **penguin colony**

Note: Expires February 2016. Subject to availability in each destination, to be used during low season. Not valid for Easter Holidays, Christmas, New Year's or any other national holiday.

LIKE THE WATER YOU'LL SEE MELTING OFF THE GLACIERS YOU VISIT, THIS TOUR OF PATAGONIA WONDERMENT IS A PURE EXPRESSION OF LUXURY SERVICE IN EXCLUSIVE TRAVEL.



LOT 21

SPOT FOR TWO ON
THE ARCTIC KINGDOM'S
POLAR BEAR MIGRATION
FLY-IN SAFARI

5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS
OCTOBER 18-22, 2015

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Arctic Kingdom

ESTIMATED VALUE \$14,200

WALK WITH THE POLAR BEARS

Need something new on your bucket list? How about a safari in the Arctic?

Watch in awe as one of the world's most magnificent predator species, the polar bear, engage in their natural habitat. Based in the remote Arctic tundra, 140 kilometers north of Churchill, Manitoba, Arctic Kingdom's one-of-a-kind polar bear safari adventure is designed to get you as close to these fascinating creatures as possible so that you can quite literally walk with them in their natural environment.

TRIP FOR TWO INCLUDES

- Airport pick-up and drop-off in Churchill, Manitoba
- 40-50 minute flight aboard a private, turbo otter aircraft from Churchill north along the west coast of the Hudson Bay to the base just south of Arviat, Nunavut
- 4-night stay in rustic, yet comfortable **Polar Bear Cabins**, equipped with full power and heat and surrounded by an electric fence to ensure safety from polar bears who may venture close by. All meals included.
- Full service of Inuit guides and Arctic Kingdom Staff who are specially trained to maximize polar bear photography opportunities without endangering you or the bears. You may be able to view mothers with cubs, and polar bears sparring and playing, foraging for food, or doing a little "bear yoga."

Note: Safari begins in Churchill, Manitoba. Tips, gratuities, and personal expenses not included. Travel, medical and evacuation insurance coverage not included. Departure transfer not included. Additional costs associated with weather/flight delays and/or layovers beyond Day 2 in Churchill, Polar Bear Cabins, and Winnipeg including flight changes, additional hotels and meals not included.

CHECK "WALK WITH THE BEARS DOWN POLAR BEAR ALLEY" OFF YOUR BUCKET LIST!



LOT 22

ANA MARÍA MARTÍNEZ
IN-HOME RECITAL AND
NOMI KITCHEN DINNER
FOR 10 GUESTS

*Special thanks to Ana María Martínez
In-home catering generously contributed
by Park Hyatt NoMI Kitchen*

ESTIMATED VALUE PRICELESS

OFF THE STAGE AND IN YOUR HOME.

Charismatic. Elegant. Vibrant. Dazzling. These are just a few words often used to describe the talents of one of opera's reigning sopranos, Ana María Martínez. Fresh from successes onstage at Lyric in the Diamond Anniversary Gala and *Don Giovanni*, this gracious star is offering an **intimate recital in your home**.

Welcome this world-renowned artist into your residence for a private performance of **art songs personally selected by Ms. Martínez**. She frequently performs in recital with collaborator Plácido Domingo, as she will at Lyric next winter, but for this lot she'll have a partner of a different sort: **NoMI Kitchen** will provide the best of Chicago dining in the comfort of your own home. NoMI will work with you to create a menu highlighting the best products from local farmers, cheese makers, ranchers, bakers and artisans.

With Ms. Martínez joining you for dinner, and NoMI in the kitchen, you will undoubtedly be calling for an encore and waking up the next morning wondering if it was all perhaps just a dream!

*Note: Catering for up to ten guests. Mutually agreeable date.
Ms. Martínez's availability must be planned generously in advance.*





TAYLOR FLADGATE®

LOT 23

Taylor Fladgate Vintage Port 1963

DOURO VALLEY, PORTUGAL
12 bottles in original wooden case

A RARE AND GENEROUS PORT.

Yes, this is the only case of Port in the Live Auction. **And, at the time of writing, this is the only original wooden case of 1963 available in the entire United States.**

Taylor holds a prime position, often described it as the Latour of port, implying strength of character, sturdiness and the great capacity for long life. Of all the vintage ports, these need the longest time to mature and even when fully mature seem to have an inner strength and firmness that keep them going for decades. The **1963 Taylor** is quite fabulous yet still seemingly capable of developing for another decade or more.

Our lovely donors held this case from its release until now. Wow, and thank you.

*Generously contributed
by Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Weiss*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$4,500



LOT 24

Château Pichon Longueville Baron 2000

PAUILLAC, BORDEAUX
12 bottles in original wooden case

*Generously contributed by
Ann and Gregory K. Jones*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$2,800

THE BARON IS CALLING YOUR NAME!

In Bordeaux, the summer of 2000 was essentially perfect. In 2003, when this wine was first released, critics were falling all over themselves talking about this first vintage of the 21st century. Some of those millennium memories have faded, but this wine has most definitely not. Robert Parker says this is a candidate for one of the “**wines of the vintage, and most definitely one of the finest wines made at the estate.**” **2000 Château Pichon Baron** possesses an opaque black/ruby/purple color with absolutely alluring, almost sexy, flamboyant aromatics of black fruits, toast and cedar. It’s a full-bodied gem, exquisite on the palate, with many layers of flavors.

Will you answer the Baron’s call?

LOT 25

Château Mouton Rothschild 1985

PAUILLAC, BORDEAUX
12 bottles in original wooden case

Generously contributed by
Stephen A. Kaplan and Alyce K. Sigler

ESTIMATED VALUE \$5,000

30TH ANNIVERSARY MOUTON IN "OWC"

The 1985 vintage celebrates the 30th anniversary of this excellent wine. **This case was bought on release and stored at optimum conditions since that time.** This Château Mouton Rothschild, owned by (the late) Baroness Philippine de Rothschild and her children, is regarded as one of the world's greatest wines. It wasn't until 1973 that the Baron obtained the revision of the 1855 classification so Mouton would be officially recognized as a First Growth. In celebration of the liberation of France, the label started off with a V for Victory and since has had an ever-changing label for each vintage, each created by a famous painter. The blend for this vintage: 10% Cabernet Franc, 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot. **This supple, velvety-textured, rich, forward, long and sexy Mouton is clearly one of the finest Médoc first-growth in 1985.**



LOT 26

Château Haut-Brion 2009

PESSAC-LÉOGNAN, BORDEAUX

1 imperial in original wooden case

*Generously contributed by
Carl and Marilyn Thoma*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$9,000



WE THINK OF THIS AS THE JAMES BOND OF WINES. "BRION. HAUT BRION." A PERFECT 100-POINT IMPERIAL.

Full-bodied, with incredible structure, this wine is so powerful in tannins, yet so polished. The extraordinary nose of plum, blueberry, raspberry, crushed rock, and that intriguing floral from the Graves shouts out distinct *terroir*. There's a vibrancy and precision to this wine that is unprecedented, and **Robert Parker** **agreed by awarding it 100 points**. One of the most structured Haut-Brions, the wine has 15% Cabernet Franc, a bit more than is typical. It's clearly made to age for decades, so don't be in a hurry to open this. Tomorrow never dies.

This imperial presentation will tempt even the most civilized among us, but we would not recommend shaking, nor stirring.



YOUR MISSION, SHOULD YOU CHOOSE TO BID NOW, WOULD BE A 100-POINT WINE OF INTENSITY, RICHNESS, OPULENCE AND CHARM IN RARE IMPERIAL FORMAT.

There's a total of 26 hectare under vine on the property with a *terroir* composed of deep gravel over clay and sand in the soil for red grapes. The vines are settled in, averaging 27 years of age, with a mix of 46% planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, 44% to Merlot and 10% to Cabernet Franc. "A candidate for the wine of the vintage, the 2009 La Mission-Haut-Brion stood out as one of the most exceptional young wines I had ever tasted from barrel, and its greatness has been confirmed in the bottle. The wine's remarkable concentration offers up an unctuous/viscous texture, a skyscraper-like mouthfeel, sweet, sumptuous, nearly over-the-top flavors and massive density. Perhaps a once-in-a-lifetime La Mission-Haut-Brion, the 2009 will take its place alongside the many great wines made here since the early 1920s." — Robert Parker

Our advice? Accept this Mission with alacrity!

LOT 27

Château La Mission Haut-Brion 2009

PESSAC-LÉOGNAN, BORDEAUX
1 imperial in original wooden case

*Generously contributed by
Carl and Marilyn Thoma*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$7,200

LOT 28

Château Haut-Brion 1995

PESSAC-LÉOGNAN, BORDEAUX

12 bottles

Generously contributed by
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ESTIMATED VALUE \$6,000

HONEY, IS THIS THE '82 OR THE '95?

Château Haut-Brion wines have an unmistakable nobility and a burgeoning complexity. This 1995 is majestic and still drinking young with a harmony between the very soft and very fine structure. *Wine Journal* with Neal Martin likens it to the “lovely 1982.” One can enjoy it now but there are still mostly primary flavours here with only hints of the cigar, leather and sweet spices that dominate Haut-Brion’s mature wines. Tannins are velvety and supple with flavours that linger for a long time on the finish. It has great charm, and Robert Parker praises the brilliant winemaker Jean-Bernard Delmas for his handling of the vintage. Drink one now, and every year for the next 11 years. Sounds like a good plan to us, but we’re not sure we could be that patient.



THE AMBASSADOR'S FAVORITES

These twelve bottles are a decadent tour of Bordeaux's best properties in mature vintages. Of the first growths, 1981 Margaux was given 95 points by *Wine Spectator*, and stands the test of time for elegance and longevity. As has perhaps been mentioned previously, **1982 Pichon Lalande is a 100-point bottle of perfection.** The 1995 La Mission Haut-Brion, Margaux, and Latour would make for an outstanding horizontal tasting experience. Each of these wines is in its prime, and all scored strongly in the 95-96 point range for Parker. Latour is a particular favorite of Robert Parker. "A beauty, the opaque dense purple-colored 1995 exhibits jammy cassis, vanillin, and minerals in its fragrant but still youthful aromatics. Medium to full-bodied, with exceptional purity, superb concentration, and a long, intense, ripe, 40-second finish, this is a magnificent example of Latour."

LOT 29

Château Margaux 1981

(1 bottle)

**Château Pichon Longueville
Comtesse de Lalande 1982**

(1 bottle)

Château Léoville-Las-Cases 1985

(1 bottle)

Château Margaux 1990

(1 bottle)

Château Beychevelle 1995

(1 bottle)

Château Lafite Rothschild 1995

(1 bottle)

Château Latour 1995

(1 bottle)

Château La Mission Haut-Brion 1995

(1 bottle)

Château Mouton Rothschild 1995

(1 bottle)

Château Lynch-Bages 2000

(1 bottle)

Château Cos d'Estournel 2004

(2 bottles)

MARGAUX, PESSAC-LÉOGNAN,
PAUILLAC, SAINT-ESTÈPHE,
SAINT-JULIEN, BORDEAUX

12 bottles

*Generously contributed by
Ambassador Louis Susman*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$5,200



LOT 30

Château Latour 2005

PAUILLAC, BORDEAUX
6 magnums

Latour 2005. If ever a wine should speak for itself, this one does. Feel good about bidding and taking home these **99-point** magnums. They are the future holy grail of wine collection, and the measure by which future cellars will be valued.

*Generously contributed by
Sue and Steve Sutton*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$15,000



DOMAINE DE LA ROMANÉE-CONTI (DRC) IS WIDELY CONSIDERED AMONG THE WORLD'S GREATEST WINE PRODUCERS, AND THESE BOTTLES ARE AMONG THE WORLD'S MOST EXPENSIVE.

It takes its name from the domaine's most famous vineyard. Romanée-Conti is situated in the Vosne-Romanée appellation of Burgundy. It's a treasure to come across these rare vintages. The 1988 is decadently rich and spicy with an extraordinary perfume of violets, gamey, plum-like fruit, and toasty new oak. The finish is impossibly long, lasting seemingly for several minutes. A few years later, the 1995 is a more austere and masculine wine with a certain density that is remarkable. It offers superb black fruit flavors and a firm tannic backbone. You will have delusions or visions of grandeur as you sip these wines since they might be the most regal of all of Burgundy.

LOT 31

**Domaine de la Romanée-Conti
Grand Échézeaux 1988**

(1 bottle)

**Domaine de la Romanée-Conti
Romanée-Saint-Vivant 1989**

(1 bottle)

**Domaine de la Romanée-Conti
Grand Échézeaux 1995**

(2 bottles)

**CÔTE DE NUITS, BURGUNDY
4 bottles**

*Generously contributed by
Mayer Brown LLP*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$5,000



LOT 32

Louis Jadot Les Demoiselles
Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru
2010

CÔTE DE BEAUNE, BURGUNDY
12 bottles

Generously contributed by
Jim and Sara TenBroek

ESTIMATED VALUE \$5,000

AHHHHH, BURGUNDY. A LITTLE GEOGRAPHY.

Chevalier-Montrachet Les Demoiselles is located to the south of the Côte de Beaune, at the summit of the slope where the world-renowned villages of Puligny-Montrachet and Chassagne-Montrachet converge, but on the Puligny commune, just above Le Montrachet. It's *un acre petit*, measuring in at only 1.28 acre, but we are in Burgundy after all. The chalky subsoil here drains perfectly, producing some of the loveliest Chardonnay grapes anywhere.

Lovers of white burgundy, this is your time to bid. This Grand Cru wine is aged 15-18 months in oak barrels before bottling. Former Honored Guest Pierre Henry Gagey says that this vinification highlights the unique qualities inherent in the fruit of this great vineyard. Its bright, golden colour and penetrating fragrance of toast and honey predict the rich, mellow fruit flavors, velvety elegance and intense finish of this exceptional wine, which overflows with grace and elegance.

**AHHHHH, SONOMA. TIME FOR GEOGRAPHY
LESSON NUMBER TWO.**

The Sonoma Coast AVA is remarkable territory that in part reveals a dramatic influence on this perfect scoring Chardonnay. It runs along the coastline of Sonoma County, but its boundaries veer sharply inland just east of Bodega Bay, and then spread southwards and eastwards into the Petaluma Watershed. The land has but 2% planted to grapes and the plots are widely dispersed across the more than 500,000 acres that make up the region.

Marcassin and phenomenal winemaker Helen Turley absolutely shine year in and year out. **The 2008 is deemed one of the two or three most profound Chardonnays made in California, ever. This 100-point wine would stand proudly at any tasting of white Burgundies.** It's unquestionably the Chardonnay of the Vintage boasting great acid, phenomenal concentration and staggering length. Drink it now or lay it down until 2026. You won't forget this one.



LOT 33

Marcassin Estate Chardonnay 2008

SONOMA COAST
8 bottles

*Generously contributed by
Baker Tilly Virchow Krause LLP*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$4,000

LOT 34

2012 SONG NAPA VALLEY
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
1 IMPERIAL, ETCHED
AND HAND-PAINTED,
NUMBERED ONE OF ONE

PRIVATE TOUR AND
TASTING OF HALL WINES'
NEW ST. HELENA TASTING
CAMPUS

*SONG™ generously sponsored by Abbott
Private tour and tasting generously
contributed by HALL Wines*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$6,200



THE SECOND RELEASE OF SONG: A LYRIC OPERA COMMEMORATIVE WINE

Commissioned by the Women's Board of Lyric Opera of Chicago, SONG is intended to evoke the elegance of opera and the ethereal nature of the voice producing beautiful sound. This exquisite HALL blend fits the bill to a tee.

HALL makes great wine, and we are so proud to partner with them for the 2012 SONG. HALL Wines has previously been named Winery of the Year, and Robert Parker reviews of the 2012 HALL portfolio of wines placed them solidly in the 96-97-98+ range. SONG reflects that same exacting standard of excellence. Fruit from HALL Wines' exalted Sacrashe Vineyard and historic Bergfeld Vineyard were blended to produce a wine with velvety tannins and fresh acidity. Rich in dark berry and cassis flavors and borne on an opulent structure, SONG will gracefully age for 15 to 20 years.

HALL Wines is known to collectors for consistent winemaker excellence, hospitality, and contemporary art. Kathryn Hall was raised on her family's Mendocino County vineyard, and went on to serve as U.S. Ambassador to Austria. Vintners Craig and Kathryn Walt Hall and Winemaker Steve Leveque will welcome you for a **private tour and tasting in HALL Wines'** new St. Helena tasting campus.

MORE CONTEMPORARY AND FABULOUS NAPA VALLEY WINE!

Arietta, an ultra-premium Napa winery specializing in limited production Bordeaux-style blends, takes its name from Beethoven's Arietta movement of his final Piano Sonata. The label is musical, as are the wines within. The **2003 Cabernet Sauvignon** was the widely praised debut wine for the label which is owned by Fritz and Caron Hatton. **Arietta Red Wine H Block Hudson Vineyards** is a blend of Cabernet Franc and Merlot. The Cabernet Franc is solely from the 2.3 acre Hudson Vineyards H Block, a shy-bearing, volcanic, southwest facing slope, which naturally yields just three tons per acre. Beautiful wines from Napa Valley, this Arietta assortment will be music to your taste buds!

Episode is the pinnacle wine for the renowned Terlato Family Vineyards, and can easily stand shoulder to shoulder with the best Bordeaux of the world. This 74% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Merlot, 2% Malbec blend is an elegant wine and an instant classic. The mild summer of 2002, with warm days and cool nights, led to the lovely 2002 vintage here. Enjoy its smooth texture with intense blackberry, mulberry and chocolate covered cherry flavors in this nicely layered Napa Valley star.

LOT 35

Terlato Family Vineyards, Episode 2002

(6 bottles in original wooden case)

Arietta Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2003

(12 bottles)

Arietta Red Wine, H Block Hudson Vineyards 2005

(6 bottles)

NAPA VALLEY

24 bottles

*Generously contributed by
Paula and Jim Crown*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$3,400

LOT 36

CULT. NAPA. ENJOY.

Harlan Estate 2000

(2 bottles)

Grace Family Vineyard 2001

(2 bottles)

Scarecrow 2007

(2 bottles)

Hundred Acre ARK Vineyard 2009

(1 bottle)

**Hundred Acre Kayli Morgan
Vineyard 2009**

(1 bottle)

NAPA VALLEY

8 bottles

Generously contributed by
J. Christopher and Anne N. Reyes

ESTIMATED VALUE \$4,500

DID NAPA VALLEY DEFINE CULT? WE THINK SO.

Harlan Estate is a property that covers fewer than 30 acres, split over 24 small blocks located on slopes with various exposures in the western side of Oakville. **Harlan 2000** is “a stupendous wine that epitomizes the Harlan style of grace and power,” raves *Wine Enthusiast*. **Hundred Acre** wines are made by sorting the fruit berry by berry, fermented in small French oak fermenters, and long aging in the finest barriques. The vineyard is located at the base of Howell Mountain in the stunning St. Helena, land that is composed of volcanic soil strata that benefits from a 180 degree arc of the sun. The 100% Cabernet Sauvignon **Kayli Morgan 2009** is a great showing. This wine is generous and textured with layers of dark red fruit, espresso, new leather and spices. High-toner floral notes and the silkiest of tannins frame the striking finish. The **ARK 2009** is a huge win: dense and rich but dry, with highly concentrated, complex flavors of plum, chocolate, tobacco and woodsmoke. An intense deep wine with dark red fruit, flowers, mint, licorice and exotic spices are some of the many notes that flow from this fabulously textured Cabernet Sauvignon.

The nose of **2001 Grace Family Vineyard** is explosive, big, spicy, black currant. It has great balance and very good medium weighted mouthfeel. Sweet intense flavors of black currants and dark plums make this a substantial wine, delicious and also with remarkable structure.

Round this off with **the 100-point perfect scoring 2007 Scarecrow**, with huge aromas of ripe currant, plum and blackberry, with a dash of mocha-laced oak. This massive-bodied dark beauty gives off lovely floral scents, has the most elegant structure then finishes firmly with length. Its perfect balance suggests it can be drunk at a relatively young age, but it should easily evolve over 30-35 years.

Massive and intense, sublime and delicious. And definitely worthy of obsession.

WELCOME to this world famous
wine growing region



NAPA VALLEY

LOT 37

SLOAN ESTATE 2000

(3 bottles in original wooden case)

Favia Cerro Sur 2011

(6 bottles)

Favia La Magdalena 2011

(6 bottles)

Favia Cabernet Sauvignon 2011

(6 bottles)

NAPA VALLEY

21 bottles

*Generously contributed by
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Huebner*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$3,800

FAVIA IS FABULOUS AND SLOAN IS, TOO!

Vineyard specialist Annie Favia, who herself spent a decade working with David Abreu, convinced her husband Andy Erickson (winemaker for Dalla Valle, Ovid, Dancing Hares and Arietta with past stints at Screaming Eagle, Staglin, and Harlan—for some serious name-dropping!) to set up shop in Coombsville.

Tucked behind neighborhoods on Napa's east side, Coombsville begins where the city ends, far south of the more famous "up-valley" destinations. Marine incursion layers that snake into the Napa Valley from the San Pablo Bay arrive here first and leave here last, resulting in one of the valley's longest growing seasons. Coombsville is likely the coolest cab-producing region in the Napa Valley which results in extraordinary balance and lower alcohol levels in the best cases.

So how is it working out in Coombsville? Well, the **2011 Cerro Sur** shows silky layers of dark red berries, dried flowers, sage and exotic spices, all in a rich, voluptuous style that is impossible to resist. There is plenty of underlying tension and minerality to balance the fruit in this compelling wine. Moving into the **La Magdalena**, it has a distinct personality with its 50/50 blend of Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon. Bright ruby-red in color, it boasts vibrant aromas of red currant, cherry, licorice and violet. The **Cabernet**, which is 50% made of Oakville fruit, still has the mark of this stellar winemaking team, but the warmer climate grapes giving it a fuller body and mildly longer finish. Altogether, this Favia Collection offers endless "Coombsvillian" pleasure.

And then there's **SLOAN 2000 is the inaugural vintage**, and only 310 cases were produced this year. It's insanely dense, powerful, and typical of the Napa style Cabernet produced. Generally considered one of the most exclusive and guarded wines in California, here's an **exceedingly rare opportunity to own three bottles—one for you, your sister, and the friend who always opens the wine you bring to dinner!**



LIVE AUCTION

LOT 38

Van Winkle 12yr Special Reserve
Straight Bourbon Whiskey,
Lot B, 2014 Bottling

(2 bottles)

Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve
15yr Straight Bourbon Whiskey,
2014 Bottling

(2 bottles)

Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve
23yr Straight Bourbon Whiskey,
2014 Bottling

(1 bottle and velvet black bag)

KENTUCKY
5 bottles

Generously contributed by an
Anonymous Women's Board Member

ESTIMATED VALUE \$5,000

**WINE NOT REALLY YOUR THING? TRY A PAPPY
VAN WINKLE "WHISKEY, NEAT."**

This lot features some of the world's finest whiskey from The Old Rip Van Winkle Distillery. The Van Winkle family's four generation involvement in the bourbon industry began in the late 1800s with Julian P. "Pappy" Van Winkle, Sr. Today, all their whiskeys are produced using a precise distillation process, and a unique recipe of corn, wheat, and, barley (instead of corn, rye and, barley). This family exclusive "wheated" recipe gives the Pappy Van Winkle bourbons their distinctive softer, smoother taste.

The **12 Year Van Winkle Special Reserve** is a sweet, full-bodied whiskey that has been described by some as "Nectar." We agree! The 12 years of aging and medium proof of 90.4 seem to be just right: "Well crafted...elegant, stately...balanced beautifully," says F. Paul Pacult's *Spirit Journal*. This fine bourbon competes with any excellent cognac.

F. Paul Pacult says that the 107 Proof **15 Year Family Reserve** is "A whiskey connoisseur's bonanza,...remarkable find which ranks with the best whiskeys." The smooth, oak flavor blends well with the barrel proof, which remains untouched for 15 years and unhurried by time before bottling.

And finally, the Grand Pappy of them all: 23 Year Family Reserve. 95.6 Proof. This very rare, extremely limited edition bourbon takes generations of distilling know-how to produce successfully. F. Paul Pacult gave this bourbon **Five Stars**, representing extraordinary quality, scope, and character in fine wheated whiskey.

**FIVE STARS IN FINE BOURBON = 100 POINTS IN
FINE WINE. DON'T HESITATE.**



LOT 39

Shafer Vineyards Hillside Select 2007

NAPA VALLEY

1 imperial

*Generously contributed by
Shafer Vineyards*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$3,000

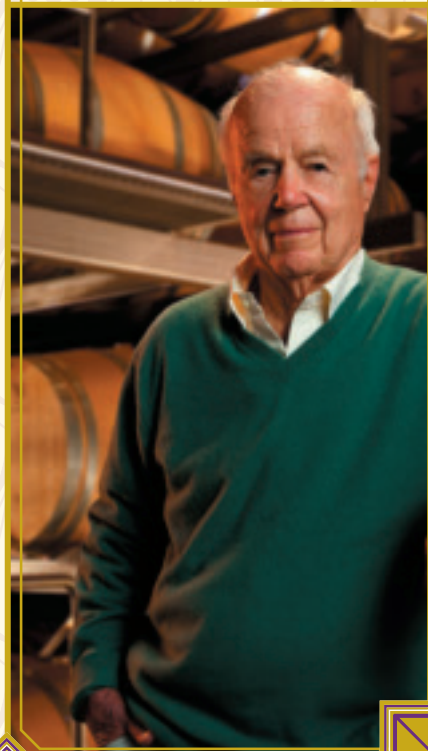
CALIFORNIA ROYALTY WITH CHICAGO ROOTS.

John Shafer is the patriarch of Napa Valley. Revered for his work in the vineyards as well as for his commitment to philanthropic causes, he has championed the wines of Shafer Vineyards since the early days of Napa, when he moved his family there from Chicago in 1972.

Hillside Select is one of the world-class wines of Napa. The estate keeps this cuvée 32 months in 100% new French oak and each of the bottles here show amazing finesse. This signature wine of Shafer Vineyards is sourced from the slopes of an amphitheater-like structure of rock, where the volcanic soil sits atop weathered bedrock. This unique landscape contributes to the hill's quick runoff and forces the vines to work ever so hard to produce clusters of grapes with small, intensely flavored berries. **Thanks to this diligent effort, the Hillside Select truly is a "wine of a place," and reflects the heart of Stag's Leap District.**

The **2007** has fantastic aging potential, especially in this Imperial bottling, and it scores a very high 98 points. **It takes concentration, graciousness and complexity to its highest level in Napa Valley.** An inky/blue/purple color is followed by sweet aromas of blueberries, blackberries, charcoal and subtle toast. The wine possesses fabulous concentration, a seamless/flawless personality, a textbook integration of alcohol, wood, tannin and acidity, an almost endless finish and a voluptuous texture.

We are so deeply honored that Shafer Vineyards has donated to every Lyric Opera Wine Auction, since our very first auction in 1988. Thank you, so much, to this wonderful partner.



LOT 40

FOUR COUPLES OR
ONE FAMILY WITH
SKI-AGE CHILDREN

7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS AT THE
PRIVATE SKI LODGE HOME
OF ROSS AND BILLIE
MCKNIGHT

including

\$5,000 TRAVEL CREDIT

(See travel notes p. 235)

BEAVER CREEK SKI VACATION & MAGNIFICENT WESTERN LOG LODGE

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Set in one of Beaver Creek, Colorado's most impressive ski lodge residences, this family trip — or couples getaway! — will entice the most dedicated of mountain flyers. Available in prime ski season (with a few exceptions), Lyric Wine Auction participants and active supporters Ross and Billie McKnight invite you to make this your home away from home. Located in Strawberry Park, you won't ever want to leave this gorgeous 11,000 square foot, three-story retreat, fully appointed in Western Log Cabin Deluxe. Multi-media room, exercise room, and four master suites all have exceptional views of the breathtaking mountains.

TRIP FOR FOUR COUPLES INCLUDES

- Ski in, ski out access from runs off the Strawberry Park Express Lift and Elk Horn Ski Run
- Dinner at **Splendido**, an elegant and rustic American dining experience
- Lunch or dinner at **Beaver Creek Chophouse**, located right next to the Beaver Creek Lift Area
- A romantic sleigh ride and dinner at **Beano's Cabin**, nestled high on Beaver Creek Ski Mountain

Note: Available November-April during the rest of the 2015 or 2015-2016 ski seasons at mutually acceptable times. Black-out dates: December 20-January 5, Texas Spring Break (typically March 6-March 15). Does not include lift tickets. Dinners are exclusive of wine, service and gratuity.

**ADRENALINE AND LUXURY RARELY COMBINE
SO PERFECTLY. RECKLESS ABANDON ON THE
SLOPES? BRING IT WITH YOUR BID TONIGHT!**

*Generously contributed by
Ross and Billie McKnight*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$24,000



LOT 41

DINNER FOR 8 AT MK
THE RESTAURANT
OR YOUR HOME
FEATURING WINES FROM
SPOTTSWOODE ESTATE
AND CAMARADERIE WITH
MICHAEL KORNICK AND
BETH NOVAK MILLIKEN

Wines for dinner:

**En Magnum, one each Spottswood
Family Estate 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012**

Wines to take home tonight:

**6 bottles Spottswood Family
Estate 2010**

NAPA VALLEY

6 bottles and 4 magnums

*Generously contributed by
MK the Restaurant and Spottswood
Estate Vineyard and Winery*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$4,000



SPOTTSWOODE IN THE HOUSE!

One of Chicago's favorite fine dining destinations, **mk The Restaurant** has partnered with **Spottswood Estate Vineyard and Winery** to present the epicurean experience you've been dreaming of. Featuring the award winning fare that has captivated the hearts (and stomachs) of thousands over the past 16 years, experience New American cuisine at its finest as James Beard Award-nominated Chef/Owner Michael Kornick and Executive Chef Erick Williams will guide the evening's menu in the restaurant's contemporary, lofted space **or in your home**.

Their creations will be beautifully paired with the signed vertical collection of **Spottswood's 2009-2012 Cabernet Sauvignon**, whose fruit characteristics are dynamic, vivacious and layered with minerality, florals, spices and herbs. Spottswood's President and CEO **Beth Novak Milliken** will also attend, personally collaborating with her very good friend **Chef Kornick** throughout the evening and sharing unforgettable stories. It promises to be an evening for the senses.

And it doesn't end there! Take home six bottles tonight to begin the celebration: "The brilliant **2010 Cabernet Sauvignon** boasts an inky/purple color as well as glorious aromas of spring flowers, lead pencil shavings, licorice and a multitude of wild mountain fruits, in particular black raspberry, blackberry and cassis reminiscent of a French Pauillac ...With a flawless integration of tannin, wood and acidity, it comes across like a liquid version of haute couture from the house of Chanel." **100 points**, Robert Parker's *Wine Advocate* #209, October 2013

Note: Available Sunday through Thursday (no holidays), or at 6:00pm on Friday or Saturday. Guests pay the sales tax and appropriate gratuity. Wine will be taken home by the purchaser tonight; it is the responsibility of the purchaser to bring the wines to dinner. If dinner is requested "in home" additional restrictions may apply, and additional related expenses are the responsibility of the purchaser.

LOT 42

DEL FRISCO'S + BLACKBIRD

4-course dinner for 8 guests in the Oak Room at Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steak House

Blackbird Vineyards Bespoke Collection Portfolio Road Show with a Winery Principal

Wine to be taken home tonight:

Blackbird Vineyards, Illustration 2012

Blackbird Vineyards, Paramour 2012

Blackbird Vineyards, Contrarian 2012

NAPA VALLEY

3 hand-etched magnums, one of each

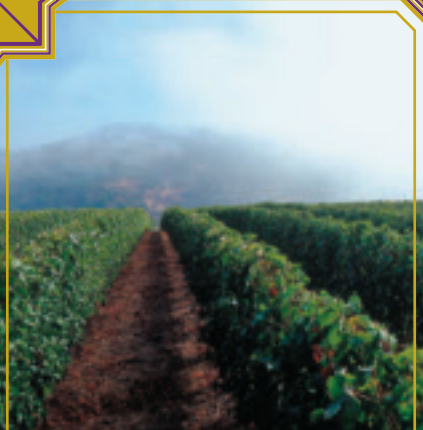
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ESTIMATED VALUE \$4,000

BLACKBIRD LANDS AT DEL FRISCO'S

There is nothing better than pairing an incredible Chicago steakhouse with a world-class wine portfolio. **Enjoy a fabulous meal for 8 guests at Chicago's Del Frisco's** restaurant, located in the historic Esquire Theater. Its lavish interior – including a show-stopping, three-story wine tower – was designed to preserve the landmark theater's original architectural elements while creating a convivial dining environment. **A representative from Blackbird Vineyards** will attend to describe the evening's wine selections, providing an oenological tour of the vineyard's Bespoke Wine Collection. You and your guests will enjoy limited-production varietals from **Blackbird Vineyards, Ma(i)sonry Napa Valley and Recuerdo Wines** – a perfect complement to Del Frisco's celebrated steakhouse fare! To sweeten the lot, enjoy three of Blackbird's 10th anniversary wines: the Pomerol-inspired Merlot **Illustration**, the irresistible blend of Cabernet Franc and Merlot in **Paramour**, and the aromatic blend of Cabernet Franc, Merlot, and Cabernet Sauvignon of **Contrarian**.





LOT 43

**COLGIN CELLARS VISIT
AND LUNCHEON FOR UP
TO EIGHT**

AND

**MEADOWOOD RESORT
AND SPA STAY FOR TWO***

3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

including

\$5,000 TRAVEL CREDIT

(See travel notes p. 235)

*colgincellars.com
meadowood.com*

*Generously contributed by
Colgin Cellars and
Meadowood Napa Valley*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$10,000

COVETING COLGIN?

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“I had been looking for a great piece of untouched hillside property for many many years,” says Ann Colgin. This lot is an unparalleled opportunity to tour, taste, and touch Colgin’s domain high on Pritchard Hill in Napa. Viticulture defined, IX ESTATE’s masterful winemaking will be fully on display as you dine luxuriously with the wines of Colgin and your ever elegant host.

Colgin Cellars, located above Lake Hennessey on a secluded mountaintop in the Pritchard Hill area of St. Helena, invites you to their private, state-of-the-art facility offering majestic views and exquisite wines which create a lasting impression.

INCLUDES

- Lunch for **eight guests with a special guest chef** as well as a **tour of Ann Colgin’s exceptional art collection**. These superb works of art are displayed throughout the Estate and are a reflection of Ann’s background in the arts and the winery’s celebrated aesthetic. Marvel at masterworks from the 13th century to Andy Warhol to Ellsworth Kelly.
- **Paul Roberts, Master Sommelier and Chief Operating Officer**, will provide your party of eight with a unique and invaluable perspective of Colgin Cellars.
- 2-night stay at **Meadowood Napa Valley**, a stunning retreat, with breakfast included each morning at **The Grill**. Internationally known as *the* place to stay in Napa, Meadowood is in the heart of all that Napa has to offer.

**IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE GLORY OF NAPA
VALLEY WITH THIS INCREDIBLE OFFERING FROM
MEADOWOOD AND COLGIN!**

*Note: Colgin experience must be scheduled generously in advance for a weekday date of mutual agreement, and expires 8/17/2016. Meadowood lodging available Sunday-Thursday during months of November-July and does not expire. *Additional rooms may be purchased directly from Meadowood.*



LOT 44

BIRD HUNTING ADVENTURE FOR FOUR IN ENTRE RIOS ARGENTINA

7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS

including

\$7,500 TRAVEL CREDIT

(See travel notes p. 235)

losombues.com
buenosaires.park.hyatt.com
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Los Ombues Hunting Lodge/
Carlos Sanchez, Palacio Duhau -
Park Hyatt Buenos Aires and Mai10

ESTIMATED VALUE \$24,000

IT'S A MIXED BAG

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COMBINE YOUR PASSION FOR WORLD-TRAVEL AND WINE WITH THE SKILL OF THE HUNT.

Two couples? Four guys on a City Slicker adventure?
All it takes is four adventure loving hunters to take aim!

OR..... MAYBE IT'S SHOOT AND SHOP!

Shoot and Shop? Sure! Four couples buy in. The Hunters
head to Los Ombues, and The Shoppers (which is really
hunting of another kind!) head to Buenos Aires. Each group has
a fantastic four-day/three-night excursion!

INCLUDES

- Private transfers which will take you to and from your destinations to ensure consistent comfort. To get to Los Ombues, you may select either private air transportation or car service.

AT LOS OMBUES:

- 3-night stay for 4 guests with full board included at **Los Ombues**, Argentina's finest bird hunting lodge, and the only one in the country to boast an Orvis endorsement
- 3 full days of dove shooting within walking distance from the house
- Every guest is assisted by a bird-boy who picks up and counts shot doves, and over fifty brand shotguns are available to rent on the premises
- Tasting of the top Argentine Malbecs provided by lodge owner Carlos Sanchez, from his personal collection

Note: Only dove shooting, not mixed bag. We were trying to be witty. Accommodations must be September-April. Shells, tips, hunting/gun licenses and clearance, and international airfare not included.

IN BUENOS AIRES:

- 3-night stay for 4 guests (two rooms) at **Palacio Duhau - Park Hyatt Buenos Aires**, located in the heart of the French heritage district of Recoleta

Note: Restrictions may apply.

- Private, curated Buenos Aires highlights tour, discovering characteristic neighborhoods and eclectic architecture, sweeping avenues, tree-lined boulevards and narrow streets, domes, ornamented façades and parks with handsome monuments



LOT 45

STARS OF THE STAGE GRACE + HARLAN

Private dinner for 8 at Grace,
featuring Harlan Estate wines paired
specifically for the determined
menu by Harlan Estate's Director,
Don Weaver.

Wine to take home tonight:

Harlan Estate 2010

NAPA VALLEY
1 double magnum

Generously contributed by
Grace Restaurant and Harlan Estate

ESTIMATED VALUE \$10,000

IT DOESN'T GET BRIGHTER!

This package will find you at **Grace** restaurant, just awarded **three perfect, shining stars by the esteemed 2015 Michelin Guide**. One of just twelve restaurants in the United States with this rare distinction, Grace teams up with **Napa Valley juggernaut Harlan Estate** to present a culinary adventure for eight. Chef Curtis Duffy and his culinary team will develop a customized, 10-course menu featuring the micro-seasonal fare for which Grace is famed — served in the restaurant's modern **private dining room**. **Harlan Estate's Director Don Weaver will also attend**, closely collaborating with Chef Duffy to pair wines best suited to the evening's journey. Don will "open the vault" at Harlan to bring library wines that are just not publicly available. Don't be afraid to brag — this experience will be the envy of all. *Nothing* compares to a gastronomic experience of this kind!

Note: The certificate is valid through February 7, 2016, and must be scheduled on a mutually agreeable date generously in advance. Dinner wines will be shipped directly to the restaurant, or the Harlan principal attending the dinner will deliver the wine personally.



LIVE AUCTION



BANDON DUNES GOLF JET-AWAY ■ ■ ■

TTrue links courses are rare. How incredible, then, to have so many of the best in the world at one resort? Such is the case in the visually stunning sand dunes near Bandon, Oregon, where Michael Keiser fulfilled his dream of creating a true links experience where any golfer could play. Check off four of *Golf Digest's* '2013-2014 Top 100 U.S. Courses' from your personal bucket list in this spectacular private jet-away.

TRIP FOR FOUR INCLUDES

- **Private airfare** in Gulfstream 200 jet with Bandon Dunes' owner Michael Keiser
- **4 days of unlimited golf for 4 people** on four of the world's most exclusive courses: **Bandon Dunes, Pacific Dunes, Bandon Trails, and Old Macdonald.** The Bandon Dunes Golf Resort courses were designed in the spirit of the famously windswept greens of Scotland and achieve their naturally varied designs from their stunning location 100 feet above the Pacific Ocean on 23 miles of bluff and undisturbed shoreline.
- **3 nights of luxury accommodations** in private rooms at the lodge at **Bandon Dunes Golf Resort**

Note: Dates of play by mutual consent with donor, and should be scheduled generously in advance.

THIS IS GOLF AT ITS PUREST AND FINEST, ON THE BEST COURSES IN THE NATION, WITH LUXURY PRIVATE AIR TRANSPORTATION AND A GRACIOUS HOST. OTHER THAN TO STAY IN THE FAIRWAY, WHAT MORE COULD YOU WANT?

LOT 46

**TRIP FOR FOUR BY
PRIVATE AIRCRAFT
TO BANDON DUNES
RESORT IN OREGON**

4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

*Generously contributed by
Mike and Lindy Keiser*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$45,000





Bordeaux buyers? Now is your time to score!

Robert Parker 99- and 100-point rated wines
dominate Lots 47 to 64

THE RUNNING OF THE BORDEAUX

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In Fabulous and Superior Vintages

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2000 • 2002 • 2003 • 2004 • 2009 • 2011

LOT 47

ONLY ROYALTY COULD OFFER THIS LOT DEEP IN WINE RICHES.

We all remember fondly when Prince Robert and Princess Julie of Luxembourg were Honored Guests of Wine Auction 2006. This collection of five magnums is mightily impressive, coming straight from Domaine Clarence Dillon, and hand selected by Prince Robert.

Robert Parker said in May 2014: “The unbelievably superb **2011 Haut-Brion** exhibits a classic nose of subtle smoldering embers, warm rocks, black currants, new saddle leather, spice box and high quality, unsmoked cigar tobacco. The color is a dense ruby/purple to the edge, and the wine cuts a serious as well as broad swath across the palate. The most amazing aspect of this *terroir* is that the wine, despite all its power and richness, literally dances on the palate, as if it were a 90 pound ballerina. This brilliant 2011 should evolve quickly, hitting its prime in 7-8 years, and drink beautifully for 20-25 years.” Parker was a fan of **La Mission Haut-Brion 2011**, too: “Deep ruby in color, the wine offers tobacco, earth, smoke, cassis and coffee with ripe tannins and a classic, bright, fresh and pure crème de cassis finish. This is classic Pessac Leognan.” **La Clarté de Haut-Brion Blanc** is a rare and exceptional white wine and in magnum, never seen.

Domaine Clarence Dillon purchased another estate and christened it Château Quintus. This wine is taking its natural place within the Domaine Clarence Dillon family, as an equal alongside the red and white wines of Châteaux Haut-Brion and La Mission Haut-Brion, thereby becoming the fifth child in this illustrious family. This lot contains one magnum each of **Ch. Quintus 2011** and **Le Dragon de Quintus 2011**. Both garnered much acclaim, and this was the first vintage that was under the full control of Jean-Phillipe Delmas, the iconic winemaker known for his work at Haut-Brion and La Mission. **You will cherish the fact that you own these five magnums.**

Château Haut-Brion 2011

Château La Mission Haut-Brion 2011

La Clarté de Haut-Brion Blanc 2011

Château Quintus 2011

Le Dragon de Quintus 2011

PESSAC-LÉOGNAN, SAINT-ÉMILION, BORDEAUX
5 magnums, one of each

*Generously contributed by
H.R.H. Prince Robert of Luxembourg
on behalf of Domaine Clarence Dillon*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$4,000

LOT 48

Château La Mission Haut-Brion 1975

PESSAC-LÉOGNAN, BORDEAUX

3 bottles

Generously contributed by
Mr. and Mrs. William A. Osborn

ESTIMATED VALUE \$3,500

TURNING 40 CAN BE TRAUMATIC, BUT 1975 LA MISSION IS BREEZING ALONG.

Parker calls this “undisputably **THE** wine of the vintage.” Though 1975 isn’t particularly exalted, this La Mission 1975 is peerless among the best of Bordeaux. It consistently received perfect scores in its first thirty years of life, and remains a vibrant, vital wine. It comes from a cool year with a tiny crop, yet is still nicely balanced with tannins and density.

That summer, La Mission’s extraordinary *terroir*, with its well-drained, gravelly soils fared unbelievably well. Even while much of the fat has faded away, the wine still possesses a vitality and vigor that belies age. The color is a dark garnet with just a touch of lightning at the rim. **This all-star, 100-point wine is very concentrated, dense and remarkably youthful, likely drinking gorgeously for many decades. May we all be so lucky.**

Note: Bottles are one top shoulder level and two high shoulder level with two labels slightly bin soiled.



“UTTERLY DELICIOUS, TASTY AND SUBTLY DISCREET.”—JEAN-MARC QUARIN, WINE CRITIC

This highly-sought 2003 possesses extremely high tannin, but it happens to be well-concealed by a cascade of mulberry, blackberry, cherry, and plum-like fruit. A delicious hint of figs also shows up under a broad spectrum of blue and red fruit. While this vintage is ripe with a sweet, glycerol mouthfeel, it also possesses a long, powerful, persistent finish. Elegant and noble, it's a wine of both power and finesse that is nearing peak maturity.

LOT 49

Château Haut-Brion 2003

PESSAC-LÉOGNAN, BORDEAUX
6 bottles

*Generously contributed by
Underwriters Laboratories*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$2,800



LOT 50

Château Mouton Rothschild 1996

(1 double magnum)

Château Mouton Rothschild 2006

(1 magnum)

PAUILLAC, BORDEAUX

1 double magnum and 1 magnum

MORE MOUTON? YES PLEASE!

The large format bottles of this **First Growth** make for an **astounding tasting opportunity** as the aging process is far more graceful than in the classic 750 ml. The **1996** shines with its intensely dark hue and an ample nose of extraordinary substance, bringing to mind spiced prune, caramel, hazelnut and espresso. The palate, with its multiple dimension, boasts of toasted vanilla, jammy dark plum and black currants. The tannins are compact and integrated promising to age for quite some time. The **2006** presents more powerfully with deep flavors of roasted coffee, cassis, smoky oak, and soy sauce. It's ripe and rich with a lovely full-body that also can lay down for a decade or two.

Generously contributed by
Blythe Jaski McGarvie

ESTIMATED VALUE \$3,800





LOT 51

UNFURLING LAYERS OF VIBRANT FRUIT

These large format 2004s show superbly blue and purple tones allowing your first sense to prepare your others for a delightful experience. Aromas of blueberries, licorice and crème de cassis abound. Gorgeous taste with notes of vanilla and smoke. There's extraordinary complexity and intensity on this world-class First Growth, with silky tannins and a lengthy finish. It could last for two decades in your cellar, or two hours in your glass. Just make sure it's your cellar it goes home to tonight!

Château Margaux 2004

MARGAUX, BORDEAUX
3 magnums

*Generously contributed by
Donna Van Ekeren Foundation*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$3,000



LOT 52

Château Mouton Rothschild 1982

(1 bottle)

Château Mouton Rothschild 1986

(3 bottles)

PAUILLAC, BORDEAUX

4 bottles

*Generously contributed by
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. Gidwitz*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$4,500

THESE MOUTON, WITH THEIR IMPRESSIVE COMPLEXITY AND BRILLIANCE, ILLUMINATE BORDEAUX AT ITS FINEST.

These esteemed Château Mouton-Rothschild wines remain legends of Bordeaux. The crème de cassis and underlying floral notes in the **1982 (an impressive 100-pointer)** brightens all the senses, then the full-bodied power, extraordinary purity, and multilayered texture further the wow with each sip. Of course the finish, which easily lasts over a minute, makes this wine a true showcase for what this Château accomplished in this vintage. **The 1986 is another 100-point Parker score**, and is still amazingly youthful, vibrant, and pure. It embodies everything a great mature claret should be, with aromas of tobacco and black olives, sumptuous texture, and a haunting aftertaste.

Note: Vintage 1986 bottles are all top shoulder level.

LOT 53

Château Latour 2003

PAUILLAC, BORDEAUX
4 bottles

*Generously contributed by
Richard P. and Susan Kiphart*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$5,000

LATOUR 2003 IS ANOTHER 100-POINT MIND-BLOWING EFFORT.

The saturated purple color hits you first, followed by the gorgeous perfume of smoke, cedar, crème de cassis, flowers, crushed rocks, and blackberries. It has the glory of multiple layers of richness and low acidity, making it about as unctuous as a Latour can be. The blackberry, licorice, currant and mineral aromas build in the mouth and the finish lasts nearly a minute or more. It's disarmingly accessible, true grace in a glass.



LOT 54

Château Lafite Rothschild 2000,
2001, 2002, 2003

PAUILLAC, BORDEAUX
4 bottles, one of each vintage

*Generously contributed by
Kenneth Porrello and Sherry McFall*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$5,000

**THIS VERTICAL OF LAFITE IS THE TASTING
EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME.**

2000 is fresh, bright, and dense with aromas of violets, minerals, spices, cool stones, mint, dark fruits, and plum skins. It's a beauty to be sure, although very much still a baby and in need of at least another decade (or two) of time. **Lafite 2000 is a 100-point wine for the next generation according to Robert Parker.**

Finesse and elegance best describe the **2001**. This is truly a wine that makes you contemplate life. **2002** bubbles over with crushed berries, currants and spices, along with alluring tobacco notes.

And finally, the Parker 100-point 2003 is beautifully full-bodied, showing gorgeously velvety tannins and a long finish of pretty fruit. **This vertical is a stunner.**



**A WINE OF BIBLICAL PROPORTION?
YOU DECIDE.**

An outstanding year in Bordeaux, **2000 Lafite** is very intensely dark colored with hues of purple to pique your intrigue. The aromas are sumptuous and captivating while the wine is powerful and extremely delicate on the palate, with remarkable tannic structure and length. And while flavors and weight of new wood may be present, it's only in a most pleasing and well-integrated manner since this gem of a bottle still shows impressive restraint.

Actually, you have six sparkling 100-point Parker gems in this lot! Each glass drinks beautifully right now, and yet, its true nature may not be revealed for years to come. Who knows? Well, **YOU**, if you're lucky enough to take this lot home with you tonight!

LOT 55

Château Lafite Rothschild 2000

PAUILLAC, BORDEAUX
6 bottles

*Generously contributed by
Anne and Don Edwards*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$12,000



LIVE AUCTION

LOT 56

Château Cos d'Estournel 2000

(3 bottles)

Château Figeac 2000

(3 bottles)

Château Pichon-Lalande 2000

(3 bottles)

Château Troplong Mondot 2000

(3 bottles)

PAUILLAC, SAINT-ÉMILION,
SAINT-ESTÈPHE, BORDEAUX
12 bottles

**THIS PERSONALLY SELECTED MAGNIFICENT
MIXED CASE OF 2000 GRAND-CRU BORDEAUX
WILL SET WINE-LOVERS' HEARTS AFLUTTER.**

Château **Pichon Lalande** is among the best examples of Bordeaux wine from Pauillac. Often characterized by its sensuous textures, deep concentrated layers of ripe fruit and a perfume filled with earth, tobacco and cassis are what you'll find in this 2000 Pichon Lalande.

Château **Figeac**, the largest Saint-Émilion vineyard, takes a savoir-faire approach to wine-growing, developed from a mix of tradition and innovation. The characteristic freshness of Figeac 2000 is accompanied by great length of flavor, and its long aging potential allows the wine to go on in time to reveal hints of forest floor, leather, cigar-box and licorice—always with its hallmark elegance.

Château **Troplong Mondot** sits on the top of a hill, dominating the surrounding Saint-Émilion countryside. The vineyard, planted on a plateau of optimal sunlight and perfect natural drainage possesses a secret alchemy which lends itself to the superior quality of its *terroir*. Powerful, well-structured with pronounced complex tannins, 2000 Troplong Mondot offers deep aromas of truffles and blackberry fruit.

Note: Two torn labels.

Cos d'Estournel has become the archetype of a certain style of masculine elegance in which immense power is combined with grace and smoothness. A deep color with hints of violet, the spicy nose with notes of orange peel and black currant leaves lead to a gentle attack on the palate with a tightly woven, very smooth texture. This delicious, elegant, clean, and superbly balanced wine brings a long finish, and can be enjoyed now to 2025.

*Generously contributed by
Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Wood II*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$3,000

**THIS LOVELY LOT OF FAVORITE WINES IS
OFFERED BY THREE MEMBERS OF THE LYRIC
WOMEN'S BOARD!**

Château Gruaud Larose dates back to 1725, this winery is among the most renowned of Bordeaux. That's why we invited David Launay to be our Honored Guest! This 82-hectare vineyard sits atop ancient Garonne gravel. In the **2000** vintage, you'll find notes of new saddle leather, cedar wood, black currants, cherries, licorice, and Provencal herbs. A fantastic effort which is beautiful in the glass and on the palate.

Located in the North Western area of Saint-Émilion, on the edge of Pomerol, **Château Cheval Blanc** is distinguished by a rocky and sandy ground situated on a fertile terrace, instead of a limestone hill. This **1986** double magnum carries a complex nose, marked by the finesses of Cabernet Franc. Notes of ink, fruit, mint leaf, and tobacco bring out a supple mouthfeel with fresh tannins. Aging has benefitted this wine, and will continue to do so.

LOT 57

Château Gruaud Larose 2000

(12 bottles in original wooden case)

Château Cheval Blanc 1986

(1 double magnum in original wooden case)

SAINT-ÉMILION, SAINT-JULIEN,
BORDEAUX

12 bottles and 1 double magnum in
original wooden cases

*Generously contributed by
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Mrs. Christopher C. Milliken and
Mrs. Theodore D. Ticken*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$3,500

LOT 58

Vieux Château Certan 2009

(6 bottles in original wooden case)

Château Clinet 2009

(6 bottles in original wooden case)

POMEROL, BORDEAUX

12 bottles in original wooden cases

EXPLORE THE FINEST OF 2009 POMEROL, BORDEAUX.

This beautiful effort from **Vieux Château Certan** represents this fine estate's care to the art of winemaking. One of the oldest vineyards in the region, Vieux Château Certan has been recognized as among the great growths of Pomerol. With a viscous texture as well as a freshness and vibrancy, **the 2009 is one of the finest Vieux Château Certans has made, scoring either 99 or 100 points depending on who you ask.** It is full-bodied and rich with ripe blackberry, plum, floral, chocolate and spice aromas. The texture can be pure silk and velvet, and while effortless to drink, it is still complex.

The prestigious **Château Clinet** is situated in the heart of the best parcels on the well-known gravel terraces of Gunz. Emphasized by flavors of red fruit, leaving no doubt that it is a Pomerol, the elegance of these **2009** bottles respects the uniqueness of its *terroir*. It is a big Pomerol, boasting opaque purple color to accompany the perfume of blueberry pie, incense, truffles, black raspberries, licorice and wood smoke. **This wine is undoubtedly deserving of the 100-point score bestowed upon it by Robert Parker.** You can look forward to this Château Clinet aging very well, while developing sensuous textures and aromatic complexities.

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Sally Funderburg

ESTIMATED VALUE \$4,200

LOT 59

THE IMMORTAL HAUT-BRION.

1989 Haut-Brion is an immortal wine and one of the greatest young Bordeaux wines of the last half-century. **Routinely awarded 100 points**, the 1989 is a seamless, majestic classic, and a tribute to this phenomenal *terroir* and its singular characteristics.

Don't overlook its **98-point younger brother. 2000 Haut-Brion** was lauded by critics, with its compelling nose of roasted herbs, sweet blueberries, plums, black currants, and a hint of graphite. It's deep, layered, sumptuously textured and full-bodied with extraordinary complexity.

Château Haut-Brion 1989

(1 bottle)

Château Haut-Brion 2000

(2 bottles)

PESSAC-LÉOGNAN, BORDEAUX
3 bottles

*Generously contributed by
James N. and Laurie V. Bay*

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$3,500





LOT 60

Château Haut-Brion 1990

PESSAC-LÉOGNAN, BORDEAUX

4 bottles

*Generously contributed by
ITW*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$3,200

THIS IS ONE OF THE GREATEST WINES OF THE LAST 25 YEARS PRODUCED BY HAUT-BRION.

This Irish twin to the 1989 Haut-Brion vintage sometimes gets overlooked in the sibling shadow of the über present older brother. Make no mistake, **1990 Haut-Brion** is a profound wine, and as it edges towards its 25th birthday, the wine is clearly expressive. It regularly scores in the **98-point** range, and forest floor, cassis and blackberry, with hints of dried cherry make up the nose. Sweet, soft and velvety, the wine personifies grace, elegance and sophistication.

LOT 61

Château Montrose 1990

SAINT-ESTÈPHE, BORDEAUX
5 bottles

*Generously contributed by
Jenner & Block LLP*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$3,500

1990 MONTROSE IS SO DENSE YOU COULD CUT IT WITH A KNIFE, AND THE 100-POINT PARKER SCORE IS DESERVED.

A wine as unique as the pink heather-covered hills which surround the Château, the deep inky and ruby purple color are just a hint of the stunning concentration and amazing texture of this 1990 Montrose. It has an abundance of sweet black fruits intermixed with pleasant and subtle wisps of earth and spice. It is a fleshy, full-bodied St-Estèphe wine with atypically high amounts of fatness and fruit extract. For the most drinking pleasure, you have to have long-term cellar vision. The wine is 25 years old and is just past adolescence! There's so much more to come with this Montrose.



LOT 62

Château Mouton Rothschild 1996

(2 bottles)

Château Mouton Rothschild 2002

(2 bottles)

Château Mouton Rothschild 2006

(2 bottles)

PAUILLAC, BORDEAUX

6 bottles

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Mr. and Mrs. Lester Knight III

ESTIMATED VALUE \$3,500

CHÂTEAU MOUTON-ROTHSCHILD SPEAKS IN THREE FANTASTIC VINTAGES.

May we suggest that you consider starting with the **1996**? It came through as an ultra-ripe vintage, and is drinking beautifully now. Its super full-body is enticing with subtlety and complexity, but it's revealed mostly through its long caressing finish. **2002** is especially outstanding, offering a complex nose of ripe black currant and licorice mingled together with spicy notes of gingerbread and mild sweet caramel, mocha and candied peel. The velvety tannins are supremely integrated. It's a tough find in the market but a great catch for a lucky buyer here. **2006** was a classic year for Mouton, with Robert Parker awarding **98+ points**. Perfumed with crème de cassis, flowers, and blueberries, and only a hint of oak, it is noted for its extraordinary purity and clarity.

Note: One 1996 base neck level.

Ultra-ripe. Complex. Classic. Any of these bottles calling your name?



LOT 63

A MARGAUX VERTICAL THAT BEGINS AND ENDS WITH 99-POINT WINES.

Journey through these astounding years of Château Margaux. The amazing vintage of 1982 heralded the new golden age of Bordeaux, marking both the beginning of a run of truly extraordinary vintages and the nascent opening of the Classified-Growth market to international acquisition on a massive scale. **The 1982 wine itself is powerful and fleshy, with a rich dense bouquet of roasted black currants, sweet truffles and blooming violets, boasting a 99-point ranking.** The 1986, by comparison might be juicier and more brooding, yet almost as elegant in the mid-palate and upon the finish. The 1990s were blessed with several remarkable vintages, with 1994 and 1998 being two of them that stood out for excellent structure and finesse. But the 2003 stands out among the group, with a 99 from Parker and density that's unparalleled by any recent Margaux vintage. The tightly knit tannic structure gives this wine a silken quality that creates an irresistible allure. **This is an excellent selection of some of the finest first-growth Bordeaux that can be found, anywhere.**

Note: Top shoulder level for vintages 1982, 1986 and 1994.

Château Margaux 1982

(1 bottle)

Château Margaux 1986

(1 bottle)

Château Margaux 1994

(2 bottles)

Château Margaux 1998

(1 bottle)

Château Margaux 2003

(2 bottles)

MARGAUX, BORDEAUX

7 bottles

*Generously contributed by an
Anonymous Women's Board Member*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$4,800



LOT 64

Château La Mission Haut-Brion 1985

(1 bottle)

Château La Mission Haut-Brion 1986

(2 bottles)

Château La Mission Haut-Brion 1995

(1 bottle)

Château La Mission Haut-Brion 1998

(1 bottle)

Château La Mission Haut-Brion 1999

(2 bottles)

Château La Mission Haut-Brion 2000

(2 bottles)

Château La Mission Haut-Brion 2001

(2 bottles)

PESSAC-LÉOGNAN, BORDEAUX

11 bottles

Generously contributed by
Anonymous

ESTIMATED VALUE \$4,000

11 BOTTLES OF LA MISSION HAUT-BRION IN HONOR OF THE WOMEN'S BOARD'S ELEVENTH WINE AUCTION!

All the wines in this vertical are intense, with undeniable richness, opulence and charm. The wine is full-bodied, concentrated and requires several years to develop with perfume of smoke, tobacco, earth, truffle, spice and cassia scents. This lot that spans of some of the finest vintages in Bordeaux is a study of La Mission. While the **1985** and **1986** were considered several of the finest vintages, the wine has changed in style to the point that the **2000** and **2001** might be tasting bolder now, with deeper notes of red fruits and velvety tannins. In fact, **La Mission Haut-Brion 2000** earned accolades upon its release, including a perfect **100-point ranking** from Robert Parker. He also says it will soon take its place among the Estate's most hallowed vintages. And you will have two!

Note: Torn capsule on one of the 1986 vintage bottles.





LIVE AUCTION

LOT 65

TRIP FOR TWO TO PARIS

6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS

including

\$7,500 TRAVEL CREDIT

(See travel notes p. 235)

Dom Pérignon Brut Champagne 2002

ÉPERNAY

6 bottles, Andy Warhol label

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Jeu de Paume, La Table du Connétable,
Hôtel Le Bristol Paris Epicure,
Restaurant Le Grand Véfour,
American Friends Musée d'Orsay, Don
Funk and Abby Zandarini*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$20,000

FRENCH OPULENCE AT ITS FINEST

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Prepare for royal treatment. **Domaine de Chantilly** is famous for everything from Chantilly Cream to world-class museums. To stay there and have all-access VIP tours provided to its exquisite collections and attractions is astonishing. Three Michelin stars adorn **Epicure**. And, in Paris proper, your palatial accommodations at **Le Bristol** are fit for the aristocracy.

TRIP FOR TWO INCLUDES

- VIP tours of the exceptionally unique **Domaine de Chantilly**
 - The Condé Museum—the #1 museum of pre-1850 ancient paintings in France after the Louvre
 - The Library and Archives—a bibliophile's dream—brimming with centuries of royal books and documents
 - The Gardens and the Park—115 acres divided into three historically-styled gardens
 - The Horse Museum of The Grand Stables—home to elaborately-produced classic equestrian show
- 1-night stay at the **Auberge du Jeu de Paume, Relais & Châteaux**, located inside **Domaine de Chantilly**, a place that exemplifies the inimitable French *art de vivre*
- Dinner at Chef Arnaud Faye's 2-Michelin star **La Table du Connétable**, whose windows directly overlook the exquisite Château Gardens
- 4-night stay in a Junior Suite Superior at the Oetker Collection's **Hôtel Le Bristol Paris**, known for its unrivalled elegance and exemplary service, located on the prestigious rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré at the heart of Paris's fashion and arts district
- Dinner at Chef Eric Frechon's 3-Michelin star **Epicure**, recently awarded "Best Hotel Restaurant in the World" at the annual Culinary Travel Awards

- Lunch at Chef Guy Martin's gastronomical masterpiece, **Le Grand Véfour**, the 18th century Parisian jewel once frequented by the likes of Hugo and Sartre, served with **Ch. Gruaud Larose 2004**
- 2 special entry passes to the world-class collection at **Musée d'Orsay**

Note: Le Bristol accommodations available March 10-May 23, the month of August, November 1-December 26, 2015, and January 1-19, 2016. Expires February 24, 2016.

WITH UNRIVALLED ELEGANCE AT EVERY TURN, WE INVITE YOU TO STEP INTO THE SOPHISTICATION OF FINE FRENCH LIVING. C'EST ROYALE! FIT FOR A KING AND QUEEN!



LOT 66

**SONOMA TRIP FOR FOUR
WITH PRIVATE LODGING
AT THE HOME OF BOB
AND KERRY SWEENEY,
INCREDIBLE DINING AND
EXTENSIVE WINERY TOURS**

4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

including

\$5,000 TRAVEL CREDIT

(See travel notes p. 235)

AND THESE GREAT WINES!

**Freeman Vineyard and Winery Pinot
Noir, Sonoma Coast 2012** (2 magnums)

**Hirsch Vineyards San Andreas Fault
Pinot Noir 2012** (2 magnums)

**Kistler Trenton Roadhouse
Chardonnay 2011** (2 magnums)

**Kosta Browne Sonoma Coast Pinot
Noir 2012** (1 double magnum)

**Littorai Wines Platt Vineyard
Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir 2012**
(1 magnum)

**Lottorai Wines Mays Canyon
Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir 2012**
(1 magnum)

Martinelli Winery Zio Tony Ranch 2010
(1 double magnum signed by winemakers)

**Peay Vineyards Estate Chardonnay
2012** (1 magnum)

**Peay Vineyards Pomarium Estate
Pinot Noir 2012** (1 magnum)

Red Car Estate Pinot Noir 2012
(1 magnum)

Red Car Estate Vineyard Syrah 2011
(1 magnum)

12 magnums and 2 double magnums

SONOMA'S BOUNTY

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Sonoma shines on this tour filled with abundant access to A-list wineries and their principals, mailing list allocations, and Michelin-starred dining. Lyric friends Bob and Kerry Sweeney offer private lodging in their gracious and light-filled Sonoma home. Car service is included to navigate the details of the days. Irresistible!

TRIP FOR FOUR INCLUDES

- **3-night stay for two couples** at the charming and gorgeous private home of Bob and Kerry Sweeney
- **Three days of car service** after arrival at the Sweeney residence
- Lunch and VIP tasting and tour at **Peay Vineyards**, exploring their beautiful library of Pinot Noir, Syrah, and Chardonnay.
- VIP tasting and tour at **Hirsch Vineyards** which provides fruit to many of California's most storied wineries, including Williams Selyem, Kistler and Littorai, as well as producing their own estate wines
- Dinner at Michelin-starred restaurant **The Farmhouse Inn**
- Visit the caves at **Freeman Winery** for a barrel tasting of their sought after Pinot Noir and Chardonnay
- Private tour, tasting and lunch at **Kosta Browne Winery**, where each couple will be **guaranteed a coveted spot on the highly-exclusive introductory Kosta Browne Spring and Fall allocations**
- Enjoy classic traditional Italian fare with dinner at **Della Santina's Trattoria**
- VIP tasting and tour at **Kistler's Trenton Roadhouse**

Generously contributed by Bob and Kerry Sweeney, Andy Peay and Peay Vineyards, Freeman Winery, Hanzell Vineyards, Hirsch Vineyards, Kistler Vineyards, Kosta Browne Winery, Littorai Wines, Martinelli Winery, Red Car Wine Co. and Dr. and Mrs. James C. Pritchard

ESTIMATED VALUE \$12,500



- Personalized tour, tasting and lunch at **Martinelli Winery** and access to their elusive mailing list
- Tour and tasting at **Hanzell Vineyards** and **Littorai Vineyards**

Note: Expires May 2016. Home stay must take place on a mutually acceptable date. Airport transfers to and from Sonoma residence not included.

VISITING A WINE REGION ALLOWS YOU TO TRULY APPRECIATE THE SUBTLETIES EXPRESSED IN THE INDIVIDUAL WINES. THIS IMMERSION EXPERIENCE WILL LEAVE YOU A TRUE SONOMA EXPERT, WITH THE MAILING LIST ALLOCATIONS IN YOUR CELLAR TO PROVE IT!

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LOT 67

ART AND WINE TRIP FOR TWO TO ARGENTINA AND CHILE

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

including

\$7,500 TRAVEL CREDIT

(See travel notes p. 235)

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ESTIMATED VALUE \$21,000

SOUTH AMERICAN SPLENDOR

Wine lovers should not miss this unbelievable opportunity to visit Mendoza wine country in the foothills of the Andes while soaking up the charm of Buenos Aires and Santiago!

TRIP FOR TWO INCLUDES

- All private transfers from airports to destinations during the entirety of the trip to ensure consistent comfort
- All internal flights between destination cities

IN BUENOS AIRES:

- 2-night stay at the **Alvear Palace Hotel** where you'll delight in the fresh flowers and fruit delivered to your room each day as well as dinner and fine Argentine wine at **La Bourgogne Restaurant**
- Private half-day **Buenos Aires Highlights City Tour** followed by dinner and tango show at **Esquina Carlos Gardel**

IN MENDOZA:

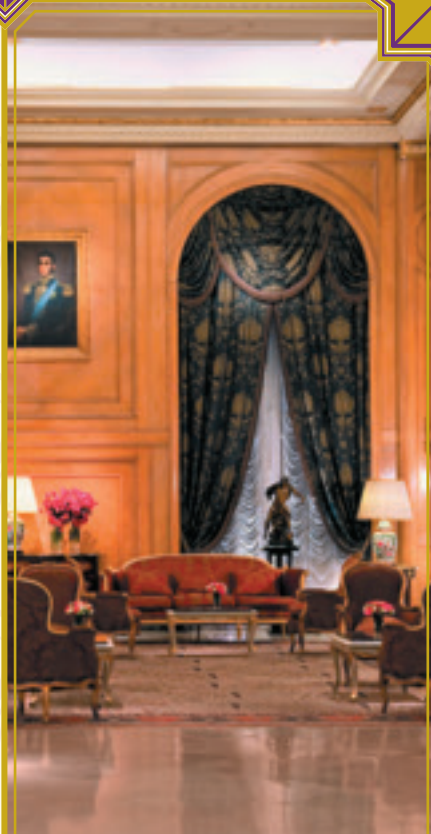
- 3 night stay at **The Vines Resort & Spa** in Mendoza, including breakfast each morning as well as personalized concierge service
- Tour and wine tasting at **The Vines Winery**
- Private **Uco Valley Wine Tour**, visiting **Salentein Winery**, **Killka Art Collection**, and **Andeluna Cellar**
- Lunch at **Andeluna Restaurant**
- Tour and premium wine tasting at **O'Fournier Winery**

IN SANTIAGO:

- 2-night stay at **The Singular Santiago** in the heart of Santiago's arts and culture district, including breakfast
- Private guided **Santiago Highlights City Tour** and **Archaeological Museum** tour

Note: Expires February 1, 2016. Subject to availability in each destination. Not valid for Easter, Christmas, New Year or any other national holiday. The Vines Resort & Spa not valid from February 25 - April 8, 2015 and December 20, 2015 - January 5, 2016. The Singular Santiago not available March, April, October, and November 2015.

TIME TO PACK YOUR BAGS FOR THIS REMARKABLE TRIP TO EMBRACE THE NATURAL SPLENDOR AND LUXURY ARGENTINA AND CHILE HAVE TO OFFER!



LOT 68

AUCTION NAPA VALLEY 2015 VIP PACKAGE FOR TWO

4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

June 4-7, 2015

Generously contributed by Auction
Napa Valley

ESTIMATED VALUE \$15,000

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It's ok — you've caught the Wine Auction bug! Now is your chance to experience one of the most spectacular multi-day auctions in the entire world from the cat-bird seat... as personal guests of the Opus One Team, at Auction Napa Valley 2015.

TRIP FOR TWO INCLUDES

- Invitation to the Top Bidders' Dinner at the home of Auction Napa Valley 2015 chair
- 4-day VIP passport to all events of Auction Napa Valley 2015
- Don't miss the Barrel Auction where you'll sample local vintner's wine straight from the barrel and join in the bidding to win a case of these one-of-a kind wines
- Vintner Dinner where you'll join master vintners in their homes and wineries. You'll receive VIP priority to select the Vintner Dinner of your choice
- For the Live Auction, you will have the best seat in the house at your host's table
- 3-night stay for 2 guests at the esteemed **Meadowood Resort** in St. Helena

Note: Auction Napa Valley is June 4-7, 2015. Airfare not included.

**LOOKS LIKE YOUR SUMMER GETAWAY HAS
BEEN PLANNED FOR YOU. YOU'RE WELCOME.**





KISTLER VINEYARDS GOES TO ASPEN



Aspectacular Aspen home is the perfect setting for a memorable wine pairing dinner featuring the exquisite cuisine of The Little Nell and the outstanding wines of Kistler Vineyards.

DINNER FOR TWELVE INCLUDES

- Menu created and prepared by **Executive Chef Bryan Moscatello** of **The Little Nell**, Aspen's five star, five diamond luxury property
- A full suite of outstanding and highly-coveted **Pinot Noir** and **Chardonnay** directly from the Kistler Wines Library to accompany the dinner. Master of Wine Geoff Labitzke will attend and offer wine service
- To whet your palate, take home an elegant magnum from Kistler Vineyards tonight, **Kistler Trenton Roadhouse Chardonnay 2011**. This chardonnay will only make you happier you bought this lot!

Note: Due to scheduling constraints of all parties, the dinner must take place on June 22, 23, 24 or 25, 2015.

LOT 69



KISTLER VINEYARDS WINE DINNER FOR 12 WITH LITTLE NELL EXECUTIVE CHEF BRYAN MOSCATELLO IN A SPECTACULAR PRIVATE HOME IN ASPEN, COLORADO

June 22, 23, 24, or 25, 2015

Wine to take home tonight:

Kistler Trenton Roadhouse Chardonnay 2011
(1 magnum)

Generously contributed by an Anonymous Donor and Kistler Vineyards

ESTIMATED VALUE \$10,000

LOT 70

TRIP FOR TWO TO IRELAND AND LONDON

6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS

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IRISH DELIGHTS AND LONDON NIGHTS

London is calling and Ireland echoes its warm invitation! Set foot into the idyllic countryside of Ireland with a glorious stay at Ballyfin, long admired as the most lavish Regency mansion in the country. After you finish delighting in your private scenic retreat, indulge in the timeless luxury of a stay at Claridge's in London, followed by a whirlwind tour of the finest art and culture the city has to offer.

TRIP FOR TWO INCLUDES

- 3-night stay at **Ballyfin**, Ireland's 5-star luxury country mansion renovated by Women's Board member Kay Krehbiel and Board of Directors member Fred Krehbiel
- 2-night stay in a deluxe king bedroom at **Claridge's**, one of London's most iconic five-star luxury hotels; English breakfast included both mornings
- Private viewing of the **Tate Britain's J.M.W. Turner Collection** where no glass will stand between you and this special collection of watercolors, drawings, and more, ranging in date from 1802-1850; tea in the **private Members' Room** will follow
- Visit to the personal studio of London-based multidisciplinary artist and 2010-2013 Chicago British Consul General **Teresa Albor**, also known for her "100 Paintings in 24 Hours" performance piece
- Private tour of the **Crown Jewels** situated in the **Tower of London** as well as a '**Secrets Tour**' with an iconic **Yeoman Warder of the Tower**, including places that are not open to the public
- Private tour of the **Cabinet War Rooms** and the **Churchill Museum**

Note: Subject to availability and excluding June and July.

OFF YOU GO! CHEERIO!



LOT 71

DINNER FOR SIX AT
SIXTEEN WITH
DOM PÉRIGNON AND
A ROLLS-ROYCE

Dom Pérignon P2 Vintage 1998

Dom Pérignon Rosé Vintage 2003

Dom Pérignon Vintage 2004

Generously contributed by
Sixteen, Dom Pérignon and
Perillo Gold Coast

ESTIMATED VALUE \$7,200

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE ROYAL TREATMENT DURING THIS NIGHT OUT IN CHICAGO!

Featuring the modern American cuisine of Executive Chef Thomas Lents, **Sixteen** is located on the 16th floor of the luxurious Trump International Hotel & Tower Chicago. Prepare for an exceptional evening at the two-star Michelin restaurant, whose private dining room resembles a jewel box — with resplendent vistas of Lake Michigan, the Chicago River and the Wrigley Clock Tower from 30-foot floor to ceiling windows. You and five guests will be treated to a 9-course meal personally prepared by Chef Lents, the guest chef of the gourmet auction dinner for Wine Auction 2015. Nothing but the best will do on this special evening, which is precisely why your meal will be expertly paired with Champagne from **Dom Pérignon**. Former Honored Guest Richard Geoffrey selected these amazing and exclusive wines! Punctuating the VIP treatment from start to finish, kick back in your **chauffeured Rolls-Royce** for the evening. Just look out for the paparazzi!

Note: Dinner cannot take place on a Friday or Saturday night.



LEGEND HAS IT THAT A CERTAIN SOMEONE'S FUTURE HUSBAND FILLED A BATHTUB WITH ICE AND DOM PÉRIGNON ON HER WEDDING DAY.

1996 is highly regarded as one of the finest and greatest vintages ever for Champagne. **Dom Pérignon Oenothèque** is only created under extremely special circumstances, and it protects that star status with astronomically exacting requirements for the crafting of this wine. **The 1996 Oenothèque has been rated 99 points, and stands proudly at the top of the celebrated wines of that vintage.**

There is a certain timeless elegance about celebrating with **Dom Pérignon**, and **2002 expresses this magnificence brilliantly.** Minerality essence, citrus, tropical fruit, floral, honeysuckle and toast aromas prepare you for the complex, concentrated, sweet yellow fruit and stone filled palate. Creamy, but not flashy. It's a perfectly poignant moment in every buoyant glass.

That same someone says these are her favorites wines—we believe her!

LOT 72

Dom Pérignon Oenothèque 1996

(6 bottles in original wooden case)

Dom Pérignon Brut Champagne 2002

(6 bottles, each signed by Richard Geoffrey)

ÉPERNAY

12 bottles

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Susan and Nicholas Noyes and
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ESTIMATED VALUE \$3,200



THESE THREE LOTS ARE
OFFERED IN CELEBRATION AND MEMORY
OF WOMEN'S BOARD MEMBER

DEBBY
JANNOTTA

by her
FAMILY AND FRIENDS

LOT 73

Château Pavie 2003

(12 bottles in original wooden case)

Château Léoville-Las-Cases 2010

(12 bottles in original wooden case)

SAINT-ÉMILION, SAINT-JULIEN,
BORDEAUX

24 bottles in 2 original wooden cases

“WHO WOULD SAY NO TO THIS?”

— DEBBY JANNOTTA

These bottles of **Château Pavie 2003** are a deep crimson color which borders on black. The nose reflects the hot vintage, with a very concentrated bouquet of blackberry, juicy cherries, jam, and a touch of understated toasty aromas that frame the ripe fruit. It's a powerful and rich beauty, with a suave texture with a certain overripe quality giving an impression of sweetness in an otherwise dry wine. Parker found it to be youthful and rich with terrific purity and texture as well as a striking opulence, hence the **almost perfect score of 99 points**. The lively acidity also adds to the depth while excellent, firm tannins underpin the concentration and richness. This Pavie will benefit greatly from decanting ahead of time to allow it to unveil its many charms.

One of the oldest Médoc wine estates, Château Léoville-Las-Cases's *terroir* has been at the heart of their exquisite wines since the 17th century. A wine prepared for serious aging, the **2010 Château Léoville-Las-Cases is a full-bodied classic Bordeaux**.

Opaque purple in color, this big, concentrated, thick wine is stuffed with ripe cassis and fresh blackberries. Powerful, tannic, ripe, fresh and dense, this masculine wine requires serious cellar time to become civilized. **If its 100-point ranking from *Wine Enthusiast* is any indication, the cellar time will be worth it.**

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Edgar D. Jannotta and Katie and
John Palmer in memory of
Debby Jannotta

ESTIMATED VALUE \$8,500

LOT 74

Château Margaux 1995

(1 bottle)

Château d'Yquem 2001

(1 bottle)

Hundred Acre Kayli Morgan 2002

(1 bottle)

Joseph Phelps Insignia 2002

(1 bottle)

Quilceda Creek 2005

(1 bottle)

Colgin IX Proprietary Red 2006

(1 bottle)

**Kapcsándy Family Winery State
Lane Vineyard Grand Vin
Cabernet Sauvignon 2007**

(1 magnum)

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou 2009

(1 bottle)

MARGAUX, SAINT-JULIEN,
SAUTERNES, BORDEAUX

NAPA VALLEY

COLUMBIA VALLEY
7 bottles and 1 magnum

*Generously contributed by
Geoffrey Luce in honor of
Debby Jannotta*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$4,800

HOW RARE TO FIND A GROUPING OF THESE ILLUSTRIOUS PERFECT 100-POINT WINES.

From the fantastic structure of the highly regarded, rich and opulent **1995 Château Margaux** to the elegant and floral Saint-Julien stunner **Ducru-Beaucaillou**, these are wines that will dazzle your palate. Save the spectacular sweet **Château D'Yquem** for just the right foie gras dish or as dessert on its own, and take note of the lovely honeyed hints of candied apricots in this late-harvest Sauterne wine.

The history and success story of the **Kapcsandy** family along and their rise to 100-point wines is yet another big draw for this group. The **Colgin IX**, a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, is distinguished by complex fruit. The blend has extraordinary intensity and a purity of flavor along with a remarkably long finish. From the eastern hillsides of northern Napa Valley the highly-acclaimed **Hundred Acre** has astonishing texture, a full-body and extraordinary richness. It brings opulence to this group. This **Insignia**, *Wine Spectator's* #1 Wine of the Year in 2005, boasts an amazing Bordeaux blend of grapes primarily from estate-owned vineyards in Stag's Leap and Rutherford. Last but clearly not least, the **Quilceda Creek** puts Washington Cabernet on the map and this 2005 was an outstanding vintage. There's only 3% Merlot in this beauty, which is aged for 22 months in new French oak. Perfumed with violets, truffles and black cherries. It rounds off this heavenly lot—may the best bidder float away with this bounty.

THERE'S NO BETTER OPPORTUNITY TO TASTE THROUGH THESE TOP WINES OF NOTABLE VINTAGES.



OUTSTANDING WINES FOR AN OUTSTANDING WOMAN.

This is one of the best wines of its vintage. **Margaux 2011** boasts enticing aromas of plum, cassis, dark cherries and minerals with silky flavors of sweet spices, herbs, smoke and black currant. The wine is firmly built and very pure with smooth, ripe tannins and outstanding length. This vintage blends 86% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Merlot, along with equal parts Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc, giving the wine its deep ruby color. For the finale, the wine finishes long and smooth, lingering as one would hope. Still an infant in age, drinking it now will delight both old- and new-world wine fans, as will laying it down some 20-40 years.

Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande has an exceptional personality compared with the other crus of the Pauillac appellation. Complexity, elegance and longevity are the hallmarks of this estate, and those characteristics are found in every single vintage. Remember our earlier reference to it as a Grande Dame? The very grand **2003 Lalande** is big and dense, displaying a beautiful combination of wood, acidity, tannin, and alcohol. Enjoy now or cellar for 20 years to come.

LOT 75

Château Margaux 2011

(12 bottles in original wooden case)

Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande 2003

(12 bottles in original wooden case)

MARGAUX, PAUILLAC, BORDEAUX

24 bottles in 2 original wooden cases

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Katie and John Palmer and
Edgar D. Jannotta in memory
of Debby Jannotta*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$8,500

LOT 76

Château Lafite Rothschild 1989

(2 bottles)

Château Lafite Rothschild 2000

(1 bottle)

PAUILLAC, BORDEAUX

3 bottles

*Generously contributed by
Mr. and Mrs. Todd D. Mitchell*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$3,800

AN EXTRAORDINARY PAIRING.

Pairing these two vintages is extraordinary, being that they were both excellent years for the world-class Lafite Rothschild to fully express itself. The blend in 2000 was 93% Cabernet Sauvignon and 7% Merlot, creating both extreme power and delicacy on the palate with waves of black currant, mulberry, caramel and violets. The tannic structure is firm and the finish elegantly lengthy. Robert Parker felt the wine had extraordinary aromatic expression of liquid minerals/stones in the mouth, yet was remarkably light on its feet. He awarded the **2000 Lafite 100 points**. The '89, bursting with dark deep ruby color and more of a forward approach, has a tad more alcohol revealing the warmer vintage. It's rich in deep fruit, considerable elegance and has a sweet tannic finish.

Another pairing we like? Grand opera and fine wine.





THIS HONORED GUEST COLLECTION IS THE GRANDEST LOT OF ALL WITH TOP WINES OF THE WORLD FROM THE GREATEST REGIONS KNOWN TO MAN. EACH OF THESE WINES REPRESENT LYRIC OPERA'S HONORED GUESTS OVER THE YEARS.

Saint-Julien's **Château Gruaud Larose** is offered to commemorate the debut of the Lyric Wine Auction in that year. **1988** is a powerful red, with wonderful fruit concentration. With the **1986**, look for tremendous structure that will benefit from an hour or two of decanting, but seems to be quite near immortal. The **1962** brings a luscious, satin finish. All of these bottles are a testament to a fine Bordeaux's ability to age.

Robert Mondavi was himself here in **1988**, and this imperial of his wine from that vintage fittingly celebrates that time. Savor the more wines of Bordeaux, too. Included is a full case of Jean-Michel Cazes outstanding **Lynch-Bages 2000**. May-Eliane de Lencquesaing shines with the epic **1995 Pichon Lalande**, and Prince Robert of Luxembourg is remembered by the **1994 Haut Brion** which is an unmistakably spicy, full-bodied, powerful wine with extraordinary balance. It's a pure wine with a notably fine integration of new oak, acidity, and tannin.

Mind-blowingly beautiful Champagne is here, too. **Cristal** and **Dom Pérignon Rosé**. Both are meant for special celebrations. Remember our good friend from Burgundy's Louis Jadot? Savor Pierre Henry Gagey's **Chapelle Chambertin 2008**. Finish—or begin!—with **1983 Château d'Yquem**.

Note: One Château d'Yquem bottle is top shoulder level and the Mondavi imperial is base neck level.

Truly, a grand lot in support of grand opera.

LOT 77

HONORED GUEST COLLECTION

Château Gruaud Larose 1962

(1 bottle)

Château d'Yquem 1983

(3 bottles)

Château Gruaud Larose 1986

(2 bottles)

Dom Pérignon Moët & Chandon

Rosé 1988 (1 bottle)

Château Gruaud Larose 1988

(1 bottle)

Robert Mondavi Reserve 1988

(1 imperial)

Château Haut-Brion 1994 (1 bottle)

Château Pichon Longueville

Comtesse de Lalande 1995

(3 bottles)

Château Lynch-Bages 2000 (12 bottles)

Louis Roederer Cristal 2006 (1 bottle)

Marchesi Antinori Tignanello 2007

(5 bottles)

Louis Jadot Chapelle-Chambertin

2008 (6 magnums)

PAUILLAC, PESSAC-LÉOGNAN
SAUTERNES, AND SAINT-JULIEN
BORDEAUX

CÔTE DE NUITS, BURGUNDY

TUSCANY, ITALY

NAPA VALLEY

30 bottles, 6 magnums and 1 imperial

*Generously contributed by
Mr. and Mrs. James L. Sandner*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$11,000

LOT 78

LEGENDARY COLLECTOR
JOHN H. BRYAN OFFERS
WINE OF UNPARALLELED
PROVENANCE

Château Haut-Brion 1982

Château Lafite Rothschild 1982

Château Latour 1982

Château Margaux 1982

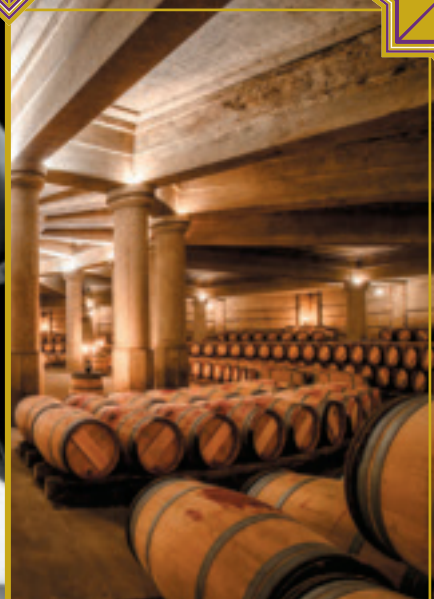
Château Mouton Rothschild 1982

MÉDOC AND GRAVES,
BORDEAUX

5 bottles, one of each

*Generously contributed by
Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bryan*

ESTIMATED VALUE \$10,000



1982 MEANT FOR YOU.

Want to be taken seriously as a wine collector? Well, you best not miss this opportunity to acquire this astounding horizontal. Some have been lucky enough to try one of these in a lifetime, but having the full five in your collection? Well, shut the cellar door!

1982 was the first true vintage of the modern age, ushering in a new style of Bordeaux wine, in no small part influenced by the masterful cabernet production in Napa Valley in the late 60s and 70s. The charmed year opened with a gentle winter moved into a stormy summer then finished with a dry, hot autumn. **Three of these beauties—the Lafite Rothschild, the Latour and the Mouton Rothschild—have all earned the illustrious “100” from Robert Parker while the Haut-Brion and the Margaux were just 1 point away from perfect. Wow.**

Note: Latour is base neck level. Lafite Rothschild has a damp stained label. Mouton Rothschild is base neck level with a scuffed label.

LOT 79

Château Gruaud Larose 1988

(12 bottles)

Château Latour 1988

(12 bottles in original wooden case)

PAUILLAC AND SAINT-JULIEN,
BORDEAUX

24 bottles, one original wooden case

OUR FINAL LOT OF THE EVENING TAKES US BACK TO THE BEGINNING.

1988. The year that *Phantom of the Opera* opened on Broadway, the year the Chicago Cubs got permission to install lights and play a few night games, and the year of the inaugural Lyric Opera Wine Auction. We've come a long way, baby!

1988 Latour is classified as First Growth, and this vintage is first rate. It shows off its bouquet of plums, black currants, cedar, and underbrush with gusto then follows that with a sweet entry, a full body, excellent ripeness, and mature integrated tannin. This truly is a classic, elegant Latour which will please even the most discriminating palate, with more meaty, vegetable-like flavors than are found in a riper year.

1988 Gruaud Larose is another elite powerful red, with wonderful fruit concentration. It presents classic Saint-Julien notes of black currant, cedar, lead pencil and superb concentration and length. The top-notch Château Gruaud Larose ensures quality and a wine that will not disappoint.

Note: One base neck and one top shoulder level Château Gruaud Larose bottles.

Phantom went on to more than 4,000 performances. The Cubs are renovating Wrigley for a reinvigorated team! And the Women's Board's Lyric Opera Wine Auction? Well, mark this 11th one down in the record books. Thank you so much for your support!

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ESTIMATED VALUE \$8,500

