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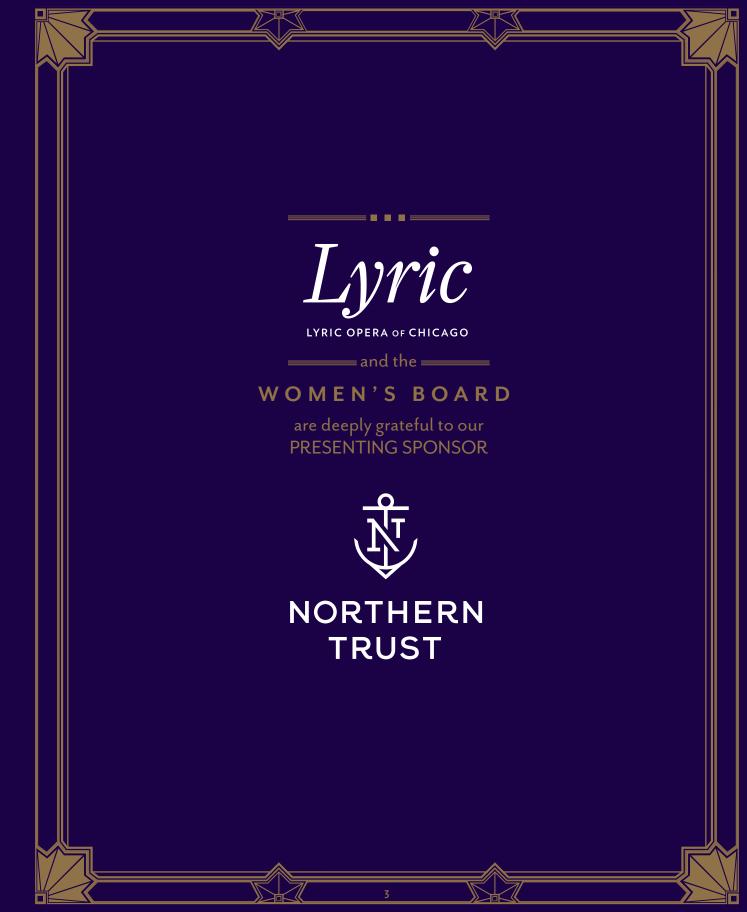
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The Wine Auction is a night unlike any other at Lyric Opera of Chicago. It is a feast for the senses—a sublime celebration of some of life's finest joys. Most important, however, the Wine Auction makes it possible for Lyric to present world-class opera performances, as well as a multifaceted program of education, community engagement, and artistic initiatives. Wine Auction 2018 is particularly special as we celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of this remarkable event, which has raised more than \$9 million in support of Lyric since 1988.

I would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Presenting Sponsor Northern Trust, Catalogue Sponsor Liz Stiffel, Live Auction Sponsor Patrick G. and Shirley Welsh Ryan, Reception Sponsor Karen Z. Gray-Krehbiel and John H. Krehbiel, Jr., an Anonymous Dinner Sponsor, and an Anonymous Dinner Wine Sponsor, in addition to our many generous Founder's Society and Founder's Circle Sponsors. The success of Wine Auction 2018 simply would not be possible without your astounding support, and I speak on behalf of everyone here tonight when I thank you for your generosity.

The tradition of Lyric's Wine Auction is the result of a steadfast commitment from the Women's Board. To Women's Board President and Wine Auction Co-Chair Nancy Searle, I extend my sincere thanks for all that you and the Women's Board do for this company. It is often said that the Women's Board is the heart and soul of Lyric, and that sentiment perhaps never rings truer than during the Wine Auction. I am grateful to both Wine Auction 2018 Co-Chairs Keith Goldstein and Nancy Searle for their incredible leadership and dedication, which ultimately bring this historic event to life. Thank you as well to the entire Wine Auction Committee for the many endeavors they have undertaken. Your level of elegance and attention to detail are what make this entire weekend so special for Lyric.

We are thrilled to celebrate our esteemed Honored Guest, Château Margaux. The Mentzelopoulos family has gracefully restored the magnificence of Château Margaux through an unwavering commitment to excellence. We at Lyric share this passion for excellence, and we could not think of a more fitting Honored Guest for this special thirtieth anniversary.

Finally, to tonight's Honoree, Shirley Welsh Ryan, a woman whose life work embodies excellence, the words *thank you* simply do not cover the enormous gratitude we at Lyric have for you, Pat, and your family, as the gifts you have given us are immeasurable. Through your vision, generosity, passion, and commitment, you breathe life into this company, and I know the entire Lyric family joins me in honoring you on this very special thirtieth anniversary of the Wine Auction. Brava and thank you.

Wine Auction 2018 is certain to be an evening of operatic proportions. Prime your paddle for a bidding journey comprised of some of the world's most spectacular rare wines and luxury experiences. Treat yourself or gift a loved one—either way, know that you are simultaneously providing critical support to Lyric Opera of Chicago through your bid. Competition is fierce in the opera world, and we invite you to fully immerse yourself in the rivalry and the revelry of this thirtieth anniversary Auction. I thank you all in advance for your support of Lyric Opera of Chicago.

Sincerely yours,

Anthony Freud General Director, President & CEO The Women's Board Endowed Chair

LYRIC OPERA OF CHICAGO

Founded in 1954 as "The Lyric Theatre of Chicago," the company continuously endeavors to be *the* great North American opera company for the twenty-first century, uniquely placed to provide an indispensable cultural service to the city of Chicago and the nation.

MAINSTAGE OPERA

For generations, Lyric has brought worldrenowned artists of exceptional quality to the stage for thrilling and engaging performances. Each season, Lyric strives to offer a diverse and wide-ranging repertoire of core classics, lesser-known masterpieces, and new works. The 2015/16 season brought the world premiere of *Bel Canto* and the 2016/17 season launched Lyric's new *Ring* cycle with *Das Rheingold*. The 2017/18 season featured the first-ever collaboration with The Joffrey Ballet on Gluck's *Orphée et Eurydice* and continued the *Ring* journey with *Die Walküre*.

BROADWAY AT LYRIC

In the 2012/13 season, Lyric began producing a grand scale, Broadway musical in addition to the mainstage opera season. Lyric is committed to producing musicals at the highest level and with the resources with which they were originally conceived, including full orchestra, chorus, and the highest caliber of creative teams. Broadway productions at Lyric have included *Show Boat*, *Oklahoma!*, *The Sound of Music*, *Carousel*, *The King and I*, *My Fair Lady*, and in 2018 the iconic rock opera Jesus Christ Superstar.

LYRIC UNLIMITED

Lyric Unlimited is a long-term, evolving initiative that encompasses company activities that are outside of Lyric's mainstage opera season. Its mission is to provide a relevant cultural service to communities throughout the Chicago area and to advance the development of opera by exploring how opera as an art form can resonate more powerfully with people of all backgrounds, ethnicities, and interests. It also leads the development of innovative partnerships with a wide range of cultural, community, and educational organizations to create a breadth of programming through which Chicagoans of all ages can connect with Lyric. Annually, more than 100,000 individuals participate in Lyric Unlimited programs.

THE PATRICK G. AND SHIRLEY W. RYAN OPERA CENTER

Founded in 1974 and one of the premier programs of its kind, the Ryan Opera Center offers the finest up-and-coming singers and pianists unparalleled training and experience. Through comprehensive, year-round education and performance opportunities, the program aims to facilitate the participants' transitions from academic training to successful operatic careers. Twelve to fifteen Ensemble members are selected annually from an audition pool of over 400 applicants.

PRESENTATIONS AND EVENTS

Lyric's newest venture features the most accomplished and sought-after artists from various musical genres to perform in the Ardis Krainik Theatre on non-opera dates. During 2017 and 2018 alone, Lyric hosted comedian Hannibal Buress, The James Beard Awards, and indie-rock band The National, among others. Since Lyric owns the Lyric Opera House, this is an additional way to earn revenue to support the opera company.



Raise your paddles high and often, and know that, in doing so, you are bringing great art to life. Like a good wine, Lyric gets better with age. I am thrilled that we are celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of the Wine Auction, an event that allows guests to actively make an investment in Lyric's future while enjoying the thrill of the world's finest wines and once-in-a-lifetime luxury travel and dining experiences. The lineage of this event takes us back to 1988, when the Women's Board had the extraordinary vision to create Lyric's first-ever Wine Auction during Shirley Ryan's Presidency. I would like to begin by congratulating Shirley and the Women's Board on the legacy of excellence they have nurtured through thirty years of commitment to this remarkable event.

My deepest gratitude goes to each and every member of our incredible Women's Board and the Wine Auction Committee, who so generously dedicate themselves to the success of Lyric. Special recognition and thanks go to Wine Auction Co-Chairs Keith Goldstein and Nancy Searle, whose leadership of this project sets the standard for commitment within the Lyric family.

Enduring partnerships allow an event like the Wine Auction to thrive, and we could not be more grateful for the longstanding support of Wine Auction 2018 Presenting Sponsor Northern Trust. In addition, we extend our thanks to Catalogue Sponsor Liz Stiffel, Live Auction Sponsor Patrick G. and Shirley Welsh Ryan, Reception Sponsor Karen Z. Gray-Krehbiel and John H. Krehbiel, Jr., an Anonymous Dinner Sponsor, and an Anonymous Dinner Wine Sponsor. We sincerely thank all the distinguished sponsors who make the Wine Auction possible. They are listed on pages 16, 17, and 26.

The hard work of the Wine Auction planning comes to fruition at the Lyric Opera House on April 14, 2018. Once the Live Auction gavel sounds, the success of this longstanding tradition is put into the hands of the bidders. Raise your paddles high and often, and know that, in doing so, you are bringing great art to life. On behalf of Lyric's Board of Directors, I thank you in advance for investing in Lyric at Wine Auction 2018.

Happy bidding!

David T. Ormesher Chairman of the Board





In her letter as President on the pages of the 1988 Wine Auction catalogue, Shirley Welsh Ryan addressed the Women's Board and described our very first Wine Auction as "part of a tradition of excellence and achievement which goes back to our opera company's early beginnings." Her statement could not have been more accurate. Thirty years later, we celebrate Shirley for her extraordinary vision in overseeing the first auction during her tenure as President of the Women's Board, in addition to her ongoing dedication to Lyric.

Throughout these years, the Wine Auction has become a defining tradition of Lyric's Women's Board. It has grown into the vehicle through which we are able to give to Lyric and to the community on an unprecedented level. At the same time, the Wine Auction has encouraged us to hold on to our roots: we continue to host this event in our cherished Lyric Opera House, and we continue to rely on one another for support and encouragement, just as we did in 1988.

Tonight, it is my pleasure to welcome Château Margaux. Corinne Mentzelopoulos and her daughter, Alexandra Petit-Mentzelopoulos, nurtured the vineyard that Corinne's father revived in 1977, rapidly growing a reputation upon the incomparable Bordeaux wines that all have come to associate with Margaux.

I cannot let you read any further without thanking our contributors, without whom this event would not be possible. Thank you to Presenting Sponsor Northern Trust and Catalogue Sponsor Liz Stiffel for your incredible generosity. Our many sponsors can be found on pages 16, 17 and 26, and our trusted Advisors on page 14; I thank each of you for your great help.

Additionally, I must express my sincerest gratitude to the ladies of the Women's Board, who have generously given their time and efforts securing donations, serving on committees, and lending a hand whenever needed.

Finally, thank you to Keith Goldstein, Wine Auction Co-Chair, for standing with me during this entire process. The event has been made successful due, in large part, to your innovative thinking, attention to detail, and passion for this cause.

Our first auction more than doubled its goal and raised an astonishing \$218,000. (Remember, it was 1988!) Over the past twelve auctions, our Women's Board project has raised over \$9 million for Lyric. Tonight, I look forward to raising the bar once again.

During the planning stages for this auction, I have seen friendships grow, commitments strengthen, and generosity blossom. On behalf of the entire Women's Board, it is a joy to be with you all tonight. I invite you to toast the past and present, and most importantly to invest in Lyric's future!

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Nancy S. Searle President, Women's Board Co-Chair, Wine Auction 2018

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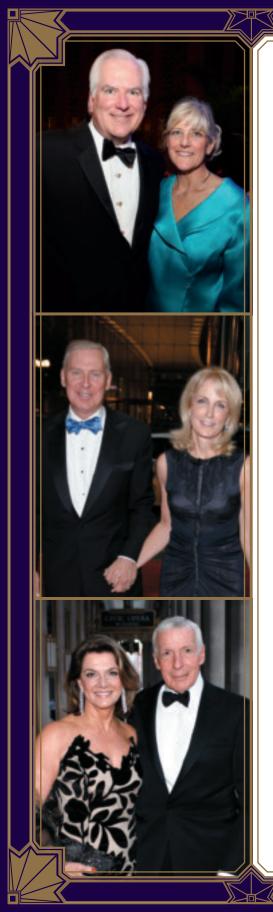
Advisors have played an integral role in the Wine Auction since the event's 1988 inception. The Women's Board extends a special acknowledgement to all of the 2018 Advisors for actively sharing their vast understanding of wine, for strengthening connections within the wine world, and for securing numerous silent and live donations to help us create extraordinary lots.

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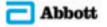
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HONORED GUEST

CHÂTEAU MARGAUX ALEXANDRA PETIT-MENTZELOPOULOS

Lyric Opera of Chicago would like to welcome Wine Auction 2018 Honored Guest, Château Margaux, represented by Alexandra Petit-Mentzelopoulos. As one of just four wines deemed worthy of First Growth status in the Bordeaux Classification of 1855, Château Margaux is rooted in the tradition of excellence. Certainly, no estate is more fitting to celebrate this very special thirtieth anniversary.

It is difficult to summarize the rich history of Château Margaux, but, as we know, great wine and great opera both tell intricate stories—stories of family, love, power, and passion. The estate has been occupied since the twelfth century, when it was known as "La Mothe de Margaux" ("the Margaux mound"), and at that time, actually had no vines.

By the eighteenth century, a visionary estate manager named Berlon revolutionized winemaking techniques by fully realizing the benefits of vinifying red and white grapes separately, and also acknowledging the importance of soil quality throughout the *terroir* of any given estate. The beginnings of modern vinifaction were born. In 1771, wine from Château Margaux became the first claret to be sold at Christie's, and upon visiting Bordeaux in 1787, U.S. President Thomas Jefferson ranked a 1784 Margaux vintage as the finest, writing that "there couldn't be a better Bordeaux wine."

In 1855, Emperor of France Napoleon III hosted the Second Universal Exhibition in Paris, an occasion for him to glorify French products, among which were the prestigious wines of Bordeaux. A blind tasting was organized in Paris, which led to what is now known as the 1855 Bordeaux Classification. Four growths were deemed "Premier Grand Cru Classé," and only Château Margaux was marked twenty out of twenty. This classification still maintains its validity today.

Beginning in 1925, a Bordeaux wine merchant named Fernand Ginestet began purchasing large portions of shares in the estate, and by 1949, the Ginestet family had fully acquired the property. Following the Bordeaux economic crisis of 1973 and three disastrous unsalable vintages of 1972, 1973, and 1974, the Ginestet family was forced to sell the estate. In 1977, enter Corinne Mentzelopoulos's father: André Mentzelopoulos, a pioneer and a visionary. The iconic columns that adorn the château reminded him of his native Greece, and he swiftly purchased the property through Félix Potin, France's best-known grocery chain, of which he was Chairman. At this time, Bordeaux wines were just emerging from a serious economic and qualitative crisis. Investors were not interested in classified growths, and owners could not afford to develop their land. Despite the odds, André Mentzelopoulos invested heavily in the staggering volume of work required to bring Margaux back to glory. Under the careful supervision of renowned oenologist Emile Peynaud, he reintroduced the Pavillon Rouge du Château Margaux by considerably increasing the selection, and he redefined the Pavillon Blanc du Château Margaux. He introduced aging in new barrels, and he planned the construction of the first large underground cellar in the region, a major technical achievement.

Just one year later, the 1978 Château Margaux vintage was recognized as exceptional, proof of the remarkably inspired and efficient work of André Mentzelopoulos, just four years after producing three consecutive unsalable vintages. In this way, André Mentzelopoulos orchestrated the reconstruction of the architectural and viticultural heritage of Château Margaux with the objective of enabling the *terroir* to once again demonstrate its inherently exceptional qualities.

André Mentzelopoulos died in 1980, too early and too soon to enjoy the renaissance of his Château Margaux. No other owner had played such a profound role in such a short time in the history of Château Margaux.

CORINNE MENTZELOPOULOS, OWNER AND CEO

Following the death of her father, Corinne Mentzelopoulos took over the management of Château Margaux in 1980. Surrounded by the celebrated oenologist Emile Peynaud and the team her father had selected, then supervised by Philippe Barré, Corinne set to work, following the momentum started by her father, and now serves as the guiding light for the estate's continued renown.

Corinne Mentzelopoulos has been managing the estate for more than thirty years in a spirit of long-term commitment and excellence. The mother of three children, she was delighted to welcome her daughter Alexandra into the Château Margaux team in autumn of 2012.

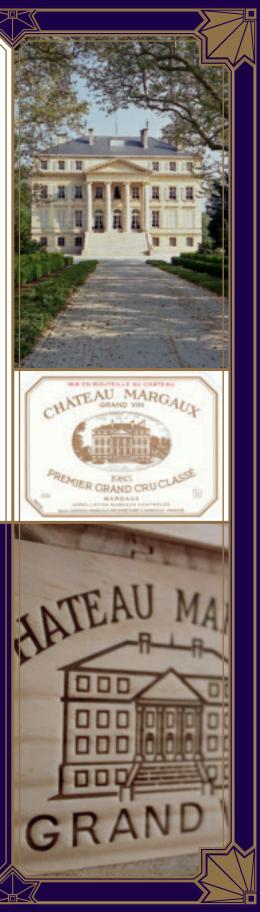
ALEXANDRA PETIT-MENTZELOPOULOS, DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER, COMMUNICATION & IMAGE

Alexandra Petit-Mentzelopoulos obtained a Bachelor's degree at the Paris Management Institute, and two years later a Master's degree in Fine and Decorative Art at Sotheby's Institute of Arts in London. She joined the Château Margaux team in 2012 as the estate's Ambassador to Great Britain, where she introduced the third wine, Margaux du Château Margaux 2009, its first vintage.

In 2016, Alexandra was promoted to Deputy General Manager, Communication & Image. Alexandra is based in London, which has been the true international center for the trade of great wines for centuries.

AUCTION LOTS FEATURING CHÂTEAU MARGAUX

- LOT 2 Château Margaux 1990 (12 bottles)
- LOT 5 Château Margaux 1996 (6 magnums, owc)
- LOT 13 Château Margaux 2003 (1 jeroboam, signed)
- LOT 24 Château Margaux 1986 (2 double magnums)
- LOT 29 Château Margaux 2005 (1 imperial)
- LOT 31 Château Margaux 2015 (3 bottles, owc)
- LOT 31 Tour and dinner for 6 at Château Margaux
- LOT 36 Château Margaux 1986 (1 imperial, owc)
- LOT 43 Pavillon Rouge du Château Margaux 2005
- LOT 45 Château Margaux 2015 (6 bottles, owc)
- LOT 64 Château Margaux 1986 (1 double magnum)
- LOT 158 Château Margaux 1993 (2 bottles)
- LOT 161 Pavillon Blanc du Château Margaux 2004 (12 bottles)
- LOT 162 Pavillon Rouge du Château Margaux 2012 (1 bottle)





Robert Mondavi, Wine Auction Honored Guest in 1988, has said that "wine is passion. It is family and friends. It is warmth of heart and generosity of spirit."

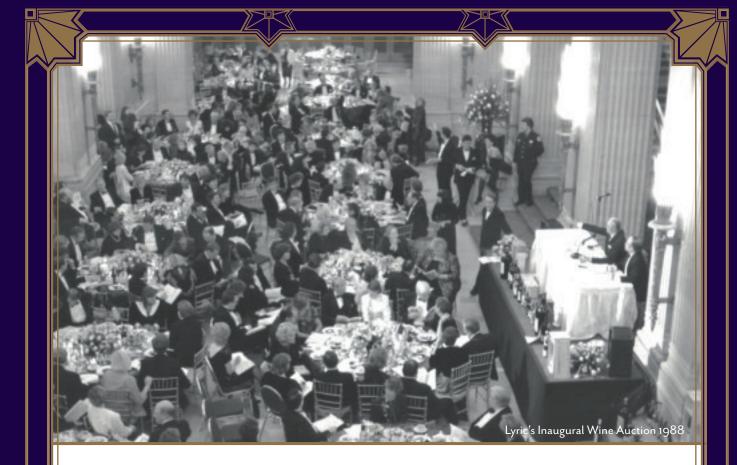
Shirley Welsh Ryan embodies warmth of heart and generosity of spirit in every endeavor she undertakes.

SHIRLEY WELSH RYAN

We honor Shirley Welsh Ryan for her incredible dedication to the Wine Auction since 1988. For the past thirty years, Shirley's vision has served as the guiding light in the production of the Wine Auction. The initial goals still ring true today: to increase financial support for Lyric; to engage members of the Women's Board in working together to form lasting relationships and deepen their connection to the company; to bring global media attention to Lyric's world-class productions; and to create new audiences, donors, and friends for Lyric.

Lyric Wine Auctions have raised more than \$9 million. As Shirley has said, "Being in the black does not happen by accident," and she has helped this company strategically maintain the delicate balance between financial stability and artistic relevance while advancing the art form in meaningful ways. Shirley has served on the Women's Board since 1976 and on the Board of Directors since 1990. One of Shirley's priorities has always been to increase the accessibility of opera to young and diverse audiences through innovation and technology. A Vice President and a member of the Executive, Nominating and Governance, and Innovation Committees of the Board of Directors and a distinguished former President of the Women's Board, Shirley was awarded the 2007 Carol Fox Award, Lyric's most prestigious honor, in recognition of her many years of devoted service to the company.

Since 1966 when they first subscribed to Lyric as newlyweds, Shirley and Pat Ryan have provided generous leadership support of the *Breaking New Ground, Campaign for Excellence,* and *Building on Greatness* capital campaigns, the Great Opera Fund, the Annual Fund, and the 50th and 60th Anniversary Galas,



Opening Night/Opera Balls, Spring Musical Celebrations, and more. For many seasons, they have sponsored Lyric Opera Commentaries, underwriting this special project to honor the memory of their parents. The Ryans are sponsors of the Renée Fleming Initiative, and, Lyric's premier artist development program was renamed The Patrick G. and Shirley W. Ryan Opera Center in 2006 in recognition of their extraordinary gift to the *Campaign for Excellence*. Pat and Shirley serve as Honorary Co-Chairs of the Ryan Opera Center Board.

When the Women's Board created the Wine Auction during Shirley's Women's Board Presidency in 1988, they recognized the commonalities between great opera and fine wine. As 1988 Honorary Chairman and Auctioneer Michael Broadbent said, "Both are ephemeral and appeal to the finer senses which must grasp them as they pass." Surely, we all understand the transient bliss of an aria's last note, an orchestra tuning, a fine Bordeaux touching the lips. Fortunately, the tradition of the Wine Auction does more than celebrate life's pleasures; it takes the celebration of the sublime and turns it into something which tangibly secures the future of opera in the Chicago community, an unwavering goal of Shirley's in her myriad Lyric endeavors.

This year's historic thirtieth anniversary of the Wine Auction is living, breathing proof of what happens when hard work and passion ignite a vision. On April 14, 2018, we pay tribute to Lyric's past, savor its present, and toast its future. Shirley, for this special anniversary, please allow us to shine the spotlight on you and give thanks for the work you have done to better this company we all love so dearly. The Wine Auction is a moveable feast, and we are grateful to have you at the head of the table.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wine Auction premium sponsors are cordially invited to attend a full weekend of special events in celebration of Saturday's auction.

Limited invitations are extended to our Founder's Society and Founder's Circle sponsors.

VINTNER TASTING RECEPTION

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018

6:00 PM

Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Grand Foyer Lyric Opera House

featuring

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Guests are invited to mingle with our featured vintners and taste their wines at the Lyric Opera House before the main event takes place on Saturday.

HONORED GUEST DINNER

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018

7:00 PM

Ballroom The Casino Club

The Women's Board formally welcomes Alexandra Petit-Mentzelopoulos of Château Margaux as Honored Guest of Wine Auction 2018 with an intimate dinner.

WINE AUCTION 2018

SILENT AUCTION AND CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018

5:30 PM

Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Grand Foyer Lyric Opera House

DINNER

7:00 PM

The Ken Pigott Stage Ardis Krainik Theatre

LIVE AUCTION

8:30 PM

<u>Auctioneers</u> Hart Davis Hart Wine Co.

Michael Davis, Vice Chairman Lead Auctioneer

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LEAD AUCTIONEER MICHAEL DAVIS Vice Chairman.

Hart Davis Hart Wine Co.

Michael Davis is the most experienced wine auctioneer in America, and Lyric is thrilled to welcome him back for our thirtieth anniversary Wine Auction as our Lead Auctioneer. He was hired by Christie's New York shortly after he graduated from college, and assisted with the first Christie's wine auctions in America. Along with his colleague Paul Hart, Michael founded Davis & Company in 1993, and the firm quickly became a leading auction house specializing in rare wines. In October 1998, Davis & Company was acquired by Sotheby's, and Michael was appointed Senior Vice President and co-director of the North American Wine Department. In the first year of his term at Sotheby's, wine sales rose 220% on the way to a record-breaking year. Michael and Paul joined up with their old friend John Hart, an internationally prominent rare wine merchant, to form Hart Davis Hart Wine Company in January 2005. The firm is one of the most innovative and trusted sources for rare wine in America.

Michael regularly donates his time and services to various charity auctions across the U.S. and Canada, and he is honored to be involved once again with Lyric's esteemed Wine Auction.



AUCTIONEER BEN FERDINAND

Senior Vice President & Senior Consignment Advisor, Hart Davis Hart Wine Co.

Lyric is excited to welcome Ben Ferdinand to Wine Auction 2018. Ben entered the world of rare and fine wine in 1993 and joined forces with John Hart Fine Wine in 2003. Ben has played a vital role in the successful growth that Hart Davis Hart Wine Co. has achieved since its inception and is currently acting as Senior Vice President and Senior Consignment Advisor. His insights into various facets of the wine market have assisted in cultivating relationships with important collectors around the world. Blessed with boundless energy and a refined palate, Ben is extremely knowledgeable about Bordeaux, having had extensive experience tasting the classics of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Ben also has considerable experience as an auctioneer, having first held the gavel at age 25, making him one of the youngest fine-wine auctioneers of his time. Ben has now overseen more than 150 commercial auctions, and has developed a personable style that has earned him praise as one of the industry's leading fine-wine auctioneers.

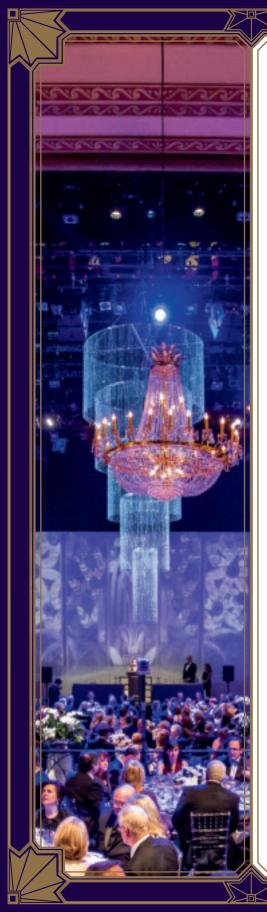
Outside of the auction room, Ben regularly donates his services to a number of charitable events around the United States.

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HONORED GUEST OF WINE AUCTION 1988 MR. AND MRS. ROBERT MONDAVI

Robert Mondavi Winery

The late Robert Mondavi was considered the dean of California winemakers. Since the 1940s, he had been responsible for many aspects of the California wine industry's development. He established the Robert Mondavi Winery, which continues to produce some of California's most acclaimed fine wines, and was also instrumental in such projects as the joint venture with the late Baron Philippe de Rothschild of Château Mouton-Rothschild to produce the famed Opus One. Today, the Mondavi family has expanded operations in California to include exciting new wineries such as RAEN and Continuum, which beautifully honor the legacy of the fine winemaking of Robert Mondavi.

CHAIR: MRS. R. ROBERT FUNDERBURG

We honor the memory of Sally Funderberg and the incredible cachet she established at the first Wine Auction, which still lives on today.



HONORED GUEST OF WINE AUCTION 1990 COMTE ALEXANDRE DE LUR SALUCES

Previously Château d'Yquem, currently Château de Fargues Comte Alexandre de Lur Saluces is a direct descendant of the illustrious Lur Saluces and Sauvage families, who previously owned two of the most important properties in the Sauternes-producing region of France, Château de Fargues and the legendary Château d'Yquem. Château d'Yquem, in a class by itself, is considered one of the finest, rarest, and most exclusive of wines. Today, Château de Fargues is run by Alexandre de Lur Saluces and remains the oldest family-owned estate in the Sauternes appellation. CHAIR: MRS. JANE DUBOISE GARGIULO





HONORED GUEST OF WINE AUCTION 1992 MONSIEUR ET MADAME JEAN-CLAUDE ROUZAUD

House of Champagne Louis Roederer

Monsieur et Madame Rouzaud are descendants of M. Louis Roederer, founder of Champagne Louis Roederer. Rouzaud serves as Chairman and CEO of Roederer, one of Champagne's oldest and most respected family-run houses. Perhaps best known for "Cristal," the exclusive Champagne originally commissioned by Tsar Alexander II for his court, Roederer maintains its preeminence through its extensive, varied vineyard holdings which provide almost all of its grape needs. This makes Roederer almost a "single property" Champagne, and unique in that respect.

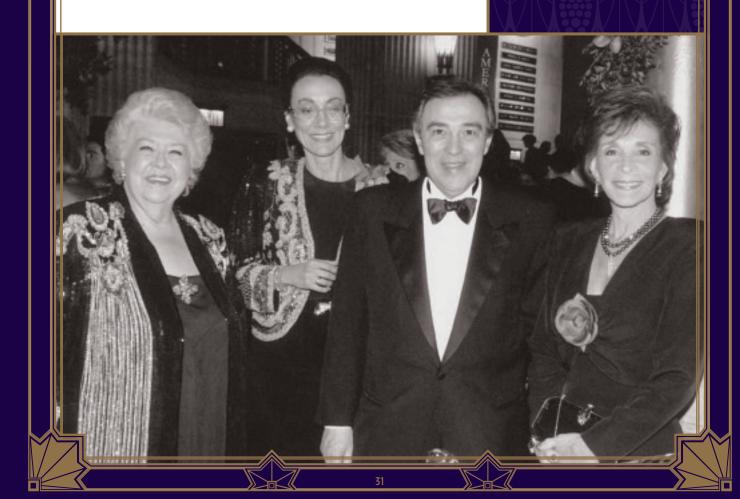
CHAIR: MRS. PAUL W. OLIVER, JR.

HONORED GUEST OF WINE AUCTION 1994 MONSIEUR ET MADAME JEAN-MICHEL CAZES

Château Lynch-Bages

Monsieur et Madame Cazes are part of the Cazes family, owners of Château Lynch-Bages since 1937. Many call Jean-Michel Cazes "Mister Bordeaux," some refer to him as "The Baron of Bordeaux" and he has even been crowned "King Cazes of Bordeaux." As these unofficial titles indicate, Jean-Michel Cazes is esteemed throughout Bordeaux. Under his stewardship, Château Lynch-Bages was named Wine of the Year by Wine Spectator in 1988. Château Lynch-Bages remains a part of the Cazes family, now run by Jean-Michel's son, Jean-Charles.

CO-CHAIRS: MRS. LESTER CROWN, MRS. R. ROBERT FUNDERBURG



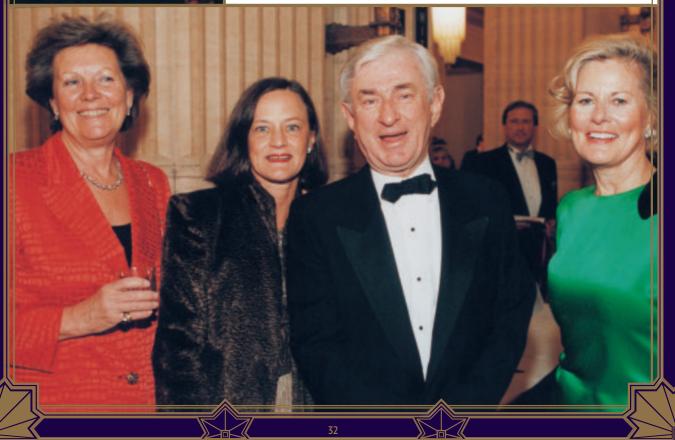


HONORED GUEST OF WINE AUCTION 1997 COUNT AND COUNTESS PAOLO MARZOTTO

Santa Margherita S.p.A.

Count Gaetano Marzotto purchased the Santa Margherita Estate in 1935. His fourth son, Paolo Marzotto, continued his father's vision of experimentation and creativity, elevating Santa Margherita to one of the most highly esteemed wineries in Italy. Using innovative techniques, Santa Margherita drew upon its creative resources to formulate its famous Pinot Grigio, now recognized as a classic among white wines. Three other great vineyards, two in the Tuscan Chianti Classico area and one in Lombardy, are under the capable direction of Count and Countess Marzotto.

CHAIR: NANCY S. SEARLE





HONORED GUESTS OF WINE AUCTION 2000 MADAME MAY-ELIANE DE LENCQUESAING

Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande France

May-Eliane de Lencquesaing became the owner and administrator of Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande in 1978 and oversaw the management of the family domain. Under her leadership, the Château flourished, balancing technology and tradition, yet always respecting the spirit that created and guided the domaine in the past. In 2006, Madame de Lencquesaing and the Château entered a new era as they joined the iconic Louis Roederer.

MS. ZELMA LONG

Long Vineyards California

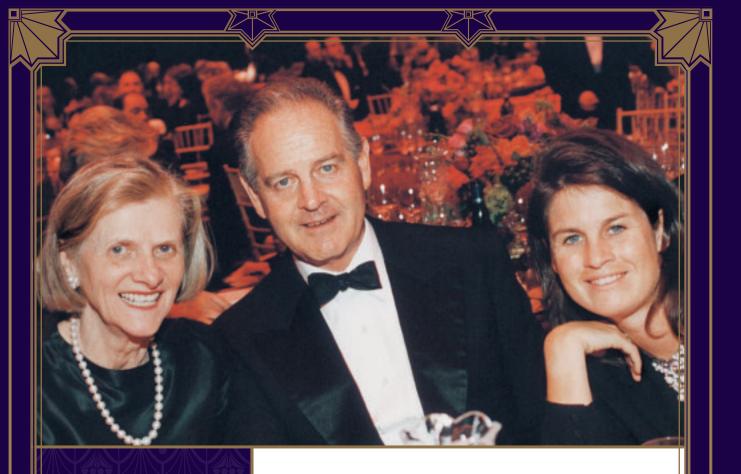
Zelma Long has charted a fresh direction for her winemaking career in the new millennium. In 1977 and 1998, she and her viticulturist husband, Dr. Phillip Freese, initiated two winegrowing joint ventures under the umbrella of Zelphi wines. Today, Ms. Long remains an active voice in the world of wine as winemaking partner at Vilafonté in Stellenbosch, South Africa.

SIGNORA TERESA SEVERINI LUNGAROTTI

Cantine Lungarotti

The Lungarotti Winery has built its reputation on a legacy of "firsts," beginning with the creation of the Lungarotti Winery in 1962. Lungarotti's Torgiano Rosso and Torgiano Bianco wines became the first in Umbria to achieve "denominazione di origine controllata" status and were also one of the first DOCs to be granted in Italy. Today, she manages the family company alongside her sister Chiara.

CHAIR: MRS. JAMES J. O'CONNOR



HONORED GUEST OF WINE AUCTION 2003 MARCHESE PIERO ANTINORI

Marchesi Antinori S.r.l.

Marchese Piero Antinori descends from a winemaking tradition that dates back to 1385. Today the Antinori name encompasses a large variety of estates, mostly concentrated in Tuscany and Umbria. The Marchese is among the visionaries credited with revitalizing Tuscan winemaking, helping to initiate an oenological revolution by coloring outside the regulatory lines set by the Chianti DOC. Sangiovese, the indigenous Tuscan grape, was blended with Cabernet Sauvignon to produce "Tignanello," and thus one of the first "Super Tuscans" was born. His zeal for experimentation has brought international recognition to the Italian wine industry.

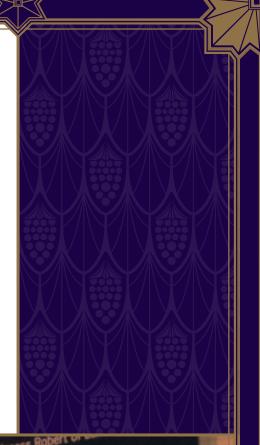
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HONORED GUEST OF WINE AUCTION 2006 PRINCE AND PRINCESS ROBERT OF LUXEMBOURG

Château Haut-Brion and La Mission Haut-Brion

His Royal Highness Prince Robert of Luxembourg and his family own two of the great red wine estates in Bordeaux, Château Haut-Brion and La Mission Haut-Brion. Their two limited-production white wines of Haut-Brion Blanc and Laville Haut-Brion are highly sought out by connoisseurs worldwide. His Royal Highness Prince Robert of Luxembourg is a direct descendent of Henry IV of France. Today, his title at Domaine Clarence Dillon is President and Managing Director. Recently, Domaine Clarence Dillon opened Michelin-starred Le Clarence in Paris.

CHAIR: MRS. CHRISTOPHER C. MILLIKEN







HONORED GUEST OF WINE AUCTION 2009 PIERRE-HENRY GAGEY

Maison Louis Jadot

Founded in 1859 by Louis Henry Denis Jadot, Maison Louis Jadot ranks among the premier producers and *negociants* of the Burgundy wine variety. In 1962 the Jadot family placed operations under the management of André Gagey who became a world-renowned master oenologist credited with a gift for selecting grapes and nurturing young wines. Exposed as a youth to the tradition and culture associated with the vine, Pierre-Henry Gagey joined his father in 1985 as Assistant Managing Director, and ultimately assumed the role of President in 1992 upon his father's retirement.

CO-CHAIRS: MRS. WILLIAM A. OSBORN, NANCY S. SEARLE

HONORED GUEST OF WINE AUCTION 2012 RICHARD GEOFFROY

Dom Pérignon

Richard Geoffroy, the scion of a long line of Côte des Blanc winegrowers, was born in the heart of Champagne country in 1954, in the town of Vertus, set amid the Chardonnay vineyards. Going against what might have seemed to be a predestined career in the world of wine, he took up medicine and received his doctorate in 1982. He then went back to his roots and enrolled in the École Nationale d'OEnologie in Reims. Today, he never wonders why he gave up medicine but why he didn't respond to the call of the vine in the first place. This detour, however, only made the return to the source more rewarding.

CHAIR: MRS. SUSAN B. NOYES





HONORED GUEST OF WINE AUCTION 2015 DAVID LAUNAY

Château Gruaud Larose

David Launay, one of today's leading voices in the promotion of Bordeaux wines, holds a degree in Viticulture and Oenology and has a passion for telling the story behind each unique wine. Château Gruaud Larose boasts the special distinction of being a single, contiguous vineyard whose boundaries have remained unchanged since the eighteenth century. One of the most historic estates in the Left Bank region of the Médoc, Château Gruaud Larose maintains the motto, "The Wine of Kings, The King of Wines."

CHAIR: ERICA L. SANDNER VICE CHAIR: MARILYNN THOMA

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<u>Online</u>

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In Person

Bidding for the Silent Auction will be done using your own mobile device and by paddle for the Live Auction.

Bring your tablet or smartphone for a seamless bidding experience!

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Phone bidding for the Live Auction may be arranged in advance. Bidder registration and certification is required. We welcome your inquiries at 312.827.5682.

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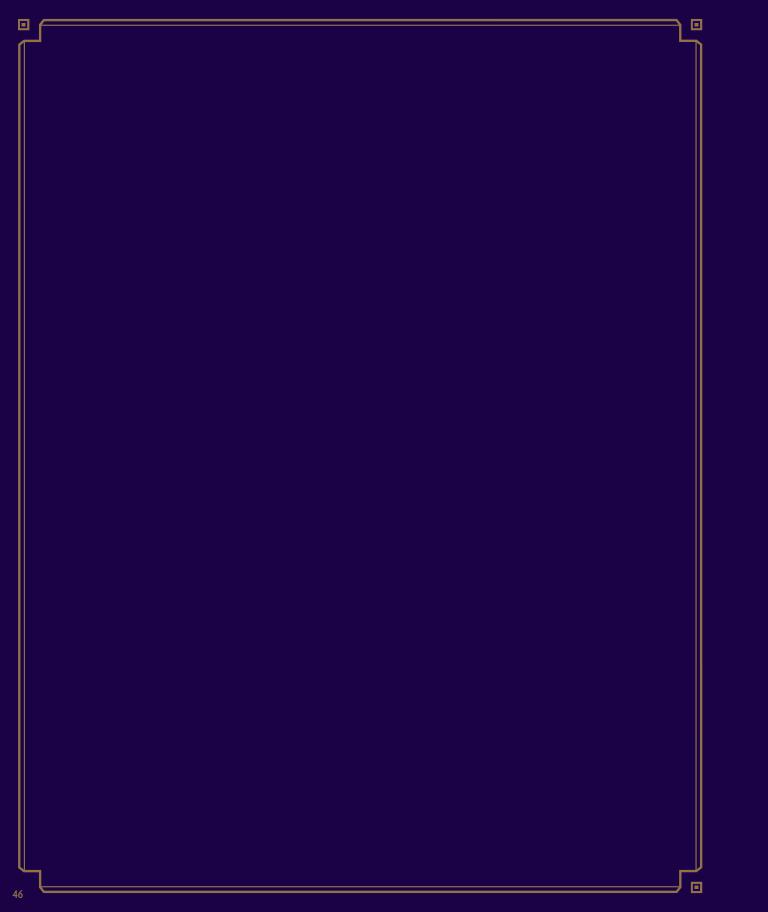
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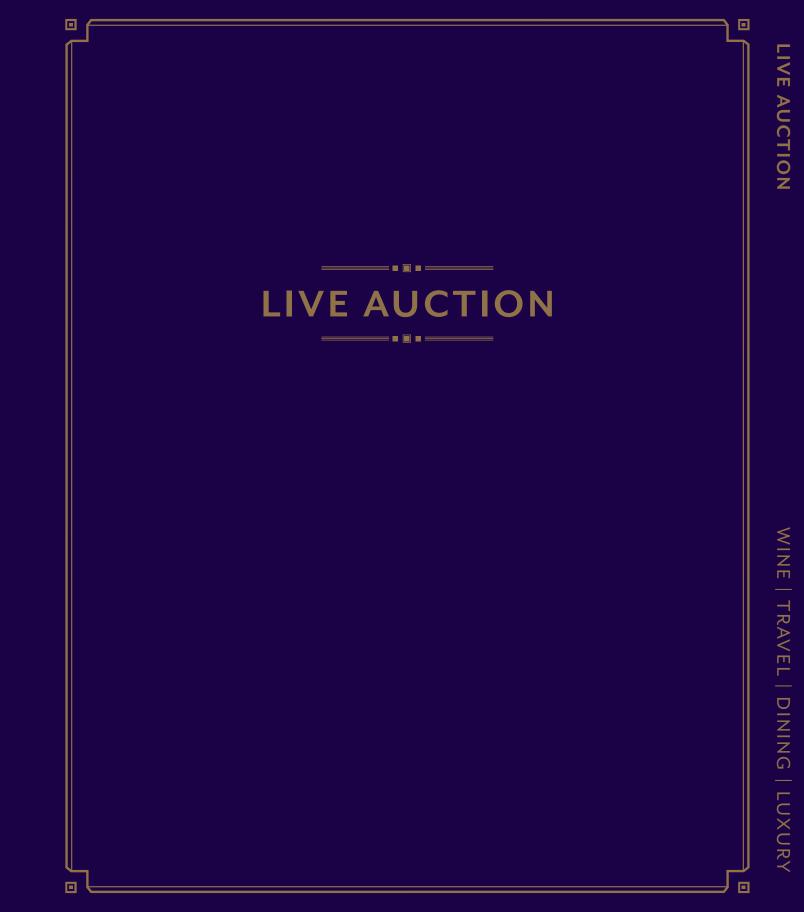
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The Live and Silent Auctions are filled with exciting lots that have been crafted with you in mind.

Thank you in advance for your generous bidding, which directly supports Lyric!





LIVE AUCTION

Dom Pérignon P3 Vintage 1971 (1 bottle)

Dom Pérignon P2 Vintage 1998 (1 bottle)

Dom Pérignon P2 Vintage 1999 (1 bottle)

Dom Pérignon P2 Vintage 2000 (1 bottle)

Dom Pérignon P2 Rosé Vintage 1995 (1 bottle)

Dom Pérignon P2 Rosé Vintage 1996 (1 bottle) CHAMPAGNE



TOAST TO THE AUCTION

Our friends at Dom Pérignon (Former Honored Guest) couldn't be more excited to raise a glass of Champagne in honor of our thirtieth anniversary auction!

You too can toast in style with this selection of five magnificent P2 vintages from Dom Pérignon and one exciting bottle of their 1971 P3 vintage. Born out of a desire to create a new, exciting vintage, the incredible P2 series from Dom Pérignon is the result of over sixteen years of work, and has led to some of their finest Champagne. Experience over forty years of iconic Champagne vintages with these marvelous bottles, ready for drinking!

Generously contributed by **Dom Pérignon**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$5,000



Château Margaux 1990 (12 bottles) MARGAUX, BORDEAUX

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$14,000

A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR WINE AUCTION'S LEADING LADIES

TO HONOR THE LEGACY AND VISION OF **SHIRLEY WELSH RYAN**, WINE AUCTION 2018 CO-CHAIRS **KEITH KILEY GOLDSTEIN** AND **NANCY S. SEARLE** HAVE DONATED A MAGNIFICENT CASE OF OUR HONORED GUESTS' WINE.

The Women's Board is proud to feature women as both the Honoree and Honored Guest at this special thirtieth anniversary auction. Simultaneously celebrate the achievements of Shirley Welsh Ryan, as well as Corinne Mentzelopoulos and Alexandra Petit-Mentzelopoulos of Château Margaux, with this special lot!

This 1990 case of **Château Margaux** comes directly from the famed collection of the late **Aubrey K. McClendon**, who was at one time the world's largest buyer of Classified Growth Bordeaux and arguably one of the most important wine collectors in America.

The 1990 vintage easily surpasses both the 1988 and 1989, and earned a perfect 100-point rating by Robert Parker. Somehow maintaining a low acidity in tandem with full-bodied richness, this wine has aged beautifully and is ready to take center stage in your personal cellar!

Generously contributed by Keith Kiley Goldstein and Nancy S. Searle in honor of Shirley Welsh Ryan



Château Ducru-Beaucaillou 1982 (12 bottles, owc) SAINT-JULIEN, BORDEAUX

BLENDED TO PERFECTION

Beaucaillou, which translates to "beautiful stone," is home to a rich tradition of Bordeaux-blend wines, with Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot grapes coming together to create this iconic wine. Robert Parker notes that the 1982 "exhibits a dense ruby/ plum/garnet color to the rim as well as a sweet perfume of forest floor, spice box, cedar, and copious quantities of black fruits." Its powerful melding of Cabernet and Merlot have propelled the 1982, one of the greatest Bordeaux vintages of the 20th century, into the pantheon of great wine.

Generously contributed by **Mr. and Mrs. John R. Siragusa**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$6,000

TRIP FOR 4 TO BLACKBIRD VINEYARDS WITH A STAY AT HARVEST INN BY CHARLIE PALMER

3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

Wine to be taken home tonight:

Blackbird Vineyards "Illustration" Proprietary Red Wine 2014 (1 double magnum)

Blackbird Vineyards "Contrarian" Proprietary Red Wine 2014 (1 double magnum)

Blackbird Vineyards "Paramour" Proprietary Red Wine 2014 (1 double magnum)

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$10,000

NAPA VALLEY

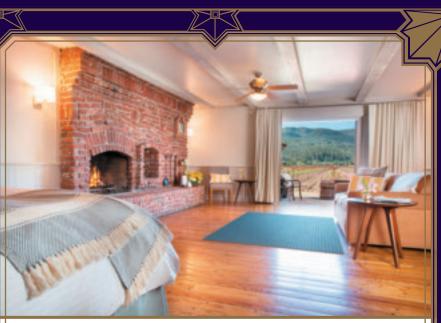
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BLACKBIRD RISING

You are invited to fly away to Blackbird Vineyards! You will stay at the Harvest Inn by Charlie Palmer, an idyllic resort designed to celebrate the vineyard way of life, home to gardens of agricultural botanicals, two secluded swimming pools, and a luxurious spa with indoor and outdoor facilities. Paul Leary, President of Blackbird Vineyards, will host you for dinner at Harvest Table, featuring the menus of Chef Charlie Palmer, highlighting locally sourced ingredients from the Napa Valley area. While enjoying your stay, take part in a special tasting at their RiverHouse location in downtown Napa, as well as a private gallery experience with your group.

The Portfolio Road Show event can take place at your home, a favorite venue, an acclaimed restaurant, or a private club. The choice is yours! A knowledgeable Blackbird representative will be in attendance to pour a customized selection of limited-production wines for your friends, family, and colleagues to enjoy.

To top it all off, you will take home three exquisite double magnums tonight! Each containing a varying blend of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Cabernet Sauvignon, these double magnums of 2014 proprietary red wine speak to the very best that Blackbird has to offer. All three wines were aged for seventeen months in French cooperage. "Illustration" is full-bodied, juicy, and opulent, while "Contrarian" is powerful and concentrated with softness around the edge. On the other hand, "Paramour" contains dazzling fruit intensity, a layered personality, and a long, supple finish.





YOUR TRIP FOR FOUR INCLUDES:

- a two-night stay (two rooms) at Harvest Inn by Charlie Palmer
- a dinner at Harvest Table, hosted by Paul Leary, President of Blackbird Vineyards
- a **Blackbird** portfolio tasting at **RiverHouse**
- a private gallery experience at AERENA Galleries and Gardens-Yountville
- Portfolio Road Show for 20 guests at the location of your choosing

TO BE TAKEN HOME TONIGHT:

 one double magnum each of the 2014 Blackbird Vineyards
 "Illustration," "Contrarian," and "Paramour" Proprietary Red Wines

Notes: Must be 23 years or older. Expires April 15, 2019.

Generously contributed by **Blackbird Vineyards**



Château Margaux 1996 (6 magnums, owc) MARGAUX, BORDEAUX

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$15,000



MARGAUX MAGNUMS EVERYTHING YOU DESIRE

From 1977 to his passing in 1980, André Mentzelopoulos transformed Château Margaux through a restoration of the vineyard and mansion, thereby reinstating the former reputation the Château had been known for in its beginnings. His daughter, Corinne Mentzelopoulos, took on the role of manager of the property throughout the 1980s, eventually becoming the sole shareholder and owner in 2003.

There was no doubt that we needed a spectacular vintage to represent our Honored Guest in the live auction, and here it is! With a perfect 100-point rating from Robert Parker, this **Château Margaux 1996** is "blessed with breathtaking delineation and freshness on the nose, understated at first and then blossoming with mineral-infused black fruit, hints of blueberry, crushed stone, and violet. The palate is perfectly balanced with filigree tannin and perfect acidity—a wine where everything seems to be in its right place." This First Growth truly "offers everything you desire."

Margaux's reputation has not once wavered since the Mentzelopoulos' supervision, and tonight's Lead Auctioneer, Michael Davis, notes that the 1996 is widely recognized as one of the greatest wines under Corinne Mentzelopoulos' reign. With Corinne's daughter, Alexandra Petit-Menzelopoulos, in attendance tonight, we are delighted to offer these six magnums to you!

Generously contributed by **Patrick G. and Shirley Welsh Ryan**



DINNER FOR 8 AT LES NOMADES

Wine to be enjoyed at dinner at Les Nomades:

Château Palmer 1990 (2 bottles) Château Palmer 2005 (2 bottles) Alter Ego de Palmer 2010 (2 bottles) Vin Blanc de Palmer 2015 (2 bottles)

Wine to take home tonight: Château Palmer 2015 (12 bottles) MARGAUX, BORDEAUX

LE DÎNER À LES NOMADES

excited to feature this iconic Chicago restaurant owned by Mary Beth Liccioni, where guests will find themselves treated like family.

YOUR DINNER FOR EIGHT INCLUDES:

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- a memorable six-course dinner for up to eight guests at Les Nomades with a menu crafted by Chef Roland Liccioni, a former James Beard Award "Best Chef of the Midwest"
- the wines of **Château Palmer** poured by Château Palmer's Director Americas, **Jean-Louis Carbonnier**

Experience French cuisine at its absolute best, thanks to the vision of Chef Roland Liccioni and Mary Beth Liccioni. And before you head to dinner, be sure to enjoy a glass (or two) of the **Château Palmer 2015** that you will take home tonight.

Note: This dinner is valid through May 31, 2019, and must be scheduled on a mutually agreeable date generously in advance. The donation does not include gratuity, which must be a minimum of \$350.

Generously contributed by Mary Beth Liccioni, Les Nomades, and Château Palmer

TRIP FOR 4 TO TUSCANY FEATURING A STAY AT CASALE LA FONTE FARMHOUSE

SEPTEMBER 23-30, 2018

Wine to be taken home tonight:

Marchesi Antinori Solaia Toscana IGT 2010 (1 double magnum)

Lungarotti Torgiano Rubesco Riserva Vigna Monticchio 2010 (1 magnum)

TUSCANY, UMBRIA, ITALY

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$30,000

UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN

ourney to the birthplace of the Italian Renaissance, a land known for its artistic legacy, breathtaking landscapes, and rich traditions. Step back in time, but bring all of our modern-day luxuries with you for this "money can't buy" trip! Spend an entire week in a private villa at one of *TIME Magazine's* "100 Best Hotels in the World," ranked prominently at number fifteen. Castello di Casole, a former 10th-century castle turned boutique hotel and estate sprawls over 100 acres of vineyards and olive groves and includes amenities such as a model game reserve and an infinity pool that overlooks the countryside. Nestled in a prime location, Sienna, Florence, and San Gimignano are all less than an hour away.

You and your guests will stay at the three bedroom, three and a half bath, Casale La Fonte farmhouse. This lodging features a heated glasstiled pool and spa, traditional Tuscan fireplaces, and is fully furnished with Tuscan marble, ceramics, and Italian antiques. Your secluded, panoramic views of the hilltowns and walking distance to one of the region's most charming and quaint hilltowns, Mensano, make this stay one that cannot be replicated elsewhere. During your stay, a concierge will be available to help you create the perfect VIP itinerary.

While in Tuscany, enjoy a tour and tasting at Marchesi Antinori's Tiganello Estate and Badia a Passignano cellar. You will finish the experience with a meal at Osteria di Passignano in Chianti Classico. Additionally, tour the cellar at Castello di Monsanto and enjoy at tasting lunch at the winery afterward.

Make the most of your Tuscan trip with a comprehensive "Art of the Treasure Hunt" experience and tour, full of wine tastings and art visits to six wineries in the area. A result of the collaboration between passionate art and wine lovers, this tour brings together a wide range of artworks, from photography to sculpture to film. You will venture to such establishments as Castello di Ama, Castello de Brolio, Fèlsina, Borgo San Felice, Colle Bereto, Castello di Volpaia, and Villa di Geggiano. Producer Luziah Hennessy, wife of Gilles Hennessy and member of the Cognac family, curates the ultimate European art experience just for you.

Prepare for Tuscany with wines from two of our Wine Auction 2000 and 2003 Former Honored Guests, Cantine Lungarotti and Marchesi Antinori S.r.l. Arrivederci, miei amici!





YOUR TRIP FOR FOUR INCLUDES:

- a seven-night stay at **Castello di Casole** in their **Casale La Fonte** farmhouse with concierge service
- a tour and tasting of the **Tignanello Estate** and **Badia a Passignano** cellars, and a lunch or dinner at **Osteria di Passignano** in Chianti Classico
- an "Art of the Treasure Hunt" (Contemporary Artists in Chianti Classico) tour with Luziah Hennessy
- a tasting, lunch, and visit to the Castello di Monsanto vineyards

TO BE TAKEN HOME TONIGHT:

- one double magnum of Marchesi Antinori Solaia Toscana IGT 2010
- one magnum of Lungarotti Torgiano Rubesco Riserva Vigna Monticchio 2010

Notes: While all experiences are for four guests in this lot, Casale La Fonte can sleep up to six guests comfortably. Trip must occur from September 23-30, 2018. Dates are not flexible. Tours and tastings are subject to availability. Airfare and transportation to tastings and tours is not provided.

Villa generously contributed by **Rosy and Jose Luis Prado** Tours and tastings generously contributed by **Marchesi Antinori, Castello di Ama, Castello di Monsanto, Borgo San Felice, Castello de Brolio, Castello di Volpaia, Colle Bereto, Fèlsina, Villa di Geggiano, Luziah Hennessy,** and **Mr. and Mrs. James C. Pritchard**

TRIP FOR 4 TO OJAI VALLEY INN & SPA 4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

Wine to be taken home tonight:

Château Lynch-Bages 2005

(12 bottles, owc)
PAUILLAC, BORDEAUX

THE MAGIC OF OJAI

More than 10,000 years ago, the valley of Ojai was settled by the ancient Chumash tribe. There is a rumor that the valley contains mystical powers, demonstrated today by the "Pink Moment," when the fading sunset creates a brilliant shade of pink for several minutes on top of the Topa Topa bluffs—6,000 feet above sea level!

Be a witness to this magic yourself, as you spend three nights in paradise. Fun and relaxation await you in the valley, where you will be in awe of the majesty of your surroundings and given access to the exclusive Spa Ojai and golf course. Perfectly complementing the luxury of this trip, you can prepare ahead of time by enjoying the Château Lynch-Bages 2005 from the comfort of your own home. Robert Parker recently rated this vintage a 92-point wine, with "loads of crème de cassis, cedar wood, and forest floor notes."

YOUR TRIP FOR FOUR INCLUDES:

- a three-night stay in the Fireplace Shangri-La Guestroom at the Ojai Valley Inn & Spa
- a round of golf on Ojai's premier Southern California championship course, cart included
- two Kuyam treatments and six 50-minute classic treatments per couple at Spa Ojai

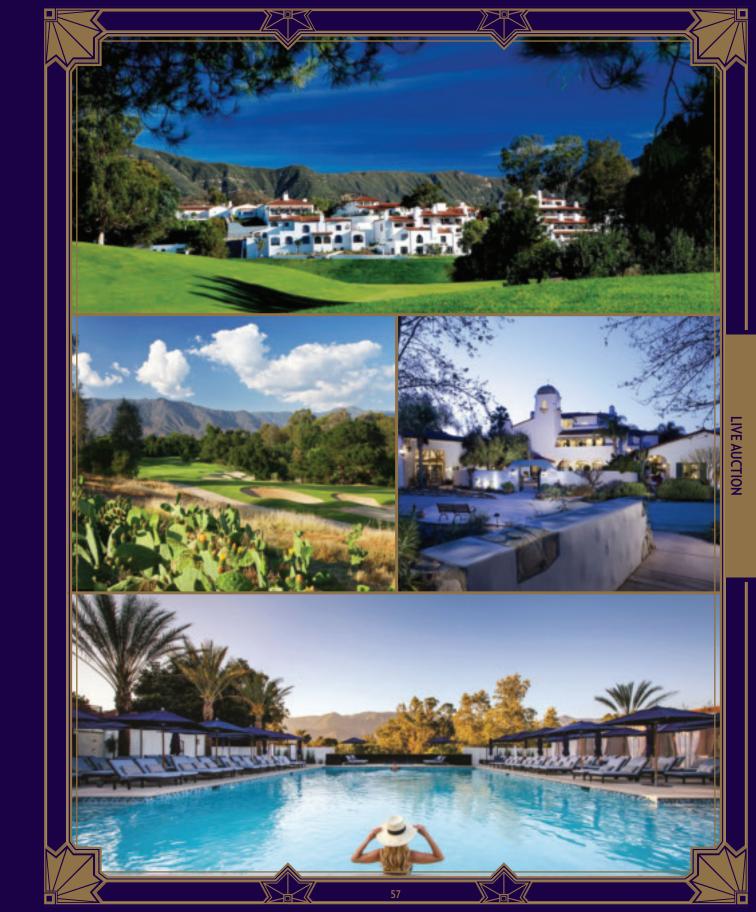
TO BE TAKEN HOME TONIGHT:

a case of Château Lynch-Bages 2005

Note: Expires April 14, 2019. Must be used Sunday through Thursday on a space-available basis. Excludes holidays, holiday weekends, and black-out dates. Airfare not included.

Generously contributed by **The Crown Family**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$9,000



TRIP FOR 4 BY PRIVATE JET TO CABOT LINKS GOLF RESORT IN NOVA SCOTIA

4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$25,000

NOVA SCOTIA JET-AWAY

Cape Breton has been named one of "The World's 10 Best Islands to Visit" by *National Geographic Traveler*. It boasts two acclaimed "World Top 100" courses by *Golf Digest*, Cabot Cliffs and Cabot Links. Aren't you longing to experience this destination yourself?

The game of golf, brought to Inverness Country in the early 1800s by the Highland Scots, has revitalized this beautiful coastal coal town. Owner Mike Keiser helped their descendants create a modern 'miracle in the making' by developing a destination golf resort with two outstanding courses.

Cabot Links is built out of the rugged, picturesque, natural beauty of Nova Scotia's coastline: it is Canada's first and only authentic links golf resort. Located on more than a mile of sandy beach along the coast of Cape Breton, Cabot Links represents a dramatic departure from the typical golf excursion. With six holes playing directly alongside the water and every hole offering a view of the ocean, Cabot Links is where traditional linksland golf comes to life against the spectacular Nova Scotia landscape.

The newest addition, the unforgettable Cabot Cliffs, designed by Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw, made its debut last year as a top twenty course on the *Golf Digest* list.

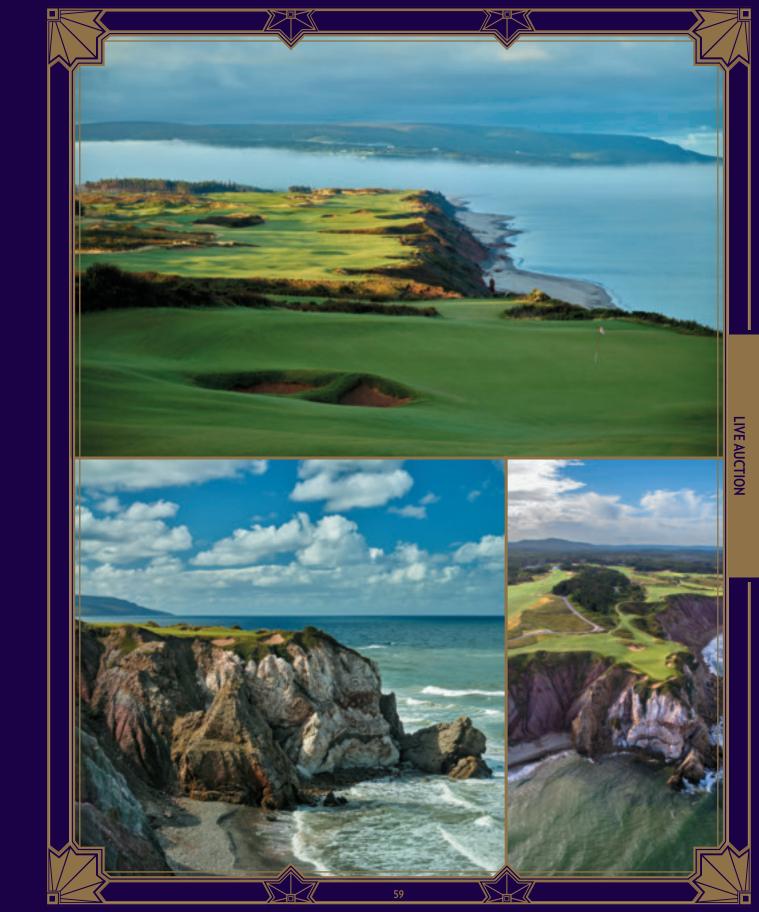
This is sure to be on your "bucket list" of outstanding golf experiences. Don't miss this great chance to travel in style to one of the hottest new golf destinations.

YOUR TRIP FOR FOUR INCLUDES:

- four days and three nights for two couples in deluxe private rooms in the lodge at Cabot Links
- travel with **Mike Keiser on his private jet** from Midway directly to Cape Breton Island
- three rounds of golf on the beautiful Cabot Links or Cabot Cliffs courses

Note: Trip must be scheduled generously in advance on a mutually agreeable date (Tuesday to Thursday) between May and October 2018. A \$1,000 food and beverage allowance is included but does not include gratuity. Expires October 31, 2018.

Generously contributed by Lindy and Mike Keiser





lot **10**

Château Lafite Rothschild 2005 (1 magnum)

Château Haut-Brion 2009 (1 magnum)

SAINT-ÉMILION, PAUILLAC, PESSAC-LEOGNAN, BORDEAUX

A TASTY TRIO OF BORDEAUX MAGNUMS

From its introduction to the region by the Romans during the mid-first century to today, Bordeaux has become the largest wine growing area in France. All over the world wineries aspire to create wines in the style of Bordeaux, but all three vintages in this lot come straight from the source. Cathy and Bill Osborn have chosen three first-rate, magnum-sized bottles for your drinking pleasure!

The **Château Cheval Blanc 2005** holds its own with a perfect rating from Robert Parker. His review can barely contain his excitement: "I don't mean to gush, but it is super-intense, rich, and just so meticulously crafted!" The **Château Lafite Rothschild 2005**, on the other hand, can be better defined as an elegant representation that unfurls over time in the glass. Its payoff comes in the form of a beautifully balanced poise over the intensity of fruit. Finally, the **Château Haut-Brion 2009** packs a punch from its complex blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc—not to mention, the highest alcohol volume ever achieved from the estate (14.3%)! In this magnum, find the aromatics of plums, blueberries, and unsmoked cigar tobacco.

Generously contributed by Cathy and Bill Osborn in honor of Shirley Welsh Ryan

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$5,500

lot 11

Domaine de la Romanée-Conti Richebourg 2005 (3 bottles, owc) CÔTE DE NUITS, BURGUNDY



A BURGUNDY OF STRATOSPHERIC NOTE

Burgundy lovers — get your paddles ready! Here is your chance to bid on the iconic 2005 Richebourg from **Domaine de la Romanée-Conti**, home of some of the most expensive wines in the world!

This vintage has impressed wine connoisseurs from around the world. Robert Parker's *The Wine Advocate* notes "The 2005 Richebourg suggests lightly cooked cherry, lilies, and vanillachocolate pot de crème, coming onto the palate with a gentle wave of creamy fruit, almost shockingly open-knit and youthfully generous. Low-toned richness of salted beef broth and a hint of wet stone add hints of gravitas, but despite ample (refined) tannins, there is nothing to restrain a veritable gushing of ripe, juicy, sweet finishing fruit."

This stunning vintage was given 97 points by *Wine Spectator*, which noted that "the aromas are seductive, exuding raspberry, red currant, cherry and spice notes. More muscular and powerful on the palate, full of dense tannins, this is concentrated, ripe and long."

Bring these three bottles home and find the perfect corner of your cellar for them as they continue to get better with age!

Generously contributed by Jim and Sara TenBroek

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$11,000

Go on this trip!! Everything is done First Class – the beautiful setting; the comfortable accommodations; the well-trained and helpful staff; the authentic Argentine barbeque; and the hunting is superb. Even for a novice, this trip is 'Don't Miss.' You won't regret a minute of your adventure!"

- Kathy Brock, news anchor, and Doug Regan, CEO, Cresset Wealth Advisors

LOT **12**

DOVE HUNTING ADVENTURE FOR 4 IN ENTRE RÍOS AND LUXURY ACCOMMODATIONS IN BUENOS AIRES

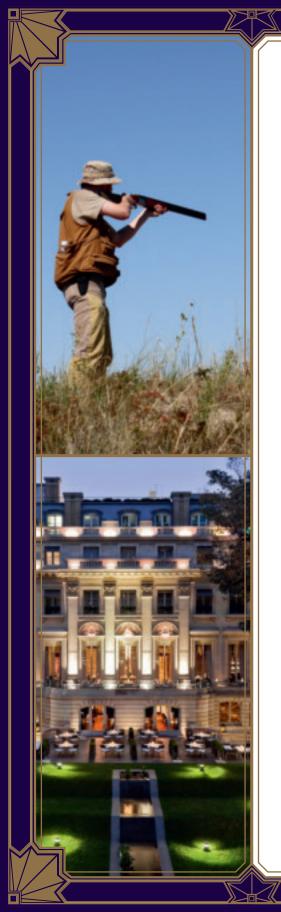
7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$16,000



THE THRILL OF THE HUNT IN ARGENTINA

Before you embark on the hunting adventures included within this lot, allow the five-star Palacio Duhau - Park Hyatt Buenos Aires to pamper you during your visit to one of the world's most stylish and cosmopolitan cities. Conveniently located in the heart of the French heritage district of Recoleta, Park Hyatt is one of the most luxurious Buenos Aires hotels. The hotel combines two buildings: a Palace from 1934, beautifully restored in 2006, and a contemporary building designed in total harmony with the original architecture. Wide, secluded gardens and an underground art gallery connect the buildings. Enjoy a three-night stay for four guests in a posh Park Suite. While in Buenos Aires, you will enjoy a private, curated tour of the city's highlights, including characteristic neighborhoods, eclectic architecture, sweeping avenues, tree-lined boulevards, opulent domes, and ornamented facades.



After fulfilling all your urban desires, board a charter plane to the Los Ombues Hunting Lodge where you will experience the finest dove hunting in Argentina. Located in the province of Entre Ríos, Los Ombues is the only hunting lodge in the country that boasts an Orvis endorsement. Enjoy three full days of shooting within walking distance from the lodge with a designated bird-boy to assist along the way. Los Ombues was built *by* hunters *for* hunters. Give in to the thrill of the hunt during the day, and at night, settle in for beautiful sunsets overlooking the sprawling Paraná River delta.

YOUR TRIP FOR FOUR INCLUDES:

 round-trip transportation between Buenos Aires and Los Ombues (select either an hour-long charter plane ride or four-hour private van trip)

IN BUENOS AIRES

- a three-night stay at **Palacio Duhau Park Hyatt Buenos Aires** (two rooms) in a Park Suite with breakfast included
- a private, curated Buenos Aires highlights tour

IN ENTRE RÍOS

- a three-night stay (two rooms) with full board included at Los Ombues Hunting Lodge
- three full days of dove shooting within walking distance from the lodge (every guest is assisted by a bird-boy, and more than fifty brand shotguns are available to rent on the premises)

Note: Subject to availability at each destination. Valid through April 2019. Not valid for Easter, Christmas time, New Years, or any other national holiday. International flights not included. At Los Ombues, shells, gun rental, tips, and hunting licenses not included. Gift certificates must be presented when checking in at each destination.

Generously contributed by

Palacio Duhau – Park Hyatt Buenos Aires, Los Ombues Hunting Lodge, Carlos Sanchez, and Mai10



lot **13**

Château Margaux 2003 (1 jeroboam, signed) MARGAUX, BORDEAUX



ESTIMATED VALUE: \$20,000

THE TIME IS RIPE FOR MARGAUX

The process of growing and harvesting grapes is not an easy one. Winemakers have spent entire careers developing a vineyard's procedures, particularly when it comes to picking grapes in their state of perfect ripeness. Château Margaux states that "to enable a grape to ripen well is to ensure that its components, that is to say sugar, acidity, aromas, and tannins, evolve together at the same pace." The summer of 2003 yielded grapes with a remarkably balanced ripeness, thanks to the *terrior* and expert winemaking team at Margaux.

With a near-perfect rating from Robert Parker, this **Château Margaux 2003** is praised for its "velvety texture, and notes of spring flowers interwoven with camphor, melted licorice, crème de cassis, and pain grille." This First Growth embraces a full body without sacrificing any freshness. Our generous Honored Guest at Wine Auction 2018 offers you a five-liter of the vintage directly from the Château—**signed by the owner, Corinne Mentzelopoulos, herself**!

Generously contributed by **Château Margaux**



Château Léoville Las Cases 1996 (1 imperial, owc) SAINT-JULIEN, BORDEAUX

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$6,000

AN IMPERIAL THAT ROARS

CLOS LEOYILLE - LASCASES.

ATOP THE STONE ARCH ENTRANCE TO THE CHÂTEAU SITS A REGAL LION KING—PROOF THAT THIS ESTATE IS PURE WINE ROYALTY.

An outstanding blend of 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot and 16% Cabernet Franc, the 1996 Château Léoville Las Cases is, according to *The Wine Advocate*, "one of the best wines from the estate this decade." Neal Martin goes on to say that "the bouquet is beautifully defined with intense black cherries, cedar, mint, and a touch of oyster shell that seems to gain intensity in the glass. The palate is seamless from start to finish, extraordinarily pure. The 70% new oak totally assimilated of course, impressive weight and power allied with genuine finesse and tension towards the silky smooth finish."

Generously contributed by **Mr. and Mrs. John Overbeck**



lot **15**

TRIP FOR 4 GUESTS TO KISTLER VINEYARDS, OCCIDENTAL, & SINGLETHREAD

3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

Wine to be taken home tonight:

Kistler Trenton Roadhouse Chardonnay 2012 (2 magnums) SONOMA VALLEY

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$20,000

LUXURY AT KISTLER VINEYARDS, OCCIDENTAL, & SINGLETHREAD FARM

One of the first modern California cult wineries, Kistler is a small, family-established and privately owned winery dedicated to the vinification of world-class Chardonnay and Pinot Noir using oldworld Burgundian techniques applied to new-world vineyards. For over thirty years, Kistler has consistently bottled some of the finest new-world examples of these two varietals, available exclusively to a small mailing list of members.

Four guests will enjoy a two-night stay at SingleThread Farm Inn, located just off the square in Healdsburg, California. Tucked away on the second floor, the inn has just five thoughtfully appointed guestrooms, each intimately crafted to create a timeless, yet luxurious and contemporary feel.

Enjoy dinner at SingleThread Farm Restaurant, proclaimed as "The Biggest Opening of 2016" by Eater National almost a full year before it opened. Within just a year of opening, the restaurant was awarded two Michelin stars. You don't come here for just the exquisite food and wine, though, you come for the whole experience. Every minute of your dinner is curated with the utmost detail and imagination, taking you through an extraordinary journey of the senses.

The following night, delight in a private dinner and wine tasting at Kistler's newly-opened Trenton Roadhouse Tasting Barn. Take in the sweeping vineyard views while you enjoy a menu perfectly paired to complement Kistler's distinctive wines. This is one of the hottest tickets in Sonoma, one which requires a waiting list just to get on the waiting list. Now is your chance to skip the line and go straight to the table!

You will enjoy a tour of the winemaking facilities, Occidental's Bodega Ridge Vineyard, and a tasting of Bodega Ridge, Cuvée Catherine, and SWK Vineyard Pinot Noirs. Business class airline tickets to San Francisco and a private limousine luxuriously round out this trip.

To whet your palate in advance of your travels, you will take home two magnums of Kistler Trenton Roadhouse Chardonnay 2012 with you tonight.

This highly-exclusive Kistler experience is hard to come by—don't miss your chance to have it tonight!



YOUR TRIP FOR FOUR INCLUDES:

- two-night stay (two rooms) at SingleThread Farm Inn
- dinner at SingleThread Farm Restaurant
- private dinner and wine tasting at Kistler's newly-opened **Trenton Roadhouse Tasting Barn**
- an Occidental Wine tour and tasting with **Steve Kistler** and his two daughters, **Catherine and Lizzie Kistler**
- business class airline tickets to San Francisco
- private limousine at your disposal for your three-day stay

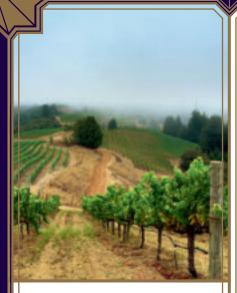
TO BE TAKEN HOME TONIGHT:

• two magnums of Kistler Trenton Roadhouse Chardonnay 2012

Note: Three months advance reservations required. Accommodations based on availability; excludes holidays and holiday weekends.

Generously contributed by

Karen Z. Gray-Krehbiel and John H. Krehbiel, Jr., Kistler Vineyards, and Occidental



lot **16**

TRIP FOR 6 TO NAPA AND SONOMA 4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

Wine to be taken home tonight:

Arietta Red Wine H Block Hudson Vineyards 2015 (1 imperial, engraved)

Casa Piena Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 (1 double magnum, etched)

Harlan Estate 2013 (1 double magnum)

Heitz Cellars Martha's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 (6 magnums)

Hirsch Vineyards Reserve Estate Pinot Noir 2014 (3 magnums)

Peay Vineyards Estate Chardonnay 2014 (3 magnums)

NAPA VALLEY SONOMA COAST

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$30,000

THE MAGIC OF NAPA AND SONOMA COAST

CALLING ALL NAPA AND SONOMA COAST ENTHUSIASTS: THIS IS THE ONE YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR!

The name Arietta, meaning short aria or art song, expresses a belief that all great wines must sing. Both wine and song should "take flight," when the qualities of balance, vibrancy, depth, overtones, and complexity resonate and give us a sense of exaltation. Join Arietta proprietor and renowned wine auctioneer Fritz Hatton for a tour and tasting of the Arietta wines in Arietta's winery cave in Saint Helena.

Gail & Carmen Policy will host you for a fun filled day at Casa Piena, the Policys' beautiful home and vineyard in Yountville. Begin with a stroll through the property, followed by a serious bocce competition coached by Wine Country luminaries. Appetizers, pizzas, and seasonal vegetables will roast in the wood-burning oven while you enjoy varietals all handpicked by Casa Piena's expert wine director. Partial "uniforms" will be provided and special prizes will be awarded. Regardless of your bocce score, you'll feel like the big winner with a specially etched double magnum of 2011 Casa Piena.

Harlan Estate has been described as "the ultimate cult winery" because of its limited availability, prices, and status. Join them for a tour and tasting experience in the hills of Oakville, and decide for yourself whether the rumors are true!

Hirsch Vineyards, the most iconic Pinot Noir vineyard on the Sonoma Coast, offers a rare opportunity to experience the extreme Sonoma Coast and enjoy the devastatingly beautiful views of the vineyard overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Taste David Hirsch's sought-after Pinot Noirs and Chardonnay at a rustic table amidst the vines while enjoying a wine country picnic lunch prepared by highly acclaimed Healdsburg SHED.

Kosta Browne produces limited amounts of artisanal Pinot Noir, and the winery is located in Sebastopol, western Sonoma County—the heart of the Russian River Valley and close to the Sonoma Coast. What began in the summer of 1997 as a dream shared by friends has turned in to one of the great winemaking success stories.

After just over a decade, the Peay vineyard outside Annapolis has emerged as one of California's most extraordinary sites. Join the Peay family for a tour, tasting, and private dinner with library wine pairings. They have also opened their doors to you for a one-night stay in their exclusive Barn House, not available to the public!



The trip to California lasts much longer than your physical travels, as you toast these hot spots from the comfort of your own home with the special bottles included in the lot. Cheers!

YOUR TRIP FOR SIX INCLUDES:

- a tour and tasting in the Arietta Wine caves
- a day at **Casa Piena** for a couples' bocce ball match, tasting, and meal served by an accomplished Wine Country chef
- Casa Piena olive oil, shipped following the trip
- a tour and tasting at Harlan Estate
- a tour, tasting, and picnic lunch at Hirsch Vineyards
- a tour and tasting at Kosta Browne Winery
- a tour, tasting, and private dinner paired with library wines at **Peay** Vineyards
- a one-night stay (three rooms) at the **Peay Vineyards Barn House**
- a two-night stay (three rooms) at Meadowood
- private car service

TO BE TAKEN HOME TONIGHT:

- one imperial of the Arietta Red Wine H Block Hudson Vineyards 2015, engraved for the thirtieth anniversary Lyric Opera of Chicago Wine Auction
- one double magnum of the Casa Piena Cabernet Sauvignon 2011, etched
- one double magnum of the Harlan Estate 2013
- six magnums of the Heitz Cellars Martha's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2009
- three magnums of the Hirsch Vineyards Reserve Estate Pinot Noir 2014
- three magnums of the Peay Vineyards Estate Chardonnay 2014

Note: Must be scheduled on a mutually agreeable date between April and September 2018, with thirty days advance notice. Harlan Estate tour and tasting valid Monday through Friday. Kosta Browne Winery tour and tasting valid Monday through Thursday.

Generously contributed by

Arietta Wine - Fritz and Caren Hatton, Casa Piena - Gail and Carmen Policy, Harlan Estate, Heitz Wine Cellars, Hirsch Vineyards - Jasmine Hirsch, Kosta Browne Winery, Peay Vineyards

Nikka Taketsuru 21 Year Old (1 bottle)

Mars Shinshu Distillery Komagatake Rindo Cask Strength (1 bottle)

Eigashima's White Oak Akashi Sherry Cask 5 Year (1 bottle)

Chichibu Ichiro's Malt & Grain (1 bottle)

Kavalan Solist ex-Sherry Single Cask Strength (1 bottle)

Kavalan Solist Fino Sherry Single Cask Strength (1 bottle)

The Glenrothes Vintage 1992 – Second Edition (1 bottle)

The Lost Distillery Company Stratheden Vintage (1 bottle)

WhistlePig The Boss Hog: Third Edition "The Independent" (1 bottle)

High West Distillery Bourye 2018 (2 bottles)

Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve 23yr Bourbon Whiskey (1 bottle)

TAIWAN JAPAN SCOTLAND VERMONT UTAH KENTUCKY

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$8,000



AROUND THE WORLD IN WHISKEY

TRAVEL THE GLOBE WITHOUT TAKING A STEP – THESE COVETED BOTTLES COME FROM THE FURTHEST ENDS OF THE EARTH.

Although we are a wine auction (emphasis on the *wine!*), Ken Fredrickson, in partnership with Tenzing Wine & Spirits, has assembled such an incredible selection of rare whiskies that we couldn't resist featuring this lot in the live auction.

In 2015, *Forbes* released a list of "Ten Japanese Whiskies to Try Now," and all four of the Japanese whiskies from this lot are featured on that list: **Nikka Taketsuru**, **Mars Shinshu**, **Akashi**, and **Ichiro's**. From the ease of the Taketsuru to the Ichiro's zeal, taste the many shades of Japanese whisky from this spread.

Next, your palate will head to Taiwan for two different types of **Kavalan Distillery** whiskies, Taiwan's first whiskymaker and the only family-owned distillery of its kind in that region. The subtropical island's pure water and fresh air combine for the ideal whisky production environment.

Of course, what kind of worldwide whisky tour would this be without a stop in Scotland? **The Glenrothes** and **The Lost Distillery Company** are each represented with a full-bodied bottle that defines their label.





Make your return to America (where we spell whiskey with an "e") and have a taste of Vermont. The Vermont **WhistlePig** was only produced in a batch of 30 barrels, and its rarity is matched with a delicate balance of power and nuance. Then try a taste of **High West Distillery's** 2018 Bourye (pronounced "boo-rye")—a unique and premium blend of rich boubon and rye whiskey.

For the finale, we present our favorite Kentucky bourbon: the 23year, limited edition **Pappy Van Winkle**. This bottle won the 2008 Double Gold Medal at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition. Happy trails, fellow travelers!

Generously contributed by An Anonymous Donor, High West Distillery, and Tenzing Wine & Spirits



Domaine Henri Boillot Le Montrachet Grand Cru 2009 (1 double magnum) CÔTE DE BEAUNE, BURGUNDY

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$4,000

LE MONTRACHET GRAND CRU

This wine is a delight from the first sip to the very last drop. Robert Parker notes that "the 2009 Montrachet possesses impressive density and richness, not to mention considerable silkiness on the palate. The wine fills out beautifully in the glass, with layers of fruit that wrap around effortlessly to the finish."

The founder of the domaine, Henri Boillot, is a fifth-generation vigneron. He has earned a reputation for his careful work, meticulously harvesting and completing all the vineyard work alongside his son, Guillaume. Let his wine speak for itself at your next gathering with this scrumptious white Burgundy!

Note: Slight crack in wax seal.

Generously contributed by **Flickinger Fine Wine**



DINNER FOR 6 AT COCO PAZZO WITH SIR ANDREW DAVIS JUNE 29, 2018

Includes:

TWO TICKETS A TO SIR ANDREW DAVIS-CONDUCTED PERFORMANCE

Wine to be enjoyed during dinner at Coco Pazzo:

Dom Pérignon 2006 (1 magnum)

Gaja Rossj-Bass Chardonnay 2014 (2 bottles)

Tenuta San Guido Sassicaia 2011 (1 magnum)

Dow's Vintage Porto 1977 (1 bottle)

CHAMPAGNE, PIEDMONT, TUSCANY, PORTO

ESTIMATED VALUE: PRICELESS

BUONA NOTTE, SIR ANDREW

You will have the sweetest of dreams (*dolci sogni*) after an evening spent at **Coco Pazzo** with friends and special guest, **Sir Andrew Davis**, Lyric's Music Director. This season, we actually celebrate TWO thirtieth anniversaries—in addition to Wine Auction's founding, Sir Andrew conducted his first performance at Lyric on November 14, 1987, with *The Marriage of Figaro*. After 575 performances, and thirty years later to the day, he conducted *Die Walküre* during the 2017/18 season. Get the chance to hear Sir Andrew's best anecdotes over his favorite risotto in town! After your dinner, make plans to be Sir Andrew's guest at one of his upcoming international performances. He's saved two seats for you!

Translated as "crazy chef," Coco Pazzo first opened its doors to customers in February of 1992 and immediately brought authentic Tuscan dining to Chicago. Will you try the *Rigatoni alla Buttera*, or perhaps the *Bisteca Toscana*? Either way, we guarantee you will love this meal!

Note: Dinner scheduled for June 29, 2018 or other mutually agreeable date. Server gratuity is not included.

Two tickets to a performance conducted by Sir Andrew Davis, to be chosen from one of the following dates:

June 2018 - Melbourne July 2018 - Hereford, United Kingdom August 2018 - Edinburgh Festival September 2018 - Toronto October 2018 - Chicago November 2018 - Chicago January 2019 - Boston March 2019 - Melbourne April 2019 - London/BBC Symphony

Generously contributed by **Tamra & Jack Weiss** and **Coco Pazzo Restaurant** Special thanks to **Sir Andrew Davis**





Screaming Eagle Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 (3 bottles) NAPA VALLEY

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$10,000

FLY AWAY WITH THE RAREST OF WINES

LOOKING TO BUILD YOUR WINE COLLECTION? LOOK NO FURTHER THAN THIS LOT, WHICH IS SURE TO IMPRESS EVEN THE MOST QUALIFIED WINE EXPERT!

Perhaps the most elusive Cabernet Sauvignon produced in California—and undoubtedly one of the hardest allocation lists to join—Screaming Eagle has skyrocketed to the top of many collectors' wish lists since its first vintage in 1992.

There were only 880 cases produced of the **2014 Screaming Eagle Cabernet Sauvignon** and Lyric's Chairman Emeritus, Ned Jannotta, has generously offered to share three bottles with you! Robert Parker bestowed upon this vintage a 97-point rating and notes the "extraordinary purity of crème de cassis fruit" that will simply float across the palates of the lucky drinkers.

Generously contributed by **Edgar D. Jannotta**





PRIVATE IN-HOME DINNER FOR 6 PREPARED BY CHEF LEE WOLEN

Wine to be enjoyed during dinner:

Olivier Leflaive Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru, Clos St. Marc 2007 (3 bottles)

Château Lynch-Bages 2003 (1 double magnum)

Champagne Taittinger Brut La Française (1 magnum)

CÔTE DE BEAUNE, BURGUNDY PAUILLAC, BORDEAUX CHAMPAGNE

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$6,500

GOURMET DINING IN YOUR OWN HOME

AZZLE YOUR FRIENDS BY HOSTING A DINNER THEY WILL NEVER FORGET.

Sure, you can always go out for an outstanding meal, but what happens when you bring an acclaimed chef into the privacy of your own home? **Chef Lee Wolen** of **Boka Restaurant Group**, currently at **BOKA** and **Somerset**, is a three-time James Beard Award nominee (in 2015, 2016, and 2017) and recently named semifinalist for 2018. His recent praises for Somerset from acclaimed food critic Jeff Ruby include: "eclectic, magnificent, and wonderous." Allow him to prepare a delicious, four-course meal for six guests in YOUR house!

This meal will be paired with three special wines: Olivier Leflaive Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru, Clos St. Marc 2007, Château Lynch-Bages 2003, and a special magnum of Champagne Taittinger Brut La Française. You have everyone's taste buds covered with this trio... we cannot think of a better way to bring your dinner party to an entirely new level!

Generously contributed by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Huebner, Champagne Taittinger, and Château Lynch-Bages Special thanks to Chef Lee Wolen



ARCTIC CRUISE FOR 2 TO GREENLAND 15 DAYS/14 NIGHTS AUGUST 7-21, 2018

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$18,000

GREENLAND'S VALLEYS AND FJORDS. THE ULTIMATE POLAR EXPLORATION!

GREENLAND IS TRULY ONE OF EARTH'S "FINAL FRONTIERS."

Unlock the beauty of this hidden treasure for yourself on a fifteen-day Arctic cruise through Northern waters! There is no better way to sample the rich history and diversity of this breathtaking country, or to encounter an ancient culture surviving in a modern world, than by sailing along the Greenland coast. For the true explorer at heart, this is for those who want an adventure, not a spa day! Plan to spend most of your time enjoying outdoor activities and excursions.

Your adventures aboard **Quark Expeditions**' newly-renovated, 132-person Ocean Adventurer await!

YOUR TRIP FOR TWO INCLUDES:

- a fourteen-night stay aboard the Ocean Adventurer (Lower Deck, Twin Room)
- a Zodiac exploration of the arctic ghost town, Skjoldunen
- a trip around Tasermiut Fjord, one of the world's most prolific big-wall playgrounds
- stops along Greenland's West Coast villages to walk through the wildflower-covered tundra
- onboard lectures detailing glaciology, marine biology, history, and the environment
- daily outdoor activities, including kayaking past icebergs
- chef-crafted meals and drinks

Note: The cruise will depart August 7 and return August 21, 2018, from Reykjavĺk, Iceland. Airfare to and from Reykjavĺk is not included.

Lower Deck Twin Room is furnished with two twin beds.

Generously contributed by **Quark Expeditions**



Château Mouton Rothschild 2003 (1 imperial) PAUILLAC, BORDEAUX

MOUTON: A SPECTACULAR FIRST GROWTH

With our Honored Guest credited as one of just five First Growths in Bordeaux, there are only four other estates that stand equally beside Château Margaux. Château Mouton Rothschild happens to be one of those estates, and we are proud to offer this imperial from John Holmes' private collection. The 2003 vintage marks the 150th anniversary of Mouton's entry into the family to which it has belonged without interruption for five generations. It is earthy and spicy, with notes of roasted coffee and blackcurrants. "Its powerful flavors cascade over the palate revealing tremendous intensity as well as strong tannin. This enormously endowed 2003 is still sorting itself out, but it is unquestionably one of the greatest efforts of the vintage. If my instincts are correct, it is the ripest, most flamboyant Mouton Rothschild since the 1982" (Robert Parker, *The Wine Advocate*). An exceptional red wine, this imperial will be the superstar of your next grand dinner party!

Generously contributed by John Holmes and Jenni Sorenson

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$8,000



Château Margaux 1986 (2 double magnums) MARGAUX, BORDEAUX

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$5,000



EVOLUTIONARY MARGAUX

CHÂTEAU MARGAUX'S WINES STAND THE TEST OF TIME AND HAVE AN EXTRAORDINARY ABILITY TO EVOLVE.

E stablished in the 17th century, the fine wines from this estate have developed a finesse, an aromatic complexity, and a remarkable presence on the palate. Their adaptive nature has kept the Grand Vin vintages relevant to wine experts, collectors, and novice drinkers alike; it is recognized as one of the greatest wines in the world. In the Château's tasting notes for the 1986, it is observed that "seldom has a vintage been from the start as powerful and concentrated. We would have to go back to the legendary 1961 to find a previous vintage with such richness and such balance."

We have not one, but *two* double magnums of **Château Margaux 1986** from the collection of the late **Aubrey K. McClendon** in this lot. Add these bottles to your cellar and take home a piece of Lyric's Wine Auction history!

Generously contributed by Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Weiss and Dr. and Mrs. James C. Pritchard

Château Gruaud Larose 1928 (3 bottles) SAINT-JULIEN, BORDEAUX



NINETY YEARS OF BOTTLED ROYALTY

REVIVE THE SWEET MEMORIES OF THE WINE AUCTION 2015 HONORED GUEST, CHÂTEAU GRUAUD LAROSE, THROUGH THIS 97-POINT VINTAGE!

On every label of this vintage is printed their prized slogan: '*Le Roi des Vins, le Vin des Rois*' (The King of Wines, the Wine of Kings). Take home this royal trio of **Château Gruaud Larose 1928** and enjoy what Robert Parker has described as a wine with "a huge, earthy, sweet, truffle, cedar, and spicy-scented nose, huge bodyand stunning concentration." The 1928 vintage, considered by many to be the greatest vintage of the twentieth century, is particularly sturdy. These bottles have an excellent general appearance and come from one of the leading private cellars in North America. Amaze the lucky guests with whom you choose to share these regal bottles—although with wine like this, we won't judge you for keeping it all to yourself!

Generously contributed by Northern Trust

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$8,000



BEAUNE | BOURGOGNE

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LOT **26**

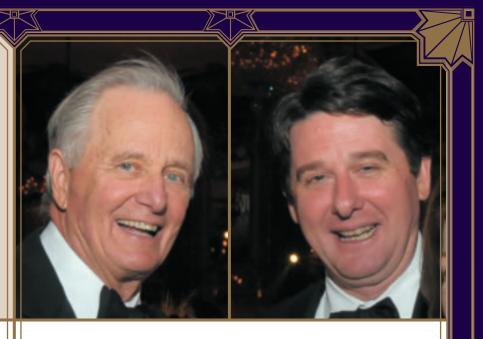
TRIP FOR 6 WITH ALLAN AND ALLY BULLEY TO THEIR BELOVED BOURGOGNE AND MAISON LOUIS JADOT 4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

Wine to be taken home tonight:

Domaine des Héritiers Louis Jadot Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru 2006 (1 double magnum)

CÔTE DE BEAUNE, BURGUNDY

ESTIMATED VALUE: PRICELESS



BULLEYS IN BURGUNDY!

Renowned oenophiles, Allan and Ally Bulley, will lead you on a tour of their favorite haunts in beautiful Burgundy. The trip will include visits to some of the most noteworthy sites and cathedrals in the region, of which the Bulleys are knowledgeable enthusiasts, along with standout culinary experiences. Hôtel Le Cep, your home base for the weekend, is legendary for its hospitality and warmth and has been run by the Bernard family for several generations.

Depart from Paris to Beaune by private van to begin the adventure. Enjoy lunch en route at Hostellerie des Clos in Chablis. Dinner will be enjoyed at Eric Pras' famed three-star restaurant, Maison Lameloise, outside of Beaune, with select Burgundian wine-makers.

Tour Vezelay, a defendable hill town, and its famous Abbey, Basilica de La Madeleine. A classic bistro dinner will be held back in Beaune at either Ma Cuisine or Le Caveau des Arches.

After a morning walk to Domaine Bouchard Père et Fils, enjoy a wine tasting and garden tour of Bouchard's enchanting Château de Beaune followed by a delightful private luncheon in the Château's Orangerie.

In the afternoon, tour the famous, not to be missed Hospices de Beaune, the former charitable alms house founded in 1443 as a hospital for the poor.



The capstone of the trip will be a black tie affair at Clos de Vougeot for the Châpitre d'Automne. This legendary evening is one of the most special and festive wine & food experiences of the region.

The trip is rounded out with a visit and tasting at Maison Louis Jadot, and a dinner at the famed Couvent des Jacobins. Since 1859, Jadot has been producing wines from the heartland of Pinot Noir, the French region of Burgundy. Dinner will feature one wine from the 1911 vintage.

YOUR TRIP FOR SIX INCLUDES:

- a three-night stay for three couples in deluxe private rooms at Hôtel Le Cep
- private van travel to and from Paris
- lunch at Hostellerie des Chablis in Chablis
- dinner at Maison Lameloise in Beaune
- a tour of Vezelay and the **Basilica de La Madeleine**, with dinner at **le Caveau des Arches** or **Ma Cuisine**
- a tour and tasting at **Domaine Bouchard Père et Fils** and **Château de Beaune**, with lunch at **L'Orangerie**
- admission to the affair at Clos de Vougeot for Le Châpitre des Vendanges
- a visit and tasting at Maison Louis Jadot
- dinner at the Couvent des Jacobins, with a wine of the 1911 vintage

TO BE TAKEN HOME TONIGHT:

• a double magnum of Domaine des Héritiers Louis Jadot Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru 2006

Note: Trip must be scheduled either October 11-14 (Châpitre d'Automne) or 25-28 (Châpitre des Sarments), 2018 or as otherwise agreed. Airfare to and from Paris not included.

Time, talent, and expertise generously contributed by **Allan and Ally Bulley**

Take-home wine and special visit by Pierre-Henry Gagey – Maison Louis Jadot

Accommodations provided in part by Jean Claude Bernard and Hôtel Le Cep



lot **27**

WEEKLONG OREGON WINE COUNTRY EXCURSION FOR 4 6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS

Wine to be taken home tonight:

Bernau Block Pinot Noir 2014 (1 magnum, signed) WILLAMETTE VALLEY

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$8,500

THE OREGON WINE TRAIL

Explore the wonders of America's Pinot Noir Capital, Willamette Valley! The winners of this wonderful lot, put together by our friends at Willamette Valley Vineyards, will get the chance to experience the beauty of this Pinot Noir Paradise like no one else. The highlight of your time in Oregon includes a three-night stay in the beautiful Willamette Valley Vineyards guest suites. During the stay, you and your guests will enjoy a rare, "behind-the-scenes" tour and barrel tasting with one of the winemakers.

Savor your memories of your Northwest wine trip with the Bernau Block Pinot Noir 2014, awarded 91 points by *Wine Enthusiast*.

YOUR TRIP FOR FOUR INCLUDES:

- a three-night stay at the **Willamette Valley Vineyards Suites** (two rooms)
- a two-night stay at the **Black Walnut Inn** (two rooms) in Dundee, Oregon
- a private pairing dinner with winery Chef DJ MacIntyre
- an exclusive barrel tasting and tour with the winemaker of Willamette Valley Vineyards
- additional Dundee winery activities subject to availability
- concierge wine country planning by Senior Winery Ambassador and seventh generation Oregon native, **Wende Bennette**

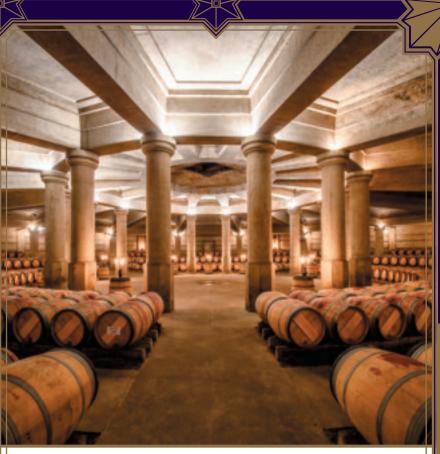
TO BE TAKEN HOME TONIGHT:

• one magnum of the **Bernau Block Pinot Noir 2014**, signed by Founder Jim Bernau

Note: Expires December 31, 2019.

Generously contributed by Willamette Valley Vineyards and Black Walnut Inn and Vineyard

Château Lafite Rothschild 2000 (3 double magnums) PAUILLAC, BORDEAUX



THE DIVINITY OF LAFITE ROTHSCHILD

"I HAVE DISCOVERED THE WINE OF CHÂTEAU LAFITE TO BE A DELICIOUS, GENEROUS CORDIAL, COMPARABLE TO THE AMBROSIA OF THE GODS OF OLYMPUS" – MARÉCHAL DE RICHELIEU (1755)

Drink like a deity from these three double magnums of 100-point Château Lafite Rothschild 2000 (of the late Aubrey K. McClendon's collection) at your next party. This wine has all the makings of a goddess-approved vintage: a balanced mix of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, a full body, pure elegance, and a youthful nose even at a mature age. Pair this blend with everything from lamb to pasta. Your guests will thank you!

Generously contributed by Karen Z. Gray-Krehbiel and John H. Krehbiel, Jr.

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$17,000



DINNER CRUISE FOR 50 ON LAKE MICHIGAN WITH CELEBRITY GUESTS

OCTOBER 12, 2018

Featuring:

JENN GAMBATESE, BROADWAY ACTRESS AND SINGER

SARAH GRUENEBERG, CHEF OF MONTEVERDE

KEN FREDRICKSON, MASTER SOMMELIER

ALPANA SINGH, MASTER SOMMELIER

Wine to be enjoyed at dinner onboard:

Château Margaux 2005 (1 imperial)

Champagne Taittinger Brut La Française (1 methuselah)

Château Haut-Bailly 2008 (12 bottles)

Château Haut-Bailly 2010 (12 bottles)

Olivier Leflaive Puligny-Montrachet 2012 (24 bottles)

BORDEAUX, CHAMPAGNE, PESSAC-LÉOGNAN, CÔTE DE BEAUNE

ESTIMATED VALUE: PRICELESS

AHOY! SET SAIL FOR THE PARTY OF A LIFETIME

What better way to fully take in the magnificent Chicago Skyline than from Lake Michigan, aboard one of the largest yachts in town? On October 12, 2018, you will play the quintessential host as you and up to 50 of your guests set sail on Entertainment Cruise's private yacht, Elite Chicago, for a luxurious evening that includes:

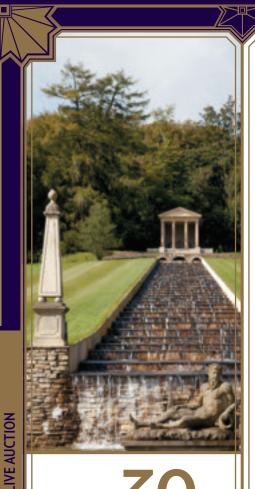
- an imperial of Château Margaux 2005 (straight from the collection of the late Aubrey K. McClendon), a methuselah of Champagne Taittinger Brut La Française, a case each of Château Haut-Bailly 2008 and 2010, and two cases of Olivier Leflaive Puligny-Montrachet 2012
- additional wines selected by renowned Master Sommeliers Ken
 Fredrickson and Alpana Singh, who will serve as your private sommeliers for the evening
- an outstanding meal for you and your guests from "Top Chef: Texas" runner-up and James Beard Award-winning Chef Sarah Grueneberg of Monteverde Restaurant & Pastificio
- a private concert by Broadway star **Jenn Gambatese**, who performed the role of Maria in Lyric's production *The Sound of Music* and Carrie in Lyric's *Carousel* (which may include a special request by the host)
- florals provided by Mrs. Ronald A. Rolighed

Make sure this unforgettable Chicago night is yours! With a celebrity chef, two Master Sommeliers, and one of Broadway's hottest leading ladies—all on the majestic waters of Lake Michigan—no one else will top this party of a lifetime!



Generously contributed by Entertainment Cruises & Elite Private Yachts, Sarah Grueneberg, Ken Fredrickson, Alpana Singh, Champagne Taittinger, and Mrs. Ronald A. Rolighed Special thanks to Jenn Gambatese





TRIP FOR 4 TO BALLYFIN IN COUNTY LAOIS, AND TO ASHFORD CASTLE IN COUNTY MAYO, IRELAND WITH AIRFARE

6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$40.000

IRISH HOLIDAY

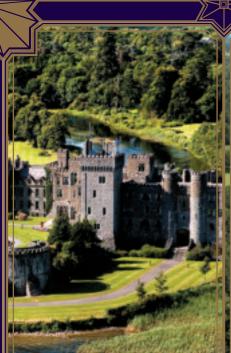
ENJOY THE ATMOSPHERE OF A PERIOD IRISH HOME WITH ALL THE COMFORTS OF A FIVE-STAR RESORT!

Our very own Kay and Fred Krehbiel (loyal members of Lyric's Women's Board and Board of Directors, respectively) have generously donated a stay at Ballyfin in County Laois, Ireland. Considered the most lavish Regency mansion in all of Ireland, Kay and Fred began renovating the estate in 2002 and opened its doors in 2011 as a country house hotel.

You will feel as though you have stepped back in time, although you somehow managed to keep the pleasure of electricity and running water—the best of both worlds! Two couples will have the opportunity to relax and take in beautiful views of the Slieve Bloom Mountains and hike throughout six hundred acres of parkland. Unearth entertainment in the numerous activities onsite, from falconry to croquet to dressing up in the estate's selection of period costumes. Trust us, you will want to find out for yourself just why Ballyfin was named *Condé Nast Traveler's* "#1 Best Hotel in the World" in 2016.

After your stay at Ballyfin, head over to the Ashford Castle. This remarkable, 800-year-old castle was named "#1 Best Resort Hotels Ireland" by *Travel + Leisure's* 'World's Best' Awards in 2017. In April 2015, the Ashford Castle reopened its doors after a \$75 million restoration of the grounds. Take advantage of the castle's 32-seat cinema, billiards room, cigar terrace, and spa.

May the luck of the Irish be with you as you place your bid on this idyllic getaway!







YOUR TRIP FOR FOUR INCLUDES:

- a three-night stay (2 rooms) at **Ballyfin**, a five-star luxury country house in the heart of Ireland
- a two-night stay (2 rooms) at **Ashford Castle**, a five-star luxury hotel in County Mayo
- roundtrip airfare from O'Hare to Dublin, provided by **American Airlines**

Note: Subject to availability. Expires June 1, 2019. Business / First Class AAnytime Level 2 round trip mileage certificates for airfare for four guests from Chicago to Dublin provided by American Airlines, the Official Airline of Lyric Opera.

Generously contributed by Ballyfin (Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Krehbiel), Ashford Castle (Paul Klein Travel), and American Airlines

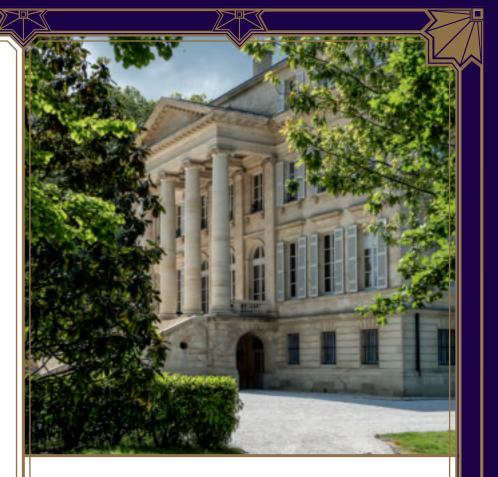
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TRIP FOR 6 TO BORDEAUX 5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

Wine to be taken home tonight:

Château Margaux 2015 (3 bottles, owc)

Château Talbot 2000 (12 bottles, owc) MARGAUX, SAINT-JULIEN, BORDEAUX



BRING ME TO BORDEAUX

yric's Wine Auction has come to be known as THE auction for Bordeaux, so we felt it absolutely necessary to offer the ultimate Bordeaux experience!

We are delighted to feature our Wine Auction 2018 Honored Guest, Château Margaux, in this lot. One of five First Growths of Bordeaux, they have generously offered an in-depth visit of the Estate grounds and winery, including the historic 19th-century wooden tank room, traditional cooperage, first-year and second-year barrel aging cellars, as well as the new cellar and wine library designed by award-winning architect, Lord Norman Foster. The private tour is followed by a tasting and dinner hosted at the château by General Manager Philippe Bascaules and/or Deputy Managing Director Aurélien Valance.

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You will also have the opportunity to dine and visit a bevy of the area's best châteaux, including a tasting and lunch at Château du Tertre's Orangerie, the landmark by which this vineyard has come to be known. Véronique Sanders, director of Château Haut-Bailly, also welcomes you for an exclusive visit and a gastronomic four-course lunch created by their chef at the Table Privée. Discover the estate's biodynamic vineyards and team spirit while you visit Château Palmer before enjoying lunch. During your private dinner at Château d'Issan, you will explore the medieval features of this incredible property, including an intact moat and wall built in 1644.

A trip of this magnitude cannot be replicated, and we hope that YOU are the lucky winner!

YOUR TRIP FOR SIX INCLUDES:

- a four-night stay (three rooms) at Château Cordeillan-Bages
- an in-depth tour of the cellars, a private tasting, and lunch or dinner at **Château Margaux**
- a tasting and lunch at Château du Tertre in their Orangerie
- a private lunch at Château Haut-Bailly's Table Privée
- a visit and lunch at Château Palmer
- a private dinner at Château d'Issan
- car and driver provided within Bordeaux

WINE TO BE TAKEN HOME TONIGHT:

- three bottles of Château Margaux 2015
- twelve bottles of Château Talbot 2000

Notes: Trip must be scheduled at least three months in advance of travel and subject to availability. Airfare not included. The Château Haut-Bailly lunch and Château du Tertre tasting and lunch are available Monday-Friday only.

Generously contributed by

Château Margaux, Château du Tertre, Château Haut-Bailly, Château Palmer, and Twins Bordeaux







TRIP FOR 6 TO LOS ANGELES OCTOBER 5-8, 2018 4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

Wine to be taken home tonight:

Darioush Signature Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 (1 magnum for each couple)

NAPA VALLEY

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$18,000

WINE AND DINE IN THE CITY OF ANGELS

Some people may have dreams of living a Los Angeles weekend like a famous movie star, but this lot is for those who are looking to live like a WINE star!

You and two other couples will arrive in Los Angeles and enjoy a stay at the fabulous **Four Seasons Hotel**, which you'll call home for three nights in Deluxe Rooms (three rooms) with balconies.

Don't tire yourself too much as you explore the sights, restaurants, and shops of the city—you have a VIP reservation to make! This one isn't in a crowded restaurant, but at the private home of Darioush and Shahpar Khaledi, proprietors of the iconic **Darioush Winery**. Darioush and Shahpar founded the winery in 1997, as a means to realize a lifelong aspiration to share the art, architecture, wine, craftsmanship, and culture that inspired their journey to America. Each couple will take home a beautiful magnum of **Darioush Signature Cabernet Sauvignon 2014** tonight.

Your trip will also include a night at **LA Opera** for their production of *Don Carlo*, starring Lyric favorites Ana María Martinez as Elisabeth de Valois and Plácido Domingo as Rodrigo. In addition to the performance, you will receive a backstage tour and champagne during intermission.

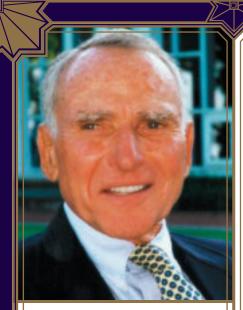
Note: Dinner must take place on October 5 or 6, 2018, and must be scheduled well in advance of trip. Experience at Los Angeles Opera includes six prime performance tickets, a backstage tour, and/or a customized experience pending scheduling availability.

Generously contributed by

Darioush Winery, Paul Klein Travel, Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts, and LA Opera



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Domaine Ponsot Clos de la Roche "Cuvée Vieilles Vignes" Grand Cru 2015 (6 magnums) CÔTE DE NUITS, BURGUNDY

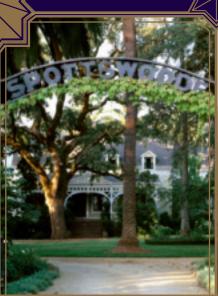
REMEMBERING JOHN V. CROWE

yric lost a devoted member of its family with the passing of John (Jack) Vincent Crowe on October 3, 2017. A devoted husband, committed father and grandfather, brilliant businessman, and passionate civic leader, Jack joined the Lyric Board of Directors in 1993 and also served on the Executive Committee. He had an immense passion for the grand art of opera—a love which he passed on to his family and friends. Jack's daughter, Mimi, followed in her father's footsteps of Lyric leadership, serving as President of the Women's Board for three years. Jack is greatly missed, but his legacy lives on through the lives he touched and the many causes he so staunchly supported.

The wines of Clos de la Roche ("Field of the Rock") are simultaneously known for their strength and elegance, and are considered among the finest in Côte de Nuits. The **2015 Clos de Ia Roche "Cuvée Vieilles Vignes" Grand Cru** has vibrancy from beginning to end, with a sweet, spicy red fruit on the entry followed by a "healthy pinch of black pepper on the front of the tongue" (Neal Martin, *The Wine Advocate*).

A first-rate wine for a first-rate man, we raise our glasses in tribute.

Generously contributed by The Crowe Family in memory of Jack Crowe





TRIP FOR 6 TO FUTO WINES AND SPOTTSWOODE ESTATE VINEYARD & WINERY 4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

Wine to take home tonight:

Futo Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 (1 signed magnum per couple)

Futo Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 (1 signed magnum per couple)

Futo Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 (1 signed magnum per couple)

Spottswoode Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 (1 signed magnum per couple)

Spottswoode Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 (1 signed magnum per couple)

Spottswoode Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 (1 signed magnum per couple)

NAPA VALLEY

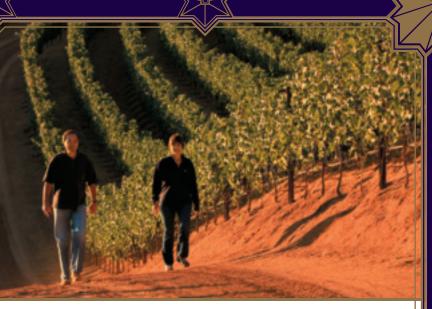
ESTIMATED VALUE: \$25,000

THE ULTIMATE INSIDER'S TRIP TO NAPA VALLEY

f you are a lover of Napa Valley wines, you have probably made a trip to this idyllic destination yourself. But tell us, have you traveled out West like *this*? Tom Futo of Futo Wines and Beth Novak Milliken of Spottswoode Estate Vineyard & Winery personally invite you and two other couples to join them for three memorable nights in the Valley! Tom and Beth have partnered to offer an intimate look into Napa Valley and their wines. Worry not about your accommodations, because you will stay at the magnificent Napa Valley home of our dear friends and Lyric supporters, Carl and Marilynn Thoma. Hoping to make other arrangements during your trip? Reservations at French Laundry or PRESS, perhaps? Tom and Beth are happy to secure those "extras" just for you!

These wineries are not open to the public—they are small, familyowned winegrowing estates that welcome guests on only the rarest of occasions. *Take the trip that every Napa fan wishes they could experience!*





YOUR TRIP FOR SIX INCLUDES:

- a three-night stay at the home of Carl and Marilynn Thoma
- insightful private tours at both Futo Wines and Spottswoode
 Estate Vineyard & Winery
- a dinner with Tom and Kyle Futo at the Futo Estate in Oakville
- a dinner with **John and Beth Novak Milliken** at the historic Spottswoode Estate in St. Helena

TO BE TAKEN HOME TONIGHT:

- Futo Oakville Wood Box including one signed magnum of the **Futo Cabernet Sauvignon 2012, 2013, and 2014** (1 per couple)
- one signed magnum of the **Spottswoode Cabernet Sauvignon** 2013, 2014, and 2015 (1 per couple)

Note: Airfare and ground transportation not included. Expires April 2019.

Generously contributed by Carl and Marilynn Thoma, Futo Wines, and Spottswoode Estate Vineyard & Winery

lot **35**

TRIP FOR 2 TO BUENOS AIRES, NEUQUÉN TRAFUL VALLEY, AND BARILOCHE RÍO NEGRO, ARGENTINA

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

Wine to be taken home tonight:

Desierto Pampa Malbec 2015 (6 bottles)

Desierto Pampa Cabernet Franc 2015 (6 bottles)

Desierto Pampa Blend 2015 (6 bottles)

Desierto Pampa Chardonnay 2017 (6 bottles)

PATAGONIA



ESTIMATED VALUE: \$12,000

SOUTH AMERICAN FLY FISHING ADVENTURE

THIS IS THE FLY FISHING ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME!

Before you begin your outdoor adventure, spend two nights in Dluxury at the Alvear Icon Hotel, newly opened in 2017. The epitome of posh, this striking, futuristic building is located right on the banks of the Río de la Plata River, boasting panoramic views of the vibrant city of Buenos Aires.

Next, you are off to Estancia Arroyo Verde for fly fishing! Settle in for a three-night stay at this gorgeous family-owned lodge. The sweeping 10,000-acre property of Estancia Arroyo Verde in Nahuel Huapi National Park is pure unspoiled beauty, and the surrounding Andes Mountains make for stunning horseback riding and hiking excursions. Estancia Arroyo Verde has been owned by the Larivière family for more than 80 years, and their commitment to preserving this unique establishment is apparent in their high standards of hospitality and deep love of the land.

Your adventure isn't over quite yet! As soon as you've put away your fly fishing gear, you will be whisked away for a two-night stay at Llao Llao Hotel & Resort, Golf-Spa located in the heart of Argentina's lake district. Llao Llao is reminiscent of a grand mountain lodge, with exquisite views of the snowcapped Andean peaks and crystal blue lakes. Travelers looking for a true Patagonian experience with the comfort of full-service luxury choose Llao Llao Hotel & Resort.

Tonight you will take home twenty-four bottles of Bodega del Desierto wines so you may enjoy the splendor of South America well before and after your trip. After all, looking forward to and reminiscing upon travels is half the fun! Bodega del Desierto has been proudly exceeding presumptions of Patagonian desert viticulture ever since the release of their first wines—full-bodied, nuanced, and authentically Argentine—back in 2004. Brother and sister team Armando and Maria Loson and consultant winemaker Paul Hobbs know that the very elements that make winemaking in La Pampa challenging, are in fact essential for the wine's complexity and superior character.

The 2015 Desierto Pampa Malbec boasts a complex bouquet of ripe fig and plum with a toasty finish from being aged in new barrels, while the 2015 Desierto Pampa Cabernet Franc features hints of



currant and cherry, balanced with hints of red pepper atop a subtle foundation of oak. The 2015 Desierto Pampa Blend is a nuanced bouquet built off mineral notes and hints of ripe candied fruit, spices, chocolate, and tobacco. The 2017 Desierto Pampa Chardonnay has early notes of ripe and dried fruit with a balanced oak finish. Savor the rich and complex Argentinean flavors that shine through the exquisite wines of Bodega del Desierto with these four half cases.

YOUR TRIP FOR TWO INCLUDES:

• private airport transfers and all in-country flights

IN BUENOS AIRES

• a two-night stay at the Alvear Icon Hotel in a Deluxe Room with buffet breakfast at Sunny Yard Restaurant

IN NEUQUÉN TRAFUL VALLEY

- a three-night stay at Estancia Arroyo Verde in a Double Room with full board: breakfast buffet, lunch, and dinner with outstanding Argentinean wines and open bar
- two full days of fly fishing with a full-time guide and car
- · horseback riding, walking, hiking, bird watching, picnics, and

IN BARILOCHE RÍO NEGRO

• a two-night stay at Llao Llao Hotel & Resort in a Deluxe Studio at Moreno wing with breakfast included

Note: Subject to availability at each destination. Alvear Icon expires February 5, 2019 with blackout dates of December 28-January 3, 2018. Estancia Arroyo Verde available November-December 21, 2018 or January 5-April 30, 2019. Gratuities, insurance, fishing license, and gear rental not included. Llao Llao expires March 31, 2019 and not available during special

Generously contributed by

Estancia Arroyo Verde, Alvear Icon Hotel & Residences, Llao Llao Hotel & Resort, and Bodega del Desierto

Château Margaux 1986 (1 imperial, owc) MARGAUX, BORDEAUX



ESTIMATED VALUE: \$9,000



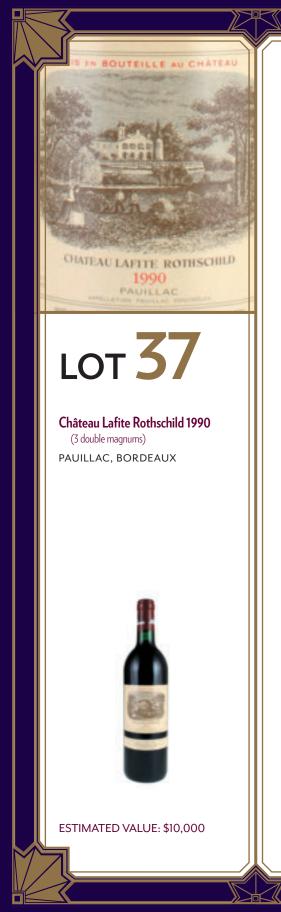
MARGAUX'S MOST BLOSSOMED BOTTLE!

We are proud to feature an array of Château Margaux's quality wines, particularly those that have stood the test of time. **Château Margaux 1986** is the estate's flagship wine under Paul Pontallier. With a near-perfect score of 97 points from *The Wine Advocate*, this wine is housed in a large-format bottle, which allows the wine to age particularly well.

"With several hours of aeration, the aromatics become striking, with notes of smoke, toast, crème de cassis, mineral, and white flowers. Very full-bodied, with high but sweet tannin, great purity, and a very masculine, full-bodied style, this wine should prove nearly immortal in terms of its aging potential."—Robert Parker, *Bordeaux Book (4th Edition), The Wine Advocate*

This bottle was bought near-release in the late 1980s and has laid undisturbed in its original wood case in Stephen A. Kaplan's private wine cellar since that time. The wood case was opened for the first time ever in August 2017; the imperial has a very high level and a sound-appearing cork, and its appearance was rated "excellent."

Generously contributed by **Stephen A. Kaplan**



A WINE THAT STANDS THE TEST OF TIME

From the first known reference in 1234 to its remarkable vintages in the twenty-first century, **Château Lafite Rothschild** is laden with history. During the mid-eighteenth century and due to a high approval rating from King Louis XV, Lafite was sought by everyone in Versailles. Before becoming President of the United States, Thomas Jefferson traveled to Bordeaux as Minister to France in May 1787 and remained a customer of Château Lafite for the rest of his life! To avoid confiscation from German invasion throughout the early 1940s, Lafite served as an agricultural vocational school. Since the Barons de Rothschild reclaimed the vineyard at the end of 1945, they have steadily produced high-quality Bordeaux.

This 1990 vintage "possesses some firmness, and performs like a late adolescent in terms of its evolution, it boasts gorgeous aromas of cedar, tobacco leaf, cassis, and lead pencil shavings. The explosive aromas are followed by a fleshy, full-bodied wine... and [will] last for 25-30 more [years]" (Robert Parker, *The Wine Advocate*). Like the Château Lafite Rothschild and Margaux featured in lots 2, 24, 28, 29, 37 and 50, these three double magnums come from the collection of the late **Aubrey K. McClendon**—a man who knew his Bordeaux throughout the ages. Take home this timeless wine tonight!

Generously contributed by Greg and Mamie Case

AFRICAN SAFARI FOR 2

ACCOMPANIED BY WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER SUE FLOOD

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

Includes:

PERSONALIZED PHOTOBOOK BY SUE FLOOD

CALL OF THE WILD AFRICAN SAFARI

Set your adventurous heart aflame with this luxury safari in Zambia, one of the last unspoiled wilderness regions of Africa the very place where the African walking safari was pioneered. Dive into the Luangwa lifestyle with a stay at the award-winning Mfuwe Lodge. This favorite Lyric Wine Auction lot is back by popular demand, so don't be shy when it comes time to raise your paddle – this trip is *not* the one you want to skip!

YOUR TRIP FOR TWO INCLUDES:

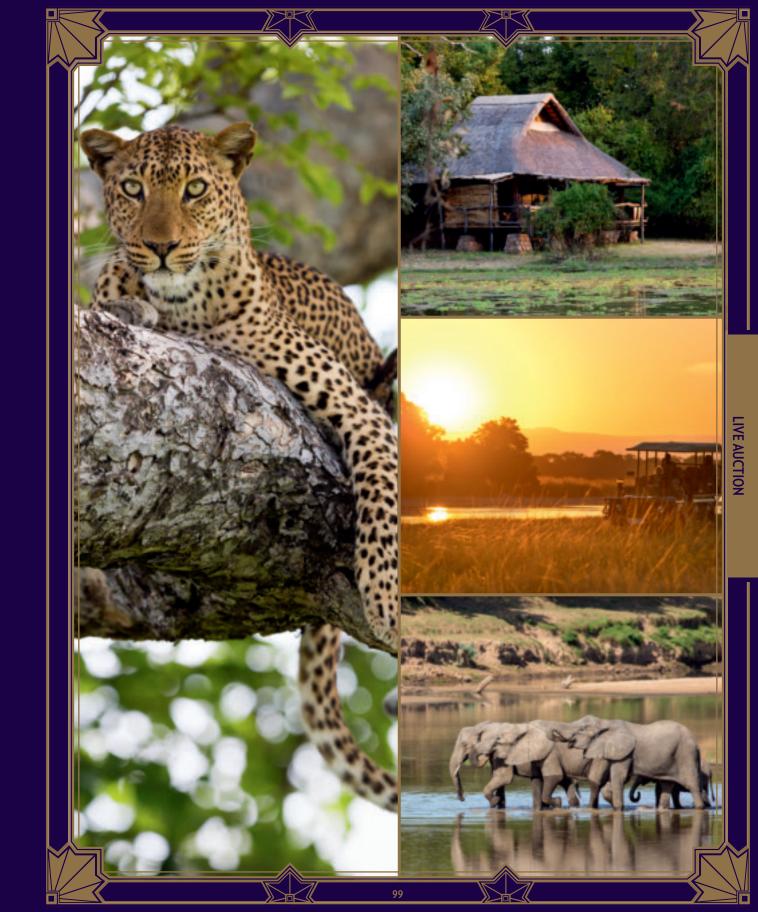
- a seven-night stay at the **Mfuwe Lodge** in South Luangwa National Park, set amongst the banks of two lagoons and known for its abundant and varied wildlife (lounge on the open deck or take a dip in the swimming pool for a relaxing break)
- a photobook of your travels, all documented by award-winning photographer **Sue Flood**, whose clients include the BBC, Discovery Channel, Animal Planet, and, after this safari—you!

Experience the majestic beauty of Africa up close. Savor the memories for a lifetime. Away you go!

Note: Expires April 30, 2019. Includes meals, game drives, and Mfuwe airport transfer. Airfare to Zambia not included. Does not include park fees, government and conservation levies, visa fees, or bar charges. Photographer arrangements should be scheduled well in advance.

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$25,000

Generously contributed by
Sue Flood and The Bushcamp Company





lot **39**

TRIP FOR 2 TO LONDON SEPTEMBER 2018 5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$15,000

LONDON CALLING

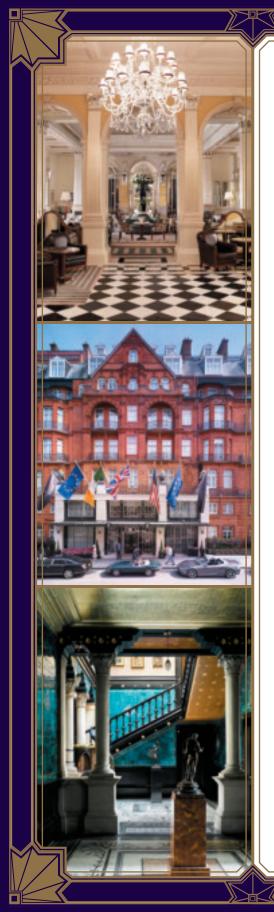
Spend an exhilarating weekend in London, England's richest Cultural hub and a city full of entertainment! You will experience all that London has to offer, from the bustling city center to the enchanting countryside that surrounds it.

You will stay in two revered hotels during your time in London. First, find yourself at the city's most iconic five-star luxury hotel, Claridge's. You will dine one evening at their Michelin-starred restaurant, Fera, with Château La Coste wines to accompany your delicious meal. Your accommodations continue with another five-star stay at Park Lane's Four Seasons Hotel, right in the heart of London's upscale Mayfair district. Stroll over to Scott's Restaurant for an evening of the finest shellfish and seasonal game.

Additionally, enjoy a customized whirlwind day tour through the city's best museum exhibits, artists' studios, and commercial galleries with Dr. Alard von Rohr-Demmin, art historian and contemporary art expert. After lunch at Moro Restaurant in Exmouth Market, winner of the London Guardian Food Awards 2014, the afternoon will be spent on a panoramic tour of 2,000 years of architecture from St. Bartholomew-the-Great, London's grandest Norman church, to Renzo Piano's 'Shard,' Europe's tallest building to date.

Spend a private evening at Frederick Lord Leighton's stunningly eclectic Victorian home in Holland Park. After drinks in the plushest dining room in London, you'll have a tour of the house led by an expert art historian. A piece of art in its own right, this house vibrates with gold leaf, Damascene tiles, indoor fountains, and paintings by Frederick Leighton and his artistic circle.

But it does not stop there! The trip to London includes two coveted tickets to "The Last Night of the Proms" at Royal Albert Hall conducted by Sir Andrew Davis. Be there when Lyric's Music Director (who is also the first-ever Conductor Laureate of the BBC Symphony Orchestra) returns after a 17-year absence to lead the single most popular and fun (and sometimes raucous!) night of music on the London concert scene!



During one of your days in England, escape to Dodington Park in Gloucestershire and enjoy a rare tour of the house and its grounds by Capability Brown, followed by luncheon. The house, built in 1794 to designs by James Wyatt, is now home to Sir James and Lady Deirdre Dyson.

Travel to London like no one else. Off you go!

YOUR TRIP FOR TWO INCLUDES:

- two-night stay in a Deluxe King room at **Claridge's**, including English breakfast served each morning
- a dinner on one of the two nights in Claridge's Michelin-starred restaurant **Fera**, featuring the wines of Château La Coste
- two-night stay in a deluxe room at the Four Seasons Hotel London at Park Lane with breakfast
- a luncheon and private tour at Sir James and Lady Dyson's home, **Dodington Park**
- dinner at Scott's, located in London's Mayfair district
- two tickets to attend "**The BBC Proms** Last Night of the Proms" at the Royal Albert Hall on September 8, 2018
- a private, guided tour with **Dr. Alard von Rohr-Demmin**, art historian and contemporary art expert, including lunch at awardwinning restaurant **Moro**
- cocktails and a tour of Frederick Lord Leighton's Victorian home in Holland Park, courtesy of **Art History UK**

Note: Tour with Sir James and Lady Dyson, Dr. Alard von Rohr-Demmin, and Rose Balson subject to availability. All activities must be mutually agreed upon and scheduled in advance. Airfare to London not included. Expires April 2019. BBC Proms performance will take place September 8, 2018.

Generously contributed by

Claridge's, Four Seasons Hotel London at Park Lane, Sir Andrew Davis, Sir James and Lady Dyson, Scott's Restaurant, Dr. Alard von Rohr-Demmin, and Art History UK



TRIP FOR 4 TO LAIL VINEYARDS 3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

Wine to be taken home tonight:

Lail Vineyards J. Daniel Cuvée 2015 (1 imperial, 1 double magnum, 1 magnum, and 1 bottle) NAPA VALLEY

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$10,000

AN UNFORGETTABLE VISIT TO QUINTESSENTIAL WINE COUNTRY

With roots dating back to 1879, the wines of Lail Vineyards are born from generations of winemaking knowledge in the Napa Valley, a legacy that remains Lail's steadfast compass. Two couples are invited to enjoy an exclusive luncheon at Lail Vineyards' home estate atop Howell Mountain with fourth generation Vintner Robin Daniel Lail. With breathtaking views of Napa Valley and the Mole Hill estate vineyard, you'll enjoy a gourmet four-course meal paired with Lail Vineyard's finest wines. The afternoon will promise inspiring conversations, unforgettable flavors, and new friendship, celebrating the Napa legacy of Robin Daniel Lail.

Your experience will continue at Las Alcobas, a Luxury Collection Hotel within the charming and sophisticated community of St. Helena. The hotel's 68 spacious guestrooms and suites, Atrio Spa, and Acacia House restaurant appeal to travelers seeking the ultimate wine country escape. Each aspect of the hotel is inspired by the beauty and authenticity of the region.

In addition to this lovely lunch and two luxurious nights at Las Alcobas, you will receive a Piano case of Lail Vineyards' J. Daniel Cuvée, a 98+ point wine rated by the prestigious *Wine Advocate*, in a collectable wood case—the only one of its kind that has been produced!

YOUR TRIP FOR FOUR INCLUDES:

- a two-night stay in luxurious accommodations (two rooms) at Las Alcobas
- a private luncheon with Founder and Owner Robin Daniel Lail, featuring a gourmet four-course meal, paired with Lail Vineyards' finest wines

TO BE TAKEN HOME TONIGHT:

• a Piano case of Lail Vineyards' J. Daniel Cuvée 2015, a 98+ point wine rated by the prestigious *Wine Advocate*, in a collectable wood case

Note: Must be scheduled on a mutually agreeable date well in advance. Expires April 2019.

Generously contributed by Lail Vineyards



lot **41**

TRIP FOR 4 TO BORDEAUX 4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$12,000

A BESPOKE BORDEAUX ADVENTURE

We couldn't have just ONE Bordeaux trip to offer tonight! This once-in-a-lifetime experience will allow you the chance to customize the trip to Bordeaux that you've always dreamed of with insider access not available to the public.

Maison Joanne, Bordeaux wine merchants for over 150 years, is prepared to whisk you away for a two-day bespoke insider tour that you will never forget! They will make sure your experience is nothing short of first-class, including a château stay, six to eight VIP tour and tasting experiences, and exquisite meals as they help curate a trip exactly to your liking.

Whether you've been yearning to visit one specific château, regardless of the date, or have a specific week already set aside for just such a trip, they'll make it happen! (And yes, that could mean packing your bags next month—or in six months.)

Past Bordeaux experiences have included VIP tours, tastings, meals, and stays at châteaux like Ducru-Beaucaillou, Lafite Rothschild, Rauzan Ségla, Pontet-Canet, Léoville Barton, Latour, Lynch-Bages, and Margaux! With a list like this, you know you're in for an outstanding experience.

This customizable Bordeaux trip is perfect for all wine fans. So, the question is: how badly do you want to experience the best of Bordeaux? (And, how high are you willing to raise your paddle?)

YOUR TRIP FOR FOUR INCLUDES:

- three nights of luxury accommodations at a top Bordeaux wineproducing château not open to the public
- two days of **six to eight VIP visits, tours, tastings and lunches** at some of the most-sought after Châteaux in Bordeaux
- car service within Bordeaux

Note: Châteaux are not open on weekends, therefore trip must be redeemed during the week. Expires April 14, 2019. Airfare, airport transfers, and guide not included. Subject to change and availability. Châteaux included are not open to public, and do not typically offer accommodation, therefore, hotel-like amenities, such as room service, may not be available.

Generously contributed by **Maison Joanne**



TRIP FOR 2 TO PARIS 5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$15,000



We are thrilled to offer you the chance to experience the two quintessential hotels in Paris, Le Bristol and the Ritz Paris, and a glimpse at Paris' art scene not available to others. Not only will you spend two nights in each of these iconic hotels, you'll have the chance to experience the culinary decadence of each property. Dinner at Hôtel Le Bristol Paris will be enjoyed at the Michelin-starred 114 Faubourg, showcasing the talents of Chef Eric Frechon.

Seize this unique opportunity to discover Domaine Clarence Dillon's newly minted Restaurant Le Clarence in the Golden Triangle of Paris, just a few feet away from Les Champs Élysées. Renowned Michelin-starred chef, Christophe Pelé, will prepare a delicious menu for you accompanied by the following wines, presented by a dedicated sommelier: La Clarté de Haut-Brion, Château Haut-Brion, Château La Mission Haut-Brion, Château Quintus, and Clarendelle Amberwine.

Revel in the masterwork of one of contemporary art's giants. The studio of Anselm Kiefer will take you on a tour of its astonishing artwork and creative space, complete with driver and lunch. The German painter and sculptor's works have earned him great notoriety around the world, such as the first-ever Peace Prize of the German Book Trade given to a visual artist in 2008. Additionally, tour the collection of the Centre Pompidou while the museum is closed—you will have the place all to yourselves!

Dine and delight in the most romantic city on Earth!

YOUR TRIP FOR TWO INCLUDES:

- a two-night stay in a junior suite superior at **Hôtel Le Bristol Paris**, including an American breakfast and a dinner for two at their Michelin-starred restaurant, **114 Faubourg**
- a two-night stay in an executive room at the **Ritz Paris**, including breakfast at their Michelin-starred brasserie, **L'Espadon**
- dinner at Domaine Clarence Dillon's Michelin-starred Restaurant
 Le Clarence, accompanied by the wines of La Clarté de Haut-Brion,
 Château Haut-Brion, Château La Mission Haut-Brion, Château
 Quintus, and Clarendelle Amberwine



• tour of **Anselm Kiefer's Paris studio**, and an exclusive, after-hours tour of the **Centre Pompidou** collection with private driver and luncheon and hosted by Galerie Thaddeus Ropac

Notes: Lot expires April 14, 2019. Le Clarence dinner may be increased to four people; hotel stays may not be increased. Blackout dates for the Ritz Paris are June 20-24, July 1-4, and September 27-October 3, 2018. Blackout dates for Hôtel Le Bristol Paris are May 24-June 30, July, September, October, December 24-January 2, January 18-24, and February 26-March 5, 2019.

Generously contributed by Hôtel Le Bristol Paris, Ritz Paris, Domaine Clarence Dillon, Galerie Thaddeus Ropac, and Mr. and Mrs. Matthew A. Fisher



DINNER AT THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. JOHN BRYAN AT CRAB TREE FARM

MAY 19, 2018

Wine to be enjoyed at dinner:

Pavillon Rouge du Château Margaux 2005

Champagne Taittinger Brut La Française

SONG[™] HALL Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

Domaine Thibert Père et Fils Pouilly-Fuissé Les Travers 2013

MARGAUX, BORDEAUX CHAMPAGNE NAPA VALLEY POUILLY-FUISSÉ, BURGUNDY

BUY IT NOW

INDIVIDUAL RESERVATION: \$1,500

PATRON INDIVIDUAL RESERVATION: \$3,000

Remaining tickets will be open to live bidding during the auction.

AN EVENING AT CRAB TREE FARM

Neville and John Bryan would like to welcome you into their home in celebration of Shirley Welsh Ryan and the thirtieth Anniversary of Wine Auction.

The Bryan's home is located on a bluff overlooking Lake Michigan at Crab Tree Farm in Lake Bluff, Illinois. Their residence, a Colonial Revival structure designed in 1926 by Chicago architect David Adler, is furnished with collections of early British art and antiques. The house and its subsidiary buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and they are the subject of preservation easements held by Landmarks Illinois. The Bryan family is the second owner of their home and the third owner of Crab Tree Farm.

YOUR EVENING AT CRAB TREE FARM WILL INCLUDE:

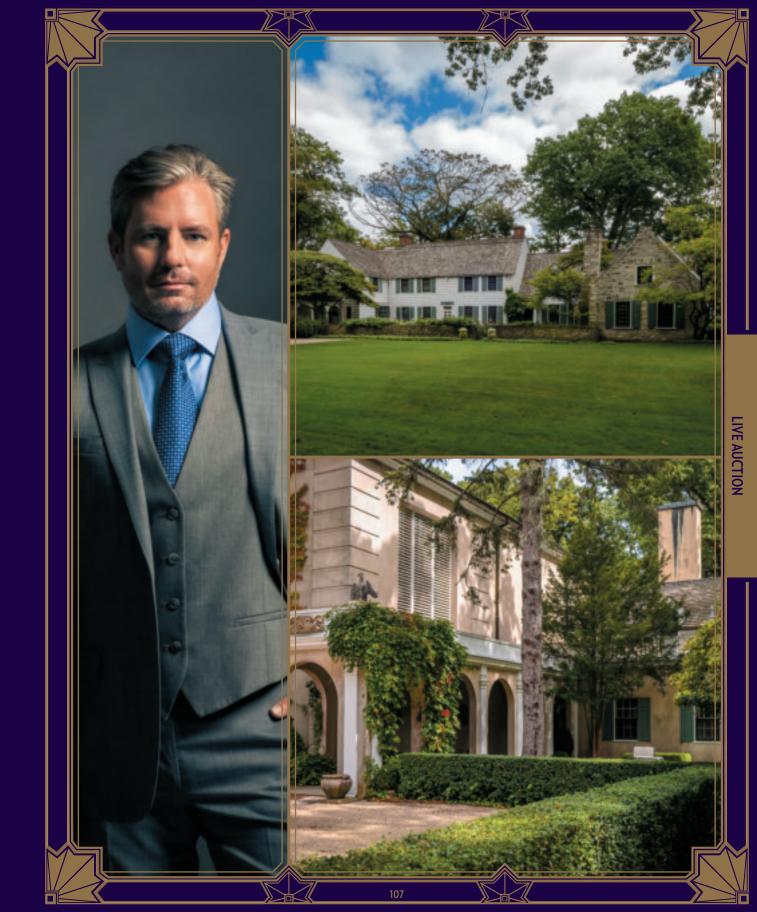
- cocktails in the walled garden
- dinner on the ivy-lined indoor tennis court accompanied by exquisite wines, including: Pavillon Rouge du Château Margaux 2005, a nebuchadnezzar of Champagne Taittinger Brut La Française, our very own SONG[™] commemorative wine, and Domaine Thibert Chardonnay
- a performance by tenor Matthew Polenzani, international superstar and one of Lyric's most prestigious and famed Ryan Opera Center alumni, in an intimate setting

Spend a picturesque evening right on the shores of Lake Michigan! Tickets, while available, can be purchased ahead of the auction at the Individual and Patron levels by calling 312.827.5682.

Individual Reservation: Cocktails in the walled garden near the Tennis House at Crab Tree Farm followed by dinner on the tennis court and a performance by Matthew Polenzani

Patron Individual Reservation: Includes the above, plus cocktails on the bluff and tours of the Bryan home and collections

Generously contributed by **Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bryan** Champagne from **Champagne Taittinger** Special thanks to **Matthew Polenzani**



Hospices de Beaune 2014 MAZIS-CHAMBERTIN

Grand Cru Appellation Mazis-Chambertin Contrôlée Cuvée Madeleine Collignon

Séléctionné pour Allan E. Bulley, Jr. - GPG 1999-2002 Commanderie d'Amérique

Elevé et mis en bouteilles par Domaine Ponsot à Morey-Saint-Denis, Côte-d'Or, France Grand Vin de Bourgogne - Produce of France

LOT **44**

Domaine du Clos de Tart Grand Cru Monopole 2014 (12 bottles)

Hospices de Beaune Mazis-Chambertin Grand Cru Cuvee Madeleine Collignon Domaine Ponsot 2014 (12 bottles)

CÔTE DE NUITS, BURGUNDY

THE WINES OF CÔTE DE NUITS

The Côte de Nuits is located in the northernmost area of The Côte d'Or, which is a limestone ridge that makes up the heart of the Burgundy wine region in France. There are more than one hundred Grand Cru vineyards in Côte de Nuits today, and we have two cases of the absolute best.

Located at the southern end of Morey-Saint-Denis, Clos de Tart has remained a Monopole, single vineyard Domaine since its inception in the twelfth century. With just under twenty acres on the slopes above the village, this Pinot Noir soars with soil rich in limestone and marl, allowing for vibrant and bold flavors to emerge. *The Wine Advocate* notes that the 2014 vintage has "a well defined bouquet with cranberry and wild strawberry fruit, fine mineral tones and is quite harmonious with hints of limestone. Blackberry, wild cherry with a hint of cola, and certainly more tangible *mineralité* are found on the finish."

The 2014 Hospices de Beaune hails from Domaine Ponsot, one of the most respected winemakers in Burgundy. Allan Bulley purchased a barrel at the 155th Hospices de Beaune Auction in 2014 and shares his personal allocation with us tonight. The bottles carry the inscription, "This wine was bottled by Domaine Ponsot for Allan E. Bulley, Jr. GPG Chevalier du Tastevin 1999-2001." Carrying on a tradition of excellence, this wine will never be on retail shelves unless produced by another winemaker, so take advantage of this incredible lot tonight!

Generously contributed by Allan E. Bulley, Jr.



Château Margaux 2015 (6 bottles, owc) MARGAUX, BORDEAUX

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$10,000

BEST IN CLASS

With a design commemorating the life and work of Château Margaux's beloved Managing Director, Paul Pontallier, this is the first time in the estate's *history* that a special bottle has been created for a vintage release. The bottles are decorated with a silkscreened image of the Château and the architecture in grey and gold.

Neal Martin noted in Robert Parker's *The Wine Advocate* that the wine is "astonishingly well balanced, perfectly poised with super fine tannins wrapped around pure blackberry, bilberry, graphite, and cedar fruit[it] almost knocks you off your seat." As you can imagine, this wine sold out in less than one hour when it was first released *en primeur*. This wine is truly a standout. We are honored to feature these six bottles from a very limited quantity of the 2015 Bordeaux!

Generously contributed by Liz Stiffel



Château Mouton-Rothschild 1945 (1 bottle) PAUILLAC, BORDEAUX

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$16,000

AN AGELESS MOUTON-ROTHSCHILD

"A CONSISTENT 100-POINT WINE (ONLY BECAUSE MY POINT SCALE STOPS AT THAT NUMBER), THE 1945 MOUTON-ROTHSCHILD IS TRULY ONE OF THE IMMORTAL WINES OF THE CENTURY."

Perhaps there is no higher praise than these words of Robert Parker, who goes on to write, "This wine is easily identifiable due to its remarkably exotic, over-ripe, sweet nose of black fruits, coffee, tobacco, mocha, and Asian spices." (*Bordeaux Book, Third Edition*)

Château Mouton-Rothschild 1945 is without a doubt one of the most celebrated wines of the 20th century, if not all time. Late frosts reduced the crop, and the remaining grapes were harvested under ideal conditions, attaining maximum ripeness. All this resulted in a wine that's concentrated, long-lived, and unforgettable. To commemorate the liberation of the vineyards from the German army, Baron Philippe commissioned an artist to create a special strip label for each bottle which reads "Année de la Victoire." The tradition of artist labels continues today, with a special label designed by a different artist each year.

This bottle was thoughtfully donated by Lili Gaubin from the wine collection of her late mother and longtime Women's Board member, **Catherine Graham**, in honor of **Shirley Welsh Ryan**, for her extraordinary vision in creating the Wine Auction thirty years ago. This bottle was presented to the Grahams as a wedding gift by Mrs. Graham's family in France; therefore, the bottle does not bear a U.S. import strip label. The overall condition is exemplary: a sound label in excellent condition, a level at the very top of the shoulder, and remarkably deep color.

It is certainly a beautiful tribute to both Mrs. Ryan's vision and to Mrs. Graham's legacy.

Generously contributed by

Lili Gaubin from the collection of her late mother, Catherine Graham, in honor of Shirley Welsh Ryan



SUSAN GRAHAM IN-HOME RECITAL WITH N₀MI KITCHEN DINNER FOR 10

ESTIMATED VALUE: PRICELESS



AN EVENING WITH MEZZO-SOPRANO SUSAN GRAHAM

Enthrall and delight your dinner guests with a very special performance by Lyric star and internationally-acclaimed mezzosoprano, **Susan Graham**. Since her debut as Annio in *La Clemenza di Tito* in the 1989/90 season, Ms. Graham has sung a variety of roles at Lyric. Most notably (and quite heroically), she stepped in last minute to play Didon in Lyric's celebrated production of *Les Troyens* last season. Lyric welcomed her back with open arms this season to sing Dinah in *Trouble in Tahiti* in the Celebrating 100 Years of Bernstein concert. No one can top this level of in-home entertainment!

Back by popular demand, **NoMI Kitchen** will provide an exquisite inhome catered meal to complement Ms. Graham's musical program. With a myriad of rave reviews, the restaurant's mentions include *Food & Wine Magazine* and *Crain's Chicago Business*. We cannot imagine a better coupling—you are going to be "host of the year" with an evening like this!

Note: Chosen date must be mutually agreed upon generously in advance between Susan Graham, NoMI Kitchen, and winner. Expires April 14, 2019.

In-home catering generously contributed by **Park Hyatt NoMI Kitchen** Special thanks to **Susan Graham**

LYRIC BY THE NUMBERS

What does your generosity mean to Lyric?

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Singers and pianists who have participated in the celebrated artist-development program, The Patrick G. and Shirley W. Ryan Opera Center

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to make a difference

Lyric-commissioned world premiere productions on the mainstage

565,453 People served through Lyric Unlimited

programming since the 2012/13 season

60 Mainstage opera performances

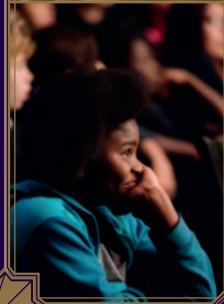
performances each season (plus an additional 25 performances of the musical!)

6 Chicago Public Schools receiving free transportation to and from a Lyric Unlimited program or event in the 2016/17 season

Students who have seen an Opera in the Neighborhoods performance since the 2012/13 season







Your generous support of the Wine Auction enables the multifaceted programming of Lyric to thrive. If you wish to make an additional fully tax-deducible contribution, we invite you to partake in an electronic "paddle raise."

During the auction, you will receive a text message with a personal donation link. Simply click the blue link in your text message and enter the amount you wish to donate.

Thank you for helping Lyric reach a high note!

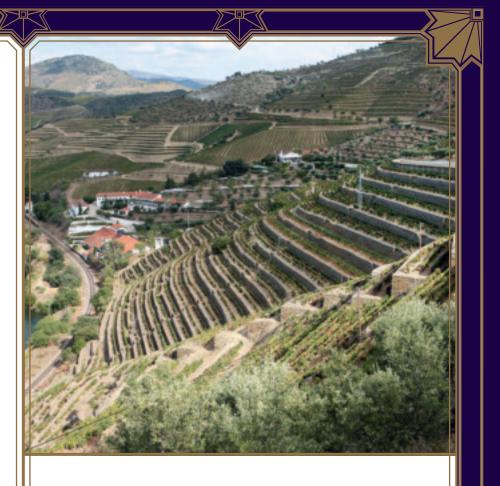


TRIP FOR 2 TO PORTO, PORTUGAL 5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

Wine to take home tonight: Fonseca Vintage Port 1994 (1 bottle) Fonseca Vintage Port 1997 (1 bottle) Fonseca Vintage Port 2009 (1 bottle) Taylor Fladgate 30 Year Old Tawny Port (1 imperial) DOURO VALLEY, PORTUGAL



ESTIMATED VALUE: \$8,500



A CRASH COURSE IN PORT

Port is one of the great classic European wines and its history is a long and fascinating one. **So what is Port?** Port is a fortified wine, made by adding a proportion of grape spirit, or brandy, to the wine at some point during the production process. Port is arguably the greatest of all fortified wines and its paramount expression, Vintage Port, ranks alongside the finest produce of Bordeaux or Burgundy as one of the great iconic wines of the world. It is found in northern Portugal within the mountainous Douro Valley. Where better to learn more about the flavors of Port than in the only country of its production?

The Yeatman Hotel is located in the historic heart of Vila Nova de Gaia, next to the ancient 'lodges' where Port houses like Taylor Fladgate have aged their wines for over three centuries. As one of Europe's leading wine hotels, The Yeatman is a haven for wine lovers and the prime destination for those wishing to explore the pleasures of Port and



Portuguese wine. The Yeatman's two-star Michelin restaurant provides an environment of classic comfort, where discreet and understated service blends with a warm welcome. The extraordinary panorama of the River Douro and the historic center of Porto guarantee the most spectacular scenery. Complementing The Yeatman's own wine activities, visits can be arranged to leading vineyards and estates in the Douro Valley, Minho, Dão, and Bairrada wine regions.

YOUR TRIP FOR TWO INCLUDES:

- round-trip airfare from the United States to Porto, Portugal
- a four-night stay at The Yeatman Hotel
- a tasting for two upon arrival in Porto

TO BE TAKEN HOME TONIGHT:

one bottle each of Fonseca Vintage Port from 1994, 1997, and 2009
an imperial of Taylor Fladgate 30 Year Old Tawny Port

We guarantee that the 1994 Fonseca Vintage Port is going to be a *knockout* in your cellar! Robert Parker called this wine "one of the most spectacular 1994s," and "exotic, flamboyant, ostentatious" (*The Wine Advocate*), with a nearly faultless 97-point rating. To round out this lot, Taylor Fladgate bottled an imperial of 30-year Tawny Port in honor of our thirtieth anniversary—the only one in existence! Let your continued education of Port and Portugal begin!

Note: Dates of trip subject to room availability. Expires April 14, 2019. Note: All three Fonseca bottles at neck level. One bottle with worn label. One bottle with debris on bottom.

Generously contributed by Kobrand Fine Wine & Spirits and Taylor Fladgate

TRIP FOR 4 TO STAG'S LEAP WINE CELLARS

Wine to take home tonight:

Stag's Leap Wine Cellars FAY Cabernet Sauvignon 1995 (1 double magnum)

Stag's Leap Wine Cellars FAY Cabernet Sauvignon 2000 (1 double magnum)

Stag's Leap Wine Cellars FAY Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 (1 double magnum)

Stag's Leap Wine Cellars FAY Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 (1 double magnum)

Stag's Leap Wine Cellars FAY Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 (1 double magnum)

NAPA VALLEY

4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF FAY

THE WINES OF STAG'S LEAP WINE CELLARS ARE DESCRIBED AS "AN IRON FIST IN A VELVET GLOVE," REFERENCING THE ARTFUL BALANCE BETWEEN RIPENESS AND RESTRAINT, AS WELL AS SOFTNESS AND STRUCTURE.

his label is the *golden child* of one of the Napa Valley's First Growth estates, laden with accomplishments, including the 1973 S.L.V. Cabernet Sauvignon named as one of the Smithsonian's "Objects that Made America." Equally as important is FAY Estate Cabernet, grown on the adjoining vineyard to S.L.V.

The FAY vineyard is where the Stag's Leap Wine Cellars' story began. Win this lot and you get to be one of the lucky few to commemorate this milestone for the winery with an up close and personal visit to Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, an experience not available to the public!

Established by pioneering grape grower Nathan Fay in 1961, it was the first planting of Cabernet Sauvignon in what is now the Stag's Leap District, capable of producing a wine that could rival the best in the world. FAY vineyard remains one the great Napa Valley vineyards, producing fruit with an abundance of supple red and blackberry character, voluptuous perfume, and a luscious, fine-grained texture.

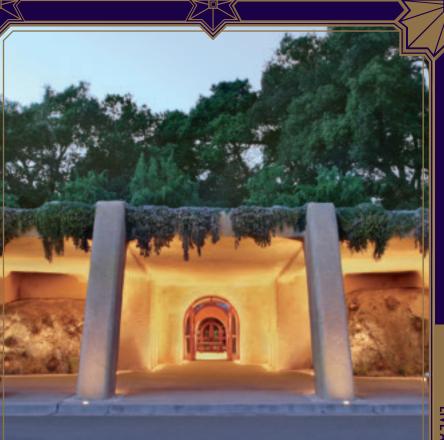
With the release of the 2015 vintage, Stag's Leap Wine Cellars is celebrating 25 Years of FAY (the first vintage of FAY was 1990).

YOUR TRIP FOR FOUR INCLUDES:

- a three-night stay at the FAY House on the Stag's Leap Wine Cellars estate in Napa Valley (two rooms from Thursday to Sunday) set against the gorgeous backdrop of the historic FAY vineyard and the Stag's Leap Palisades
- dinner with Winemaker Marcus Notaro, with current releases and special gems from the library
- a Fire & Water Tour and Tasting, which includes a winery tour and seated tasting of their iconic, estate-grown wines



FAY



TO BE TAKEN HOME TONIGHT:

 one double magnum of each of the following Stag's Leap Wine Cellars FAY Cabernet Sauvignon vintages: 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, and the 2015

Note: Transportation and airfare not included. Dates must be mutually agreed upon, a minimum of two months in advance with Stag's Leap Wine Cellars. Expires April 14, 2019.

Generously contributed by Stag's Leap Wine Cellars



lot **50**

Château Lafite Rothschild 2000 (3 magnums) PAUILLAC, BORDEAUX

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$8,000

LAFITE ROTHSCHILD DOES IT AGAIN!

With a rating of 98+ points, and directly from the collection of the late wine enthusiast **Aubrey K. McClendon**, how could you pass up the chance to fill your cellar with three magnums of near perfection? **Château Lafite Rothschild** has spent years working to perfect the *terroir* upon which their grapes are grown. With strict control of yields and manual harvests, vines are able to gracefully reach an advanced age. They are generally pulled out (with a heavy heart) when they reach eighty years old in order to maintain the high standards for which this First Growth is known.

Of the 2000 bottling, Robert Parker says: "A blend of 93.3% Cabernet Sauvignon and the rest Merlot, the wine still has a dark ruby/purple color and an extraordinarily youthful nose of graphite, black currants, sweet unsmoked cigar tobacco, and flowers. A compelling wine, with extraordinary precision and great intensity, this is utterly fascinating stuff."

Generously contributed by **Mr. and Mrs. J. Christopher Reyes**

LIVE AUCTION



lot **51**

Sine Qua Non Patine Grenache 2011 (6 bottles, mixed owc)

Sine Qua Non Patine Grenache 2011 (1 magnum, mixed owc)

Sine Qua Non Patine Syrah 2011 (6 bottles, mixed owc)

Sine Qua Non Patine Syrah 2011 (1 magnum, mixed owc) CENTRAL COAST AVA

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$6,500

SINE QUA NON

AS *FORBES* PUT IT: "MANFRED KRANKL'S SINE QUA NON IS SUCH AN EXCLUSIVE WINE THAT THERE'S A LIST TO GET ON THE LIST."

Skip the wait and fill your personal cellar with the two varieties that Sine Qua Non is best known for: the Grenache and the Syrah. The 2011 Grenache is the ultimate crowd-pleaser, with nicely integrated acidity, no hard edges, and a terrific finish. As for the 2011 Syrah, Manfred Krankl has kept his label at the top of its game with flavors of graphite, smoked meats, pepper, and black raspberry. The texture is rich and full-bodied without losing any of its sweet grace, a balance hard to find.

Sine qua non is a Latin phrase that translates literally to "without which nothing," or a condition that is absolutely necessary. We are convinced that these bottles are the *sine qua non* to the auction's success. Refuse to go home without winning this lot!

Generously contributed by Michael Collins and Joanna Dutta



Château d'Yquem 2013 (12 half bottles)

Château Cheval Blanc 2009 (1 double magnum)

Château La Fleur Pétrus 2010 (6 bottles)

Château Léoville Las Cases 2003 (24 half bottles)

Bouchard Père et Fils, Meursault 1er Cru Genevrières 2012 (1 imperial)

Krug Brut Rosé Champagne MV (3 bottles)

SAUTERNES, BORDEUAX SAINT-ÉMILION, BORDEAUX POMEROL, BORDEAUX SAINT-JULIEN, BORDEAUX COTE D'OR, BURGUNDY REIMS, CHAMPAGNE

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$15,000

TOUR DE FRANCE

This lot takes you on a rich and flavorful tour of France's finest wines. Beginning with the **Château d'Yquem**, indulge in this delectable Sauternes. *The Wine Advocate* notes that "the bouquet is quite honeyed and rich for Yquem, with subtle scents of peach skin, white flowers and a puff of chalk and frangipane."

A 99-point wine, the **Château Cheval Blanc 2009** hails from one of four Bordeaux producers in Saint-Émilion to receive the highest rank of Premier Grand Cru Classé. Robert Parker praises the wine for being "opulent and full-bodied, dense, unctuously textured, supersmooth, velvety, pure, profound and impossible to resist." This wine will open beautifully now, but can be stored for many years to come.

Next on your Bordeaux tour, experience the bountiful and exquisitely intense flavors of **La Fleur Pétrus**, a Château located on the famous Pomerol plateau. This Bordeaux is sure to excite! "Full-bodied, extravagantly luscious, with a skyscraper-like mid palate and phenomenal length," Parker notes.

Your palate will next head to Saint-Julien where you'll enjoy the iconic **Château Léoville Las Cases 2003**. With 24 half-bottles of this fresh and lively Bordeaux, marvel at the "remarkable nose of black currants, kirsch, and vanilla" as described by *The Wine Advocate*.

An imperial of great flavor awaits with the **Bouchard Père et Fils, Meursault 1er Cru Genevrières 2012**. Bask in a nose of "honeysuckle and jasmine at first, orange blossom soon after," according to *The Wine Advocate*.

What better way to complete this tour-de-France than with three bottlings of **Krug Brut Rosé Champagne MV**? Toast yourself—after all, you've taken quite the tour!

Generously contributed by **Edgar D. Jannotta**



DINNER FOR 8 AT THE PENINSULA CHICAGO'S THE LOBBY, FEATURING CHÂTEAU D'ESCLANS PAUL CHEVALIER

Wines paired by Château d'Esclans

ICONIC CHICAGO DINING AND FRENCH WINE -A BEAUTIFUL PAIRING

mmerse yourself in an evening of luxury as you dine at The Peninsula Chicago. You and seven guests are invited to a fourcourse dinner in The Lobby, including the beloved "Chocolate Bar" dessert buffet. Known for both its outstanding culinary feats and its iconic 20-foot, floor-to-ceiling windows and stunning views of Chicago, this is one of the ultimate dinner settings.

So, when the dinner and the views are as divine as this, and when dessert is never ending, the question becomes: what wine do you pair with this meal? Fear not, because you have Mr. Rosé himself here to perfectly pair each course with the best Rosé in the world! With a wealth of knowledge on the best blush-colored wine, and a bevy of exciting flavors courtesy of Château d'Esclans, Paul is sure to make this an unforgettable night. Endless Rosé and chocolate await at The Peninsula!

Generously contributed by **The Peninsula Chicago** and **Château d'Esclans**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$4,000

DAY TRIP FOR 6 TO MORLET FAMILY VINEYARDS

Morlet Family Vineyards 'Mon Chevalier' Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 (1 double magnum, signed by winemaker)

Morlet Family Vineyards 'Cœur de Vallée' Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 (1 double magnum, signed by winemaker)

Morlet Family Vineyards 'Passionnément' Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 (1 double magnum, signed by winemaker)

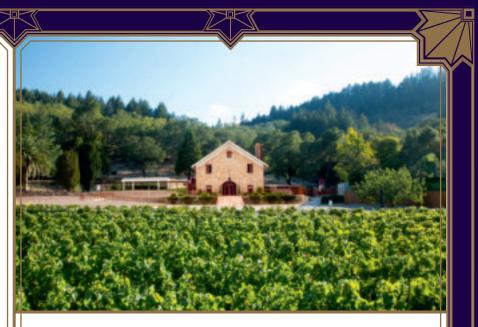
Morlet Family Vineyards 'Morlet Estate' Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 (1 double magnum, signed by winemaker)

KNIGHTS VALLEY, OAKVILLE, ST. HELENA, NAPA VALLEY

Wine to look forward to:

Custom-made Bordeaux varietal (6 magnums, etched)

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$14.000



A DAY TO DISCOVER THE HEART AND PASSION OF MORLET FAMILY VINEYARDS

Over the past twelve years, Luc and Jodie Morlet have established their wine as one of Napa's most sought-after labels. They have meticulously crafted the perfect day in paradise—we wish we could go, too!

This memorable day will begin as you and your five guests are greeted by owners Luc and Jodie Morlet with a flute of **Pierre Morlet Champagne**, imported from Luc's family in France. Following the welcome toast, your day trip includes:

- a **private blending session** at the Morlets' pre-Prohibition winery in St. Helena, during which Luc will lead you through barrel tastings of the five red Bordeaux varietals and then guide you as you develop your own blend (when ready, your wine will be bottled and each member of your party will receive an etched magnum of your unique creation)
- a picnic lunch with Luc and Jodie at their 'Mon Chevalier' Knights Valley vineyard, overlooking majestic Mount St. Helena and featuring the Cabernet Sauvignon grown on this remarkable estate
- an exclusive tour, followed by a tasting of wines from the Morlet Family Vineyards portfolio







- a rare viewing of the **Morlets' 'Cœur de Vallée' vineyard**, located on the world-renowed Oakville Bench with breathtaking views
- a five-course dinner at **Terra Restaurant** showcasing wines from Luc and Jodie's private cellar

TO BE TAKEN HOME TONIGHT:

 four signed, etched, and numbered double-magnums of the highly acclaimed Morlet Family Vineyards 2010 Cabernet Sauvignons (one each of 'Mon Chevalier,' 'Cœur de Vallée,' 'Passionnément,' and 'Morlet Estate')

TO BE TAKEN HOME FROM TRIP:

• one copy each of *Napa Valley Iconic Wineries* and *Wine Country Women of the Napa Valley*, personally signed by Luc and Jodie

Note: To be scheduled in advance on a mutually agreeable date (excluding the months of September and October). Transportation within the Napa Valley provided by Magnum Tours and Morlet Family Vineyards. Airfare not included. Expires August 31, 2019.

Generously contributed by Luc and Jodie Morlet, Morlet Family Vineyards

lot **55**

MEDITERRANEAN YACHT TRIP FOR 2 7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS

SAIL AWAY TO DREAMLAND

"IT'S YACHTING, NOT CRUISING." ENJOY THE DIFFERENCE!

SeaDream Yacht Club's mantra reflects the unique nature of the SeaDream experience: an exquisite, elegantly casual, and leisurely seagoing holiday. If you do not believe us, then perhaps the reviews can speak for themselves. *Condé Nast Traveler* awarded SeaDream with the highest honor as "Top Ocean Cruise," outscoring all other lines, and *Travel + Leisure* recognized SeaDream as the "World's Best."

Only 56 couples board the yacht for this seven-day cruise to the Mediterranean destinations of your choice, and the lucky couple who wins this lot will stay in the ocean-view "Yacht Club" Deck 3 stateroom. Dine al fresco or lounge on the Balinese Dream Beds with elevated, unobstructed views. Relaxation is the top priority here!

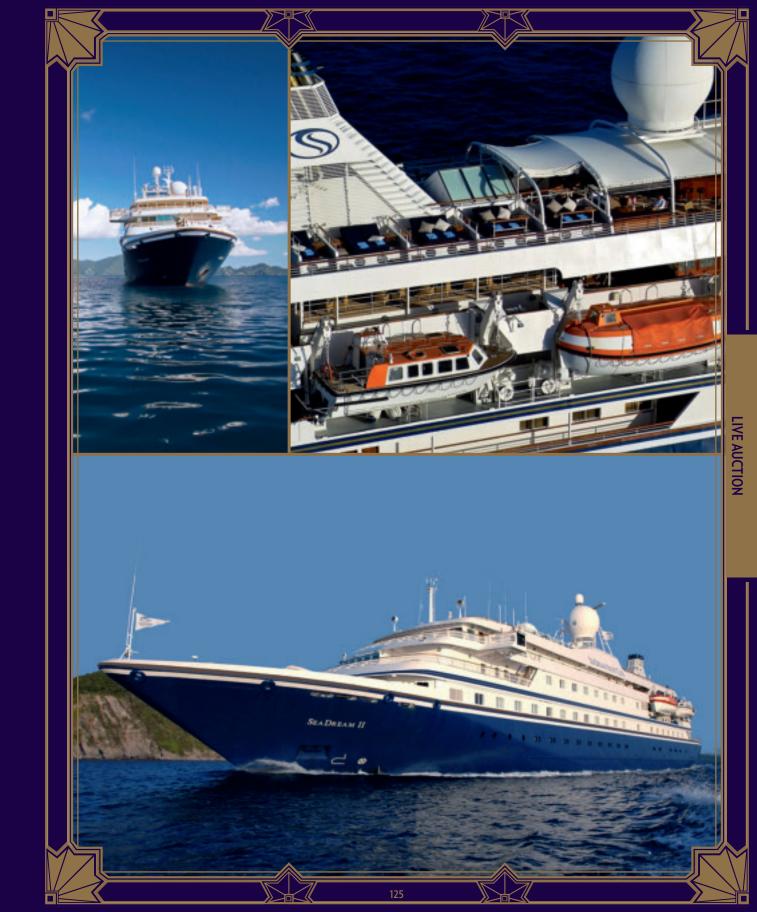
For entertainment, visit the Thai-certified spa (the only one of its kind at sea) or work on your swing with the state-of-the-art golf simulator. During the day, take mountain bikes out for shore side exploration or try out the jet skis; by night, dance to live guitar and piano music during cocktail hour or play a round of blackjack in the casino.

Voyages depart from Athens, Barcelona, Cannes, Dubrovnik, Monte Carlo, Nice, Rome, and Venice. Special wine voyages are also available—featuring honored guests like Thibault Gagey, Deputy General Manager of Maison Louis Jadot. Whatever your taste, SeaDream has you covered so be ready for the trip of a lifetime. Anchors away!

Notes: Cruise must be scheduled on a mutually agreeable date in advance between May and October 2018. The trip does not include transportation to and from the yacht; government, port, handling, service fees; travel insurance; or expenses incurred during the course of the sailing, such as charges for Yachting Land Adventures, spa and beauty salon services, and purchases from the yacht's boutique.

Generously contributed by SeaDream Yacht Club

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$18,000



Château Lafite Rothschild 2001 (1 bottle)

Château Lafite Rothschild 2002 (1 bottle)

Château Lafite Rothschild 2003 (1 bottle)

Château Lafite Rothschild 2004 (1 bottle) PAUILLAC, BORDEAUX



LAFITE ROTHSCHILD IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Looking to add some exciting first growth Bordeaux to your personal cellar? This is the lot for you! Astound your friends with this collection of 100-point Bordeaux from the legendary **Château Lafite Rothschild**. We could go on and on about the beauty of these four vintages; the luscious flavor of dark fruits, the youthful nose, and the hints of cigar tobacco. Or, we could leave you with the wise words of Robert Parker, who notes that, "the wine is rich, medium to full-bodied, but has that ethereal elegance and purity that is always Lafite."

Generously contributed by Kenneth Porrello and Sherry McFall

LIVE AUCTION

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$4,000



lot **57**

- Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve 15yr Straight Bourbon Whiskey (1 bottle)
- Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve 20yr Straight Bourbon Whiskey (1 bottle)
- Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve 23yr Straight Bourbon Whiskey (1 bottle)

KENTUCKY

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$7,000

A FLIGHT OF PAPPY

Julian "Pappy" Van Winkle hadn't always planned to enter the bourbon business, but his impact on the industry continues to be felt four generations later. As Pappy put it, he "simply tried to be honest and make a good product." It was that clear to him, and the business has stayed that way for more than one hundred years. With extremely limited releases, it's nearly impossible to buy a bottle yourself, let alone a flight!

The flight in this lot is a remarkable combination of 15yr, 20yr, and 23yr aged bourbons. The 15yr has a hazy, copper color and a rich, supple entry that leads to a decadent, huge, full-bodied palate with intense caramel, toffee and peppery brown spice flavors. It finishes with an extreme, long, complex, evolving fade of spice and wood notes. Experts deem it a seductive, exotic, and virtually flawless bourbon.

The 20yr bottle is a dark amber and dark orange cast. This fullbodied bourbon is reminiscent of oiled leather, smoke, minerals, coffee, and cigar boxes. You will take in an endless range of aromatics and flavors.

The 23yr, on the other hand, is a deep amber red, with various hints of caramel, ripe apples, cherries, oak wood, and tobacco, with a hint of chocolate. This bourbon starts with a lot of wood flavors but leads to a nice, sweet, caramel finish.

Generously contributed by **An Anonymous Donor**

- Dom Pérignon P2 Rosé Vintage 1996 (1 bottle, in gift box)
- Dom Pérignon P2 Brut Vintage 1998 (1 bottle, in gift box)
- **Dom Ruinart Blanc de Blancs 2004** (1 bottle, in carousel box)
- Veuve Clicquot, Brut La Grande Dame 2006 (1 bottle, in carousel box)

Krug, Grande Cuvée MV (1 bottle)

Billecart-Salmon, Le Clos Saint-Hilaire 1999 (1 bottle)

Alain Thiénot, Blanc de Blancs, Le Vigne aux Gamins 2004 (1 bottle)

Laurent-Perrier, Grand Siècle, Cuvée Alexandra Rosé 2004 (1 bottle)

Delamotte, Blanc de Blancs 2007 (1 bottle)

Charles Heidsieck, Blanc des Millénaires 1995 (1 bottle)

Charles Heidsieck, Brut 2000 (1 bottle)

Taittinger, Comtes de Champagne Blanc de Blancs 2006 (1 bottle)

Piper-Heidsieck, Rare Rosé 2007 (1 bottle)

CHAMPAGNE

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$4,000



YEAR OF THE CHAMPAGNES

A BAKER'S DOZEN OF BUBBLY!

Champagne pairs well with every occasion, and we couldn't think of a more fitting one than our thirtieth anniversary auction to raise our flutes over and over again. That's why we're bringing you 13 of the most sought-after Champagnes in one lot!

We suggest you find that special day on the calendar every month and pull out another one of these magnificent bottles. You'll bask in bubbles from **Veuve Clicquot** and **Alain Thiénot** and give the saying "Rosé all day" a whole new meaning with the **Dom Pérignon Rosé** and **Laurent-Perrier**.

So, let those corks pop and enjoy twelve months of Champagne with one extra bottle for good luck!

Generously contributed by **Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Wehman**



VISIT AND TASTING FOR 8 AT PROMONTORY WINERY

Wine to be taken home tonight: Promontory 2008 (1 magnum, owc) Promontory 2010 (1 magnum, owc) Promontory 2010 (1 magnum, owc) Promontory 2011 (1 magnum, owc) Promontory 2012 (1 magnum, owc) NAPA VALLEY

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$9,500

A LEGACY AT PROMONTORY

The Harlans: Titans of the Napa Valley Wine Cult. They are the ultimate winemakers in California, deservedly credited with a reputation for the region's best red varietals. Between Harlan Estate, Bond, and Meadowood resort, Bill Harlan is simply a Napa icon—and his son, Will, is following in his footsteps.

Lay claim to your share of the Harlan legacy through this lot, which features a vertical from the Harlans' latest project: Promontory. This winegrowing endeavor is a family affair, with Will Harlan as the property's Managing Director. With Governor Bruce Rauner signing on as a silent partner since the very beginning, the project has strong ties to Illinois as well. The goal is clear: create something with great character and potential to go beyond anything they've done yet. Robert Parker agrees that collectors "should plan on placing Promontory's Proprietary Red in the same context as Harlan Estate." Not only will you enjoy five vintages of Promontory, you will visit the property yourself for a private visit and tasting.

YOUR TRIP FOR EIGHT INCLUDES:

- a tour of the winery, including a cask tasting—young wine not yet bottled—in the cellar among Austrian oak casks
- tastings of several different vintages, including the upcoming release and a library selection, in a private room

Note: Visits Monday through Saturday only. Date and time to be mutually agreed upon. Expires April 14, 2019. Airfare not included.

Generously contributed by

Promontory

TRIP FOR 2 TO BUENOS AIRES, MENDOZA, AND ESTEROS DEL IBERÁ, ARGENTINA

9 DAYS/8 NIGHTS

THE ULTIMATE ARGENTINIAN ADVENTURE

f you want to experience the very best of South America, this lot is for you. Begin your Argentinian adventure in the cultural epicenter and capital city of Buenos Aires. Enjoy a two-night stay at the Alvear Palace Hotel in Buenos Aires, one of the most luxurious hotels in the world. Featuring majestic architecture and design, the Alvear Palace Hotel will transport you to the Belle Époque with its soaring ceilings, crystal chandeliers, and Corinthian columns. To ensure you revel in both the old and the new, next on your list is a two-night stay at the contemporary Alvear Icon Hotel, just opened in June of 2017. Towering high above the Rio de la Plata with stunning panoramic views, the Alvear Icon Hotel is located in Puerto Madero, one of the city's most vibrant and cosmopolitan neighborhoods.

After your time in Buenos Aires, take an hour-and-a-half flight just north to immerse yourself in the sprawling wetland of Esteros del Iberá, the second-largest wetland reserve in the world. Settle in to tranquility with a two-night stay at Puerto Valle Hotel de Esteros. Embark on a tour along the waterway leading to Laguna Valle where you will be immersed in the sweeping beauty of nature. Go searching for howler monkeys on the monkey trail, listen for the coos of rare birds, and breathe the fresh air of the tree nursery amidst eucalyptus, grevillea, kiri, and yerba mate. We won't tell anyone if you ride off into the sunset and never come back!

A trip to Argentina wouldn't be complete without wine! Delight in the majestic surroundings of the Andes with a two-night stay at Casa de Uco Vineyards & Wine Resort in Mendoza, the birthplace of Argentina's most outstanding wines. Bask alongside the infinity pool, play a round of tennis, or enjoy biking and horseback riding through the vineyards in addition to a guided tour of this boutique winery. Prepare to be entranced by the exquisite beauty of Mendoza!

YOUR TRIP FOR TWO INCLUDES:

• private airport transfers and all in-country flights

IN BUENOS AIRES

- a two-night stay in a Junior Suite at the **Alvear Icon Hotel** with buffet breakfast at Sunny Yard Restaurant
- a two-night stay in a Junior Suite at the **Alvear Palace Hotel** with breakfast at L'Orangerie Restaurant

LIVE AUCTION

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$10,000





IN ESTEROS DEL IBERÁ

- a two-night stay in a Casco room at **Puerto Valle Hotel de Esteros** with all meals included
- horseback riding, visits to the tree nursery and monkey trail
- a boat trip or kayaking in the Paraná River
- the "Discovering Esteros del Iberá" boat tour to Laguna Valle

IN MENDOZA

- a two-night stay in a Cordón del Plata room with American breakfast at **Casa de Uco Vineyards & Wine Resort**
- biking and horseback riding along the vineyards, tennis court use, bows and arrows
- a guided tour of the winery and vineyards

Note: Subject to availability at each destination, to be used during low season and valid through February 2019. Not valid for Easter Holidays, Christmas time, New Years, or any other national holiday. Blackout dates: December 20, 2018, to January 3, 2019. International flights not included.

Generously contributed by **BOP – Best of South America** and **Mai10**

LIVE AUCTION

TRIP FOR 4 TO MONTEVERDI TUSCANY WITH VISIT TO TENUTA DI TRINORO

6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS

DINNER FOR 10 IN CHICAGO WITH CHEF GIANCARLA BODONI

Wine to be taken home tonight:

Tenuta di Trinoro 2012 (1 bottle)

Palazzi 2012 (1 bottle)

TUSCANY

IVE AUCTION

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$20.000

EXPERIENCE UNTAPPED TUSCANY WITH TENUTA DI TRINORO & MONTEVERDI TUSCANY

n the medieval hilltop town of Castiglioncello del Trinoro, with views overlooking the UNESCO World Heritage Val d'Orcia, two couples are invited to spend three nights at **Monteverdi Tuscany**, a rare boutique hotel and spa that offers sophisticated comforts, tranquility, and seclusion. Each uniquely designed room opens onto the town's unpaved roads, giving guests the sense of living their own Italian experience, rich in history and character.

During your stay, you will visit the iconic estate **Tenuta di Trinoro**, which *Wine Spectator* has called "one of Italy's most iconoclastic modern wine success stories." Trinoro exists in isolation from all other wineries, and the wines Andrea Franchetti makes are completely unique in style and substance. The wines are highly perfumed and opulent, at once approachable and meant to be left to develop in the bottle over time. Each vintage is its own unique blend! A collector's dream, the estate is rarely open for visits, but they welcome you to join for a tour, tasting, and lunch.

Before heading to the country, or on your way home, stay for two nights at the Waldorf Astoria's luxurious Rome Cavalieri, where you will experience the best Rome has to offer with fifteen acres of private park, red-clay tennis courts, and glittering outdoor pools.

The lucky winners will bring a part of their Tuscan experience home! Following your travels, Chef Giancarla Bodoni of Monteverdi Tuscany will travel to Chicago to cook a special Tuscan meal in your home for ten people, and the meal will be accompanied by the wines of Tenuta di Trinoro, presented by US Brand Ambassador Sarah Bray.

YOUR TRIP FOR FOUR INCLUDES:

- a three-night stay at **Monteverdi Tuscany** (two rooms) with daily complimentary breakfast service, an hour of Monteverdi Spa water circuit therapy, dinner at award-winning **Ristorante Oreade**, and car service within Tuscany
- a tour, tasting, and lunch at the Tenuta di Trinoro estate
- a day of tastings in nearby Montalcino at select wineries





- a dinner for ten in Chicago at winner's home with **Tenuta di Trinoro** wines and **Chef Giancarla Bodoni** from **Monteverdi Tuscany**
- a two-night stay at **Rome Cavalieri**, A Waldorf Astoria Resort (two rooms), including a full buffet breakfast at L'Uliveto Restaurant and VAT

TO BE TAKEN HOME TONIGHT:

- one bottle of **Tenuta di Trinoro 2012**
- one bottle of Palazzi 2012

Notes: Subject to availability between all parties. Blackout dates for the trip are August 13-26, 2018. Chicago dinner availability in November or December 2018, to be confirmed based on mutual availability. Stay at Rome Cavalieri excludes Christmas, New Year's Eve, and Easter holidays, and reservations are accepted starting from one month prior to arrival. Airfare not included. Expires April 14, 2019.

Generously contributed by Tenuta di Trinoro , Monteverdi Tuscany, and Rome Cavalieri, A Waldorf Astoria Resort

Grace Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon 1986 (1 bottle)

Grace Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon 1987 (1 bottle)

Grace Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon 1990 (1 bottle)

Grace Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon 1991 (1 bottle)

Grace Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon 1992 (1 bottle)

Grace Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon 1994 (1 bottle)

Grace Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon 1998 (1 bottle)

Grace Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon 1999 (1 bottle)

Grace Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon 2000 (1 bottle)

Grace Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon 2001 (1 bottle)

Grace Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 (1 bottle)

Grace Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 (1 bottle)

NAPA VALLEY

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$4,000



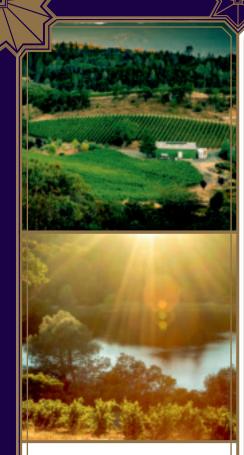
GRACE THROUGH THE YEARS

What began as a casual family hobby for Dick and Ann Grace accidentally grew into Napa Valley's first "cult" wine. Since their initial harvest in 1978, **Grace Family Vineyards** has built a name for itself as the creators of Napa's rare, world-class Cabernet Sauvignon. Celebrate two incredible achievements in one lot: the thirtieth anniversary of Lyric's first Wine Auction and the fortieth anniversary of the Grace family's first harvest.

This vertical was assembled by our dear friend John Hart, a longtime supporter and Advisor of the Wine Auction, as well as Founder and Chairman Emeritus of the Hart Davis Hart Wine Co. John has carefully selected a case of special reserves from Grace Family Vineyards—each bottle well balanced and unique, high in flavor and long-lived. Of the vintner, John Hart tells us, "[They are]...one of the most sought-after wines, when available. The older vintages are seldom available. Only the highest quality French oak is used to create the wine, with an average of two and a half years aging." Balance out your cellar and see for yourself why the "cult" following at Grace runs forty years strong!

Note: Five bottles have weathered label.

Generously contributed by John Hart, Founder and Chairman Emeritus of Hart Davis Hart Wine Co.



AN EVENING FOR 6 AT WILLIAM COLE VINEYARDS

Wine to take home tonight:

William Cole Cuvée Claire Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 (1 imperial per couple)

NAPA VALLEY

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$12,000

YOU'RE INVITED TO DINE IN WINE COUNTRY

William Cole Vineyards' Bill Ballentine is a fourth generation winemaker who has perfected the art of the winemaking process. Each vineyard block is harvested, fermented, and barrel aged separately, resulting in wines with layers of complexity and dimension.

Start the evening off with a private tour of their new Howell Mountain Estate Predecessor, followed by dinner with Jane and Bill Ballentine at the historic winery of William Cole Vineyards in St. Helena. You will learn about the property's history as you tour the stone building that was completed in 1876. A private chef will perfectly pair each wine and course together, creating a memorable evening at the vineyard.

Each couple will receive an imperial of the Cuvée Claire Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 to add to their personal collection, named after the Ballentine's treasured daughter. In Bill's own words, "the 'Cuvée Claire' is allowed to work its magic slowly, which we believe results in a complex, elegant wine that represents the best of Napa Valley."

YOUR TRIP FOR SIX INCLUDES:

- a private tour of Howell Mountain Predecessor Estate
- a dinner hosted by Proprietors Jane and Bill Ballentine at the historic winery of William Cole Vineyards, with private chef and customized wine pairings

TO BE TAKEN HOME TONIGHT:

• three imperials of the William Cole Cuvée Claire Cabernet Sauvignon 2009

Notes: Trip must be mutually agreed upon in advance, and cannot be scheduled during September or October 2018. Expires April 14, 2019. Airfare and lodging are not included.

Generously contributed by William Cole Vineyards

DINNER FOR 6 AT MARGEAUX BRASSERIE

Wine to be enjoyed during dinner at the Waldorf Astoria:

Château Margaux 1986 (1 double magnum) MARGAUX, BORDEAUX



A NIGHT OF MARG(E)AUX!

We could not say it any better than Margeaux Brasserie themselves: "A classic, French dining experience reminiscent of 1920's Paris, Margeaux Brasserie is James Beard Award-winning Chef Michael Mina's moveable feast. Offering traditional brasserie fare, Margeaux Brasserie offers a tip of its hat to Chicago with the warmth, hospitality, and dining sensibilities synonymous with the Midwest."

Enjoy an intimate meal as a group of six on the third floor of The Waldorf Astoria Chicago, paired with a double magnum of **Château Margaux 1986**, guaranteed to be the capstone of your evening. Neal Martin (*288, The Wine Advocate*) includes in his tasting notes the mixture of red and black fruits and violets. He goes on to say that this particular vintage is "more robust" than the 1985 or 1989, both excellent years.

This is an evening to be remembered, through Margeaux and Margaux!

Generously contributed by Chicago's Waldorf Astoria and Laurence Geller

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$4,000



DAY TRIP FOR 4 TO MICHAEL MONDAVI FAMILY ESTATE

Wine to be taken home after the trip:

- M by Michael Mondavi Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 (2 magnums)
- M by Michael Mondavi Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 (2 magnums)
- M by Michael Mondavi Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 (2 magnums)
- M by Michael Mondavi Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 (2 magnums)

NAPA VALLEY

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$12,000

EXPERIENCE WINE THE MICHAEL MONDAVI WAY

THE MICHAEL MONDAVI FAMILY HAS SPENT FOUR GENERATIONS TENDING THE VINEYARDS OF NAPA VALLEY.

With the 1999 purchase of the Animo (Italian for "spirit") vineyard, perched high atop Atlas Peak, the Mondavis began a new chapter of their winemaking legacy with the creation of the Michael Mondavi Family Estate. See and taste for yourself this important piece of American wine history!

Join the Michael Mondavi Family for an exclusive 2018 harvest experience. You will be chauffeured from your Napa Valley lodging to the family's Animo vineyard—home to their lauded M by Michael Mondavi Cabernet Sauvignon. Upon arrival, you will walk among and taste the grapes, experiencing some of the magic that goes into choosing the best fruit and picking windows for every harvest. Afterward, enjoy a tasting of wine components from the Estate and lunch with the family, including wines from Michael's private cellar from the 1980s and 1990s in Napa Valley. The winning bidder will also receive two magnums each of the 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2014 vintage M by Michael Mondavi.

Step into the family's shoes and become an "Honorary Mondavi" for a day!

YOUR TRIP FOR FOUR INCLUDES:

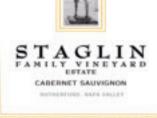
- a tour and grape tasting of the Animo Vineyard
- a tasting of historic 1980s and 1990s vintages in Michael Mondavi's private cellar
- a private lunch with the Michael Mondavi family

TO BE TAKEN HOME AFTER THE TRIP:

• two magnums each of the **M by Michael Mondavi Cabernet** Sauvignon 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2014

Note: Trip must take place in September or October 2018. Lodging and travel to Napa Valley are not included. Specific dates may alter based on harvest conditions and will be confirmed closer to the date.

Generously contributed by Folio Fine Wine Partners – Michael Mondavi



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LOT 66

TICKETS FOR 4 TO THE MUSIC FESTIVAL FOR BRAIN HEALTH SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

Staglin Family Vineyard Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 (1 imperial)

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$25,000

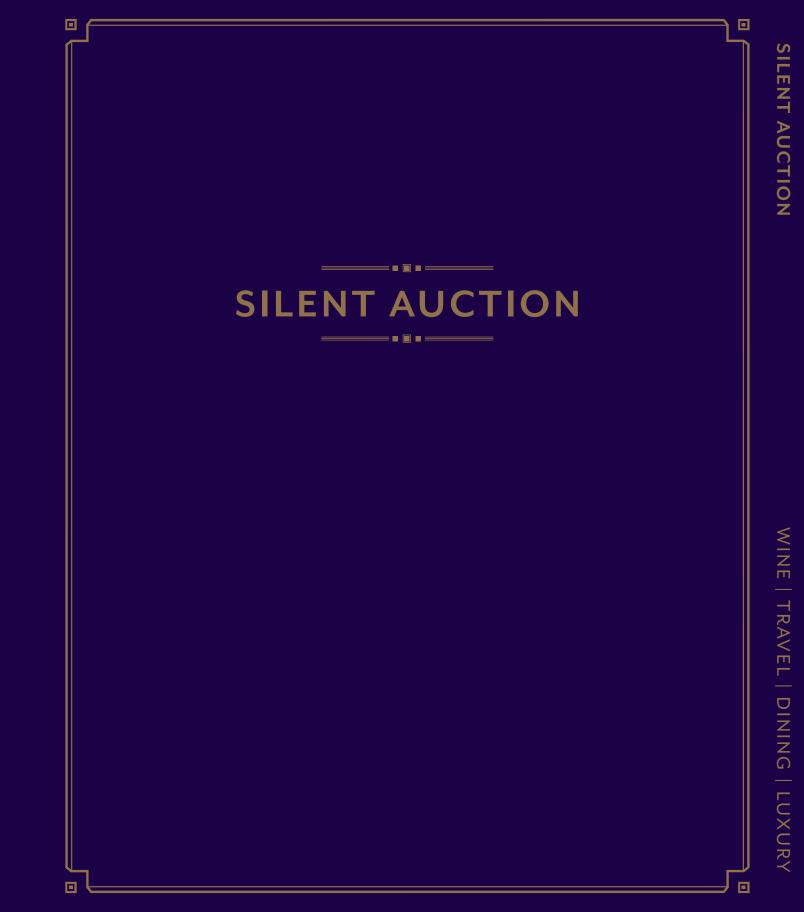
NAPA VALLEY

MUSIC AND WINE FESTIVAL

Shari and Garen Staglin invite you to be their guests for a memorable experience on their historic, 70-acre vineyard estate in Rutherford, Napa Valley. Four guests will receive tickets to the 2018 Music Festival for Brain Health, one of America's most important fundraising events focusing on brain health disorders and benefitting One Mind Institute and One Mind. This one-day event includes a cave tasting of 80 exclusive wines from around Napa Valley, a live concert, and a wine dinner at the Staglins' home featuring a celebrity chef and Staglin Family Vineyard wines. The winning bidder will also receive a rare etched imperial of the 2011 Staglin Family Vineyard Estate Cabernet Sauvignon.

Note: Festival occurs on September 15, 2018. Airfare and hotel not included.

Generously contributed by Staglin Family Vineyard



SILENT AUCTION

Arietta H Block Hudson Vineyards 2014 (12 bottles) NAPA VALLEY

Born out of a mutual love for wine and classical music, wine specialist and auctioneer Fritz Hatton and acclaimed winemaker John Kongsgaard founded Arietta in 1996. Now, more than twenty years later, the winery has achieved notoriety for their Arietta H Block Hudson Vineyards, a blend of Cabernet Franc and Merlot. Melding the cassis, blueberry, and brown sugar qualities of Cabernet Franc with the dark chocolate richness of Merlot allows for. as Robert Parker describes, "an almost ethereal delicacy when it moves across the palate." Parker notes that this wine should be "sensational" within the next two to three years.

LOT 102

Aubert Wines Chardonnay Eastside Estate Vineyard 2013 (1 bottle)

Aubert Wines Chardonnay CIX Estate Sonoma Coast Vineyard 2014 (1 bottle) SONOMA COUNTY

Nothing beats a sublime, 100-point Robert Parker Chardonnay, and that's exactly what you will find in the Aubert Chardonnay Eastside 2013, which Parker describes as "a killer wine and a perfect example of 2013 Chardonnay at its best." The 99-point 2014 CIX Estate Sonoma Coast Chardonnay has been described as "full-bodied, multidimensional and a profound glass of Chardonnay," noted for its hints of "apple blossom, caramelized citrus, apricot, white peach and honeysuckle." Take home these iconic bottles and indulge in some of the finest Chardonnay California has to offer.

Generously contributed by John and Emily LeVert

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$500

lot **103**

Beringer Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 1997 (1 bottle)

Dalla Valle Cabernet Sauvignon 1997 (1 bottle)

Hess Collection Cabernet Sauvignon 1997 (1 bottle)

Silver Oak Cabernet Sauvignon 1997 (1 bottle)

NAPA VALLEY

Representing one of the greatest vintage years for American Cabernet Sauvignon, this exciting lot features four gems thanks to our friends, Anne and Don Edwards. You'll have the chance to taste four different Cabernet Sauvignons as you explore the flavors of Beringer, Dalla Valle, Hess Collection, and Silver Oak. After twenty years of aging, these wines are sure to delight and surprise your palate, and will leave you searching for more 1997s to add to your cellar.

Arietta

Generously contributed by Paula and Jim Crown and The Crown Family

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$1,800

Generously contributed by Anne and Don Edwards

Beaux Frères Pinot Noir 2007 (6 magnums) WILLAMETTE VALLEY

The 2007 Beaux Frères Pinot Noir showcases the beautiful Burgundian Pinot Noir style that emanates from the Willamette Valley. This wine is dark ruby in color with a pure, sweet nose of black cherries and a hint of strawberry and white flowers, along with a waft of forest floor. It should be noted that this vineyard is owned by the esteemed Robert Parker, and he knows good wine!

Beaux Frères

Generously contributed by **An Anonymous Donor**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$1,200

lot **105**

Big Smooth Old Vine Zinfandel 2015 (12 bottles) CENTRAL VALLEY

Bursting with aromas of luscious black cherry, blackberry with hints of toasted coconut, and Tahitian vanilla, enjoy a case of Joe Madden's favorite red wine. Big Smooth Old Vine Zinfandel grapes come from Lodi, California, and are aged for twelve months in a mixture of American, French, and Hungarian oak. Pair with your favorite BBQ or burgers, and cross your fingers on Mr. Madden's favorite wine that our very own Cubs make their way back to World Series glory in 2018!

Generously contributed by **Donny Sebastiani**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$300

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LOT 106

Cakebread Cellars Chardonnay 1997 (1 jeroboam) NAPA VALLEY

With a core tenet of "good people, good food, and good wine," Cakebread Cellars has become an iconic name in American wine. Honor the rich traditions of this family owned and run vineyard through their 1997 Chardonnay. With distinct and complex flavors, the 1997 boasts fragrant aromas of white citrus and tropical fruits, offset by slightly spicy and toasty notes. This is a Chardonnay connoisseur's dream!

Generously contributed by **Mr. and Mrs. John R. Siragusa**

Cakebread Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 (1 magnum) NAPA VALLEY

With a superb balance of fruit, bright acidity, and polished tannins, bask in the brilliant youthfulness of Cakebread Cellars 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon. Robert Parker has described the wine as "deep ruby, round and juicy with plenty of blackcurrant fruit, licorice, and cherries. It is mediumbodied, soft, and ideal for drinking over the next 10-15 years."

Generously contributed by **Kobrand Fine Wine & Spirits**

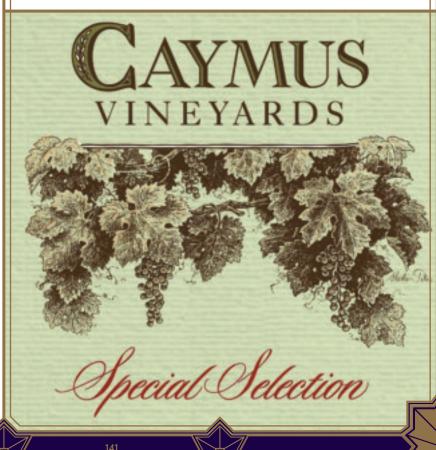
ESTIMATED VALUE: \$200

LOT **108**

Caymus Cabernet Sauvignon Special Selection 2004 (6 bottles) NAPA VALLEY

Caymus Cabernet Sauvignon Special Selection is the flagship wine of Caymus Vineyards and is comprised of the very best barrels of the vintage. It is only produced in years when the grapes flourish, as was the case in 2004. The 2004 Special Selection is known for its dense ruby color with low acidity and huge amounts of fruit. Experience the wonderful tradition of Caymus and taste the fruits of their "hang-time" labor–a method of allowing grapes to stay on the vine for an unusually lengthy period of time, deepening both color and tannin.

Generously contributed by Paula and Jim Crown and The Crown Family



Charles Krug Vintage Selection Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 (1 double magnum, signed)

Charles Krug Vintage Selection Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 (1 double magnum, signed)

Charles Krug Vintage Selection Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 (1 double magnum, signed)

NAPA VALLEY

Established in 1861 by Charles Krug and stewarded by the Mondavi family for the past 75 years, Charles Krug Winery represents some of the oldest and most wellregarded wine in Napa Valley. Their flagship signature wine is the Vintage Selection, which was first produced a year after the Mondavi family purchased the winery. The 2012, 2013, and 2014 Vintage Selection Cabernet Sauvignons represent, according to the winemaker, some of their most "elegant wine." Of the 2014, Wine Spectator notes it is "pure, clean and supple, focused on vibrant cherry, plum, and anise notes."

Generously contributed by Charles Krug Winery

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$1,800

lot **110**

Darius II 2008 (6 bottles, in display case) NAPA VALLEY

The crown jewel of the Darioush estate, Darius II is a refined, age-worthy collectible which captures the singular and exceptional qualities of each vintage from their Napa Valley vineyards. The 2008 received 91 points from *Wine Spectator*. This iconic wine contains "enticing aromas of vanilla bean, blackberry, and crème de cassis." This particular vintage was described as "a rich and well-focused palate and is endowed with layered flavors of wild black cherry, plum, and espresso."

Note: Darius II display case slightly worn.

Generously contributed by Mr. and Mrs. J. Brett Pritchard

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$2,100



DARIUS II

Dominus Estate Christian Moueix Dominus 2010 (1 imperial) NAPA VALLEY

With winemaking embedded in his DNA, winemaker Christian Moueix, son of legendary Bordeaux merchant Jean-Pierre Moueix, has been producing wine for decades. He opened Dominus Estate in 1982, and has worked to employ traditional French winemaking methods to produce iconic wines.

The 2010 Dominus displays compelling notes of black cherries and plums, as well as a hint of graphite and sandalwood. The winemaker notes that "with a round and sweet attack, the chiseled and deftly polished tannins give a savory evolution. Its finish is long and replete with cedar, anise, and cacao."

Generously contributed by Christian and Cherise Moueix, Dominus Estate

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$3,000

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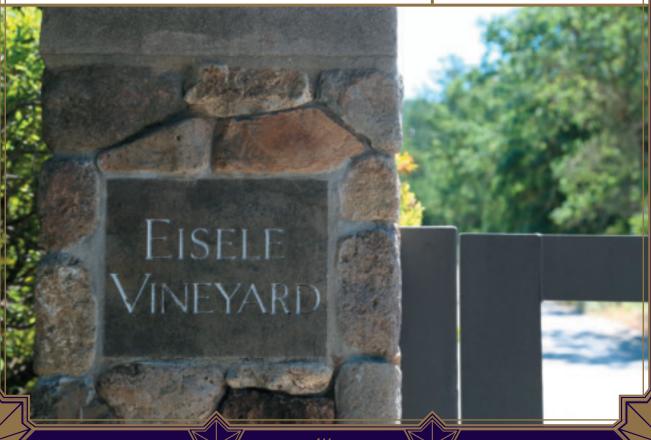
Eisele Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 (6 bottles)

NAPA VALLEY

One of the riches of Calistoga comes from Eisele Vineyard's Cabernet Sauvignon, which is an intense expression of the Eisele Vineyard *terroir*, exhibiting characteristic flavors of cassis, blackberry, cedar, and chocolate, with a lingering mineral finish. Cabernets from the Eisele Vineyard are highly regarded for their complexity, concentration, weight without heaviness, silky texture, and ability to age for decades. Having been noted for the "beautiful layers of fruit, velvety tannin, exquisite purity, and an almost endless finish," these bottles will shine as they age.

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





Eisele Vineyard (Araujo) Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 (12 bottles, in 4 owcs) NAPA VALLEY

Located between two water sources, Eisele Vineyards in northern Napa Valley benefits from an extraordinarily rich soil configuration, which has allowed for a seamless production of thickskinned, intensely favored grapes. This has led to a cult-like following of Eisele's outstanding wine. The traditional Bordeaux-style varietals produced are known for silky textures and exquisite finesse, with an impeccable attention to detail always striving to present honest and rich wine. Eisele has been characterized by wines with a depth and balance for over fortyfive years.

Generously contributed by Les Nomades Restaurant and Connoisseur Wines

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$7,200

LOT **114**

Episode 2007 (6 bottles) Episode 2008 (6 bottles) NAPA VALLEY

Developed by the Terlato family, one of the preeminent winemaking families in the United States, Episode is a Bordeaux blend produced annually from the finest grapes found amongst the Terlato vines. Annual production is limited to only 400 cases, allowing for each vintage to remain personal and special for consumers. The 2007 vintage contains aromas of blackberry and vanilla, as well as undertones of anise, while the 2008 provides what Terlato calls "a rich mouth feel and incredible lingering finish."



Generously contributed by Paula and Jim Crown and The Crown Family

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$1,200

lot **115**

Gargiulo Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon G Major Seven Study 575 OVX 2012 (12 bottles) NAPA VALLEY

Experience the young, yet distinguished wine of Gargiulo Vineyards through this stunning Cabernet Sauvignon. A wine that truly sings (having been named after a jazz chord, after all), the G Major Seven Study is composed of four of the five classic Bordeaux varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, and Merlot. G Major Seven is highly nuanced and provides a profound sense of elegance and complexity, changing with every swirl and sip. The nose reflects subtle floral notes, which develop into deep, crushed berry, and earth flavors on the palate. Its tannins are refined and seamlessly integrated.



Generously contributed by **Bob and Joan Clifford**

Grgich Hills Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 (1 double magnum) NAPA VALLEY

An iconic American vineyard celebrating its 41st birthday on July 4th, Grgich Hills is known for its organic and biodyamic winemaking. Their 2011 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is rich with aromas of balsamic glazed figs, dried rose petals, and a touch of green peppercorns. Smooth and rich on the palate with a persistent finish, this wine is a beautiful representation of Grgich Hillsand highlights the beauty that comes from blending grapes from their Yountville, Rutherford, and Calistoga vineyards.

Generously contributed by **Grgich Hills Estate**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$400

LOT **117**

Hafner Vineyard Library Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 (1 magnum) SONOMA COUNTY

Hafner Vineyard is a small familyrun winery in Alexander Valley near Healdsburg in Sonoma County, with three generations working together on their 250-acre ranch. This vineyard has nearly perfected the art of growing grapes which they have managed for over fifty years. Their goal is to make wines that age well and pair well with food. The 2004 Wine Library Cabernet magnum is a wonderful demonstration of these goals. The wine is integrated with aromas of cassis, carpaccio, blackberries, and mint. Round, supple, and soft on the palate with notes of milk chocolate; juniper berries, mint, and cigar box lead to an overall richness on the palate.

Generously contributed by **Hafner Vineyard**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$200

LOT 118

Hall Winery Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 (6 bottles)

NAPA VALLEY

A perennial Wine Auction favorite, we couldn't pass up the chance to allow you the opportunity to take home a half case of Hall's acclaimed Cabernet Sauvignon. Kathryn Hall's dream of showcasing fine wine alongside expressive art comes through at her beautiful Napa Valley vineyard, and in this 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon. These bottles, according to Robert Parker, "possess splendid opaque blue/purple colors" and a "pretty, fruity effort."

Generously contributed by An Anonymous Donor

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$250

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Hundred Acre Wraith Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 (3 bottles, owc)

NAPA VALLEY

Jayson Woodbridge, the owner of Hundred Acre. is a maverick vintner who Robert Parker describes as "one of the wine world's most compelling, outspoken, irreverent, bigger-thanlife personalities, [who] can get away with just about anything he wants to say or do simply because year after year he proves what great wine is all about." Mr. Woodbridge recently released Hundred Acre Wraith 2013, which is a trinity of Hundred Acre's three single vineyards: Kayli Morgan vineyard, Few and Far Between vineyard, and Ark vineyard.



Generously contributed by **Erica L. Sandner**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$1,200

lot **120**

Joseph Phelps Vineyards Special Select Late Harvest Napa Valley Johannisberg Riesling 1985 (6 half-bottles)

Robert Pecota Sweet Andrea California Muscat Blanc Select Late Harvest 1985 (6 bottles)

Robert Pecota Sweet Andrea California Muscat Blanc Select Late Harvest 1985 (6 half-bottles)

NAPA VALLEY

Have you been searching for several outstanding late-harvest dessert wines to add to your personal cellar? This lot contains two iconic American wineries known for their production of late harvest and Riesling wines. Experience the flavors of both American-style dessert wines from Robert Pecota, as well as Germaninspired Riesling from Joseph Phelps Vineyards.

Note: Bottles contain depressed corks, sediment in the half-bottles, and weathering of labels and bottles.

Generously contributed by **Mr. and Mrs. Julian W. Harvey**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$450

lot **121**

Ketcham Estate Pinot Noir Cubs Edition Russian River Valley 2013 (12 bottles) SONOMA COUNTY

You'll be singing "Go, Cubs, Go!" while enjoying this delicious Pinot Noir, bottled specifically to mark the World Series win in 2016. Mark and Allie Ketcham, of Ketcham Estate, located in the Russian River Valley, have built a name for their Pinot Noir. The flavor profile personifies the Burgundy region of France with ripe dark cherry, dark chocolate, and cola.



Generously contributed by **Ketcham Estate**

Kistler Chardonnay Hyde Vineyard 2009 (6 bottles)

Kistler Chardonnay Durell Vineyard 2009 (6 bottles)

SONOMA COUNTY

Experience the bounty of flavors produced by renowned Kistler Vineyards in 2009 with these two beautiful Chardonnays. Robert Parker notes that the 2009 Chardonnay Hyde Vineyard "boasts extraordinary class and elegance from start to finish." He goes on to praise the multidimensional, textured flavors, which include "pineapple, mango, spices, white flowers, and crème brulée." You'll marvel at the subtle. nuanced balance of flavors Kistler achieves as you compare the Hyde Vineyard with their tropical and lush Durell Vineyard Chardonnay, which features layers of fruit that yield to an "effortless, gracious finish."

lot **123**

Kistler Chardonnay Hyde Vineyard 2013 (3 bottles)

Kistler Chardonnay Kistler Vineyard 2013 (4 bottles)

Kistler Chardonnay Trenton Roadhouse 2013 (2 bottles)

Kistler Chardonnay Vine Hill Vineyard 2013 (3 bottles) SONOMA COUNTY

This case of assorted Kistler Vineyards Chardonnay will give any California Chardonnay enthusiast the opportunity to experience the beauty that comes from Kistler. Each of the four wines in this lot represents the bountiful vines of Kistler, featuring the oldest Chardonnay grapes alongside some of the vineyard's youngest. All four of these Chardonnays provide distinct and nuanced flavors, and will leave you a lifelong lover of Kistler.

Generously contributed by Lynne and David B. Weinberg

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$1,000

LOT 124

Chateau Montelena Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 1997 (1 bottle)

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Chateau Montelena Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 1999 (1 bottle)

NAPA VALLEY

This vertical set from Chateau Montelena will allow you to travel through their iconic Estate Cabernet Sauvignon. The 1997 vintage is the highestrated Montelena in history and is currently drinking at its peak! Robert Parker describes the 1997 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon as "brilliantly made, super-concentrated, pure, [a] blockbuster [which] possesses sweet tannin as well as a terrific finish." Bask in these three brilliant Cabernet Sauvignons and be transported to the oldest stone château in America, which allows for a near perfect storage environment, yielding beautiful wine.

Note: Slightly worn label on the 1998 and 1999.

Generously contributed by **Anne and Don Edwards**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$650

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Generously contributed by Paula and Jim Crown and The Crown Family

Masson Vineyards Chardonnay Vintage Selection 1987 (1 jeroboam, signed by winemaker) MONTEREY COUNTY

Representing the third major source of California Chardonnay, Masson Vineyards utilizes Chardonnay grapes which were imported from Burgundy by winemaker Paul Masson in 1896. His La Cresta "Vineyard in the Sky" was built in 1905 and became a staple of American white wine and Champagnes in the early 20th century. This jeroboam of the 1987 Chardonnay serves as a beautiful reminder of this iconic winery, and the legacy of winemaker Paul Masson.

Generously contributed by **Mr. and Mrs. John R. Siragusa**

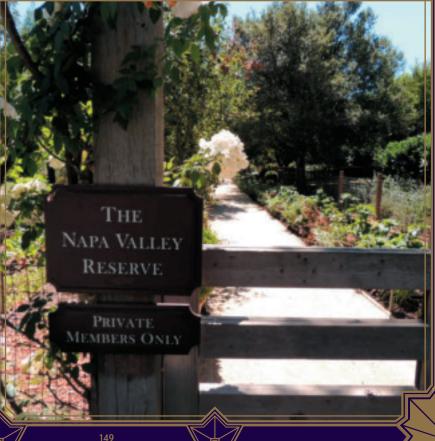
ESTIMATED VALUE: \$500

LOT **126**

The Napa Valley Reserve Windy City Private Reserve 2010 (12 bottles) NAPA VALLEY

This is a private blend for Bob and Joan Clifford based on club membership. Carefully crafted by a team of winemakers, this elusive wine is available to no one else in the world. The experience of drinking the private blend is described by H. William Harlan as "capturing the whole season of work in a bottle of wine." Led by Harlan Estate's Bob Levy and Winemaker Marco Gressi, these 80 acres of Napa Valley have produced beautiful red blends, carefully crafted for each of the 38-member blends.

Generously contributed by **Bob and Joan Clifford**



Opus One 2003 (one bottle) Opus One 2004 (one bottle) Opus One 2005 (one bottle) Opus One 2006 (one bottle) Opus One 2007 (one bottle) Opus One 2008 (one bottle) (all bottles in etched, signed wooden case) NAPA VALLEY

Opus One is the product of a collaboration between world-class winemakers Baron Philippe de Rothschild (of famed Château Mouton-Rothschild) and Robert Mondavi. Together, they set out to craft a single Bordeaux blend influenced by Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. This vertical selection of Opus One represents some of the finest from the vineyard, featuring rich flavors of cassis, black olives, raspberry, and dark chocolate, culminating in a long and luscious finish. Add these illustrious wines to your cellar and marvel at the creation of these two wine titans.

Generously contributed by Mr. and Mrs. Julian W. Harvey in honor of Nancy S. Searle

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$2,500



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Opus One 2006 (6 bottles, owc)

NAPA VALLEY

Marvel at the exciting flavors of Opus One's 2006 vintage. Harvested in a year filled with immense rain and unusually low temperatures, the winemaking team was able to craft an exquisite vintage. The 2006 blend, which was aged for 17 months in new French Oak, combines Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, and Malbec. Opus One says it best: "a saturated black-purple, the 2006 Opus One shows aromas of fresh cut roses, licorice, dark chocolate, blackberry pie, smoked bacon, and sassafras. Simultaneously silky and dense on the palate, this wine offers flavors of cassis, espresso, and zesty black cherry with a persistently smooth yet expansive finish."

Generously contributed by
Paula and Jim Crown and The Crown Family



Pine Ridge Vineyards FORTIS Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 (1 magnum)

NAPA VALLEY

Pine Ridge Vineyards has worked carefully to craft an exquisite, ultra-reserve Cabernet, the FORTIS. Recently awarded 98-points from Robert Parker, the FORTIS is, according to the winemaker, a "deep ruby wine [that] presents a harmonious bouquet that overflows with sweet plum, blueberry jam and dark black cherry, intertwined with touches of mocha, allspice, sweet vanilla, and sandalwood."

Generously contributed by **Pine Ridge Vineyards**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$450

lot **130**

Pine Ridge Vineyards Rutherford Cuvée Cabernet Sauvignon 1985 (1 imperial) NAPA VALLEY

Pine Ridge's 1985 Rutherford Cuvée Cabernet Sauvignon follows in the tradition of a long line of award-winning Cabernets. The Cabernet vineyards near Rutherford are known for producing wines of remarkable balance and depth of flavor. 1985 was a great vintage, producing small berries and clusters which created wines of incredible depth. One of only 57 grand format bottles produced, this Cabernet will add bold and rich flavor to your cellar.

LOT 131

Premiere Napa Valley Auction Saintsbury Brown Ranch Pinot Noir 2012 (1 bottle)

Premiere Napa Valley Auction Corison Premiere Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 (1 bottle)

Premiere Napa Valley Auction Lateral Cabernet Franc 2014 (2 bottles)

NAPA VALLEY

Premiere Napa Valley is an annual barrel tasting and wine experience that takes place each February. Sponsored by Napa Valley Vintners, these wines are sold in an exclusive auction open to only wine and beverage professionals. Given the nature of this auction, wineries bottle one-of-a-kind vintages, specifically made for this audience of industry bidders. This lot affords you a rare insight into three different red wine vintages from Premiere Napa Valley Auction, not normally made available to the general public.

Generously contributed by **Mr. and Mrs. John R. Siragusa**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$450

Generously contributed by WineBid Online Wine Auction

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$600

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Qupé Wine Cellars Syrah Bien Nacido Hillside Estate 2011 (1 jeroboam, signed by winemaker)

SANTA BARBARA

Qupé Wine Cellars, named after the Chumash tribe's word for the California poppy, is a small vineyard known for its dedication to Rhône-style wines. Their Hillside Syrah shows spicy, savory aromatics with a nice dollop of toasty mocha from the oak. It is deeply colored with wellintegrated flavors of blueberries, cola, and hints of black pepper. This magnum is signed by winemaker Bob Lindquist, winner of the 2015 *Lifetime Achievement Award* from Rhône Rangers.

Generously contributed by **Qupé Wine Cellars**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$300

lot 133

Quail Ridge Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon 1983 (1 jeroboam, signed by winemaker in decorative bottle)

NAPA VALLEY

The tiny Quail Ridge Cellars was known first and foremost for their Chardonnays before foraying into Cabernet Sauvignon, which caused their 1983 Cabernet Sauvignon to go unnoticed. However, as the late 1980s arrived, this wine gained exciting traction and became a fast-favorite. Noted for its "softness and maturity, while maintaining a long, silky finish," this special bottle is a beautiful, hand-painted jeroboam crafted by artist Geraldine Finley.

Generously contributed by Mr. and Mrs. John R. Siragusa

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$450

LOT **134**

Ramey Wine Cellars Chardonnay Hyde Vineyard 2014 (1 magnum) Ramey Wine Cellars Chardonnay Platt Vineyard 2014 (1 magnum) Ramey Wine Cellars Chardonnay Ritchie Vineyard 2014 (1 magnum)

SONOMA COUNTY

Ramey Wine Cellars began as a "small side project" for Dominus Winery Winemaker David Ramey. It didn't take long for this small project to blossom into what is now the rich and vibrant Ramey Wine Cellars, a label that has seen exciting partnerships with Chateau Montelena, John Kongsgaard, and other wine titans. Their Chardonnay has consistently garnered great acclaim. The 2014 Hyde Vineyard Chardonnay is "tight and well-centered on vibrant peach, nectarine, lime, and citrus themes, ending clean and lively," and Wine Enthusiast highlights the Ritchie Vineyard Chardonnay for "high-toned floral notes around full-bodied richness and flavors of crème brûlée and anise."

Generously contributed by **Ramey Wine Cellars**

Red Car Estate Vineyard Chardonnay 2012 (1 magnum)

Red Car Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir 2012 (1 magnum)

Red Car Estate Vineyard Syrah 2012 (1 magnum) SONOMA COUNTY

Three renowned vintages from Red Car Wines will allow you to taste the (literal) fruits of this small vineyard's wonderful operation. Their 2012 Syrah, one of the coolest climate Syrahs in California, contains notes of rose petal and tobacco leaves. The 2012 Chardonnay, which was the first release Chardonnay from their estate vineyard, carries light notes of lemon oil and clove. In contrast. the 2012 Pinot Noir features a bright raspberry note. Three outstanding vintages highlighting beautiful wine produced next to the sea are sure to add new notes to your ever-growing cellar.

Generously contributed by **Red Car Wine Co.**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$450

lot **136**

Robert Foley Vineyards Claret 2013 (1 magnum) NAPA VALLEY

Blended to model a classic Left Bank Bordeaux with 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot, and 3% Petit Verdot, Robert Parker notes that the 2013 Claret is filled with "compelling crème de cassis notes intermixed with cedar wood, baking spices, blackberry, and hints of mulberries and flowers. The wine has great intensity, a full-bodied mouthfeel, and a very long finish."

Generously contributed by **Robert Foley Vineyards**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$300

LOT **137**

Robert Mondavi Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 1988 (1 imperial, owc) NAPA VALLEY

Robert Mondavi's legacy is synonymous with great California Cabernet. His Reserve bottlings are rich and concentrated, yet show elegance and finesse. "To no one's surprise, Mondavi's greatest wines are the Reserve Cabernet Sauvignons which compete favorably with the finest first-growth Bordeaux," notes Robert Parker. A dual legacy, Wine Auction and Robert Mondavi pair perfectly in this imperial.



Generously contributed by **Mr. and Mrs. John R. Siragusa**

Robert Pecota Merlot Steven André Vineyard 1990

(1 double magnum, etched and hand painted in wooden presentation case)

NAPA VALLEY

This highly rated Merlot was described by *Wine Spectator* as "fruity and focused, with generous currant, cherry, and berry aromas and flavors that persist on the palate. Lean in texture, with plenty of flavor." Enjoy this beautiful Merlot, which comes in a custom etched, hand-painted, double magnum, and marvel at both the wine and artwork.

Generously contributed by **Mr. and Mrs. John R. Siragusa**

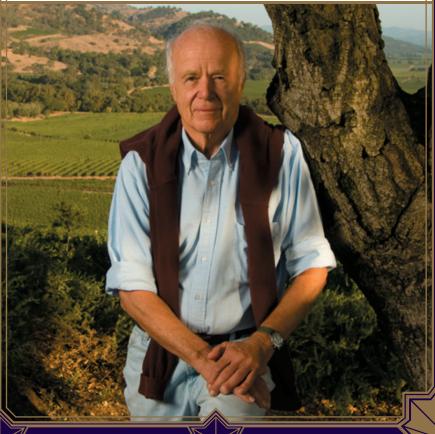
ESTIMATED VALUE: \$450

LOT **139**

Shafer Hillside Select Cabernet Sauvignon 2006 (1 imperial) NAPA VALLEY

Hillside Select is one of the world-class wines of Napa. The estate keeps this cuvée 32 months in 100% new French oak. This signature wine of Shafer Vineyards is sourced from the slope 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 produce clusters of grapes with small, intensely flavored berries. The 2006 Shafer Hillside Select Cabernet Sauvignon has a dense purple color, and notes of damp earth, cedar wood, forest floor, red and black currants, and toast. Some austere tannins kick in at the finish, but the wine is full-bodied, ripe and rich. "An outstanding effort," notes Robert Parker.

Generously contributed by **Shafer Vineyards**



Skywalker Pinot Noir 2013 (3 bottles, in pine collector's box, 1 bottle signed by George Lucas and Mellody Hobson) MARIN COUNTY

Escape to a wine galaxy far, far away with Skywalker Vineyards Pinot Noir! Famed filmmaker George Lucas' visionary brilliance extends to a picturesque vineyard with Skywalker Vineyards. With the encouragement of his good friend (and film and wine titan) Francis Ford Coppola, Mr. Lucas planted his first vines in 1991. Today, he and his wife Mellody Hobson produce some of the finest wines in Marin County. Their 2013 Skywalker Pinot Noir boasts aromas of dry rose petals, cranberry and allspice, while maintaining an undertone of crushed earth and mineral. Wild berries, spiced and fresh red fruits provide a long finish, a sign that this age-worthy Pinot Noir, like the films of Mr. Lucas, is sure to gain continued notoriety for years to come.

Generously contributed by Skywalker Vineyards, George Lucas and Mellody Hobson

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$250

LOT **141**

Soliste Solitaire Pinot Noir 2012 (1 bottle and 1 magnum) Soliste Solitaire Pinot Noir 2013 (1 bottle and 1 magnum) SONOMA COAST

With a philosophy to be "bold, experimental, and take risks," Soliste Cellars was built on the foundation that good wine should be enjoyed with "great food and in the company of those you cherish." Their Solitaire Pinot Noir was inspired by a visit to Burgundy in 2007, when the winemakers discovered the outstanding flavors and aromas that came from using a large 600-liter barrel. Winemakers Claude Koeberle and Donald Plumley hope you, too will enjoy this exciting homage to Burgundy.

Generously contributed by Claude Koeberle and Donald Plumley

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$600

LOT 142

SONG[™] HALL Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (1 magnum, signed by Plácido Domingo) NAPA VALLEY

What better way to celebrate our thirtieth anniversary auction than with Lyric's very own commemorative wine, SONG. Not only will you enjoy this exquisite wine, you'll have an autographed bottle signed by none other than internationally acclaimed artist and dear friend of Lyric, Plácido Domingo! This blend from the Sacrashe and Bergfeld Vineyards has resulted in a velvety tannin and wonderfully fresh acidity. Put on a recording of Maestro Domingo while enjoying the rich dark berry and cassis flavors—and make sure you've found the perfect spot to display this beautifully autographed and hand-etched magnum of SONG.

Special thanks to **Plácido Domingo**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$2,000

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Stag's Leap Wine Cellars Cask 23 Cabernet Sauvignon 1983 (1 magnum) NAPA VALLEY

The 1983 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon Cask 23 was born in 1974 when consulting winemaker, Andre Tchelistcheff noted that one vintage in particular (found in cask 23) was the most beautifully distinct, earning its own label. Of note in Cask 23 are the exceptional flavors of fruit and overall elegance. "When the fruit from this prized vineyard arrived at the winery in 1983, each grape looked as if it had been cut by a jeweler," note our friends at Stag's Leap Wine Cellars.

Note: Base neck level. Slight foil tear.

Generously contributed by Paula and Jim Crown and The Crown Family

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$500

LOT **144**

St. Supéry Cabernet Sauvignon "Dollarhide Ranch" 1989 (1 double magnum, owc, signed by winemaker)

NAPA VALLEY

Producing red and white wines from its extensive holdings, St. Supéry entered the American wine scene in the 1980s. Their Dollarhide Ranch vineyard showed a consistently distinctive flavor, light but firm with appealing forward fruit, which formed the backbone of St. Supéry's wine. Of the 1989, the vineyard noted that it is "soft and approachable with the unique rich plum/cherry characters and hints of black cherry consistent with the fruit from Dollarhide Ranch."

Generously contributed by **Mr. and Mrs. John R. Siragusa**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$300

LOT **145**

Three Sticks Bien Nacido Vineyard Pinot Noir 2014 (12 bottles) SONOMA COUNTY

Founded in 2002. Three Sticks has a down-to-earth approach to growing and winemaking, believing in "table fellowship as the power of wine to bring people together." Expressing its intense sense of place, this Bien Nacido Vineyard Pinot Noir delivers with its distinguishing nose of wild blackberries and earth. This wine has a beautiful round entry, which holds on through the elegant, long finish. Big, bold, and spicy, this wine is a true representation of the Bien Nacido Vineyard, the birthplace of amazing Pinot Noir for four generations.

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Generously contributed by **Bob and Joan Clifford**

Château Baron de Pichon Longueville 1995 (1 bottle)
Château Beaumont 1995 (1 bottle)
Château Cantenac Brown 1995 (1 bottle)
Château Cos d'Estournel 1995 (1 bottle)
Château Haut-Batailley 1995 (1 bottle)
Château Haut-Brion 1995 (1 bottle)
Château Lafon-Rochet 1995 (1 bottle)
Château La Mission Haut-Brion 1995 (1 bottle)
Château La Mission Haut-Brion 1995 (1 bottle)
Les Hauts de Pontet-Canet 1995 (1 bottle)
Château Lynch-Bages 1995 (1 bottle)
Château Montrose 1995 (1 bottle)
Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande 1995 (1 bottle)

PAUILLAC, CUSSAC-FORT-MÉDOC, MARGAUX, SAINT-ESTÈPHE, AND PESSAC, BORDEAUX

Bask in the glory of an exquisite assortment of French Bordeaux with this remarkable collection of wine. All hailing from 1995, this lot contains several of our beloved former honored guests: Châteaux Haut-Brion and La Mission Haut-Brion, Château Lynch-Bages, and Château Baron de Pichon Longueville. These outstanding Bordeaux should not be overlooked—and will round out a French cellar to perfection.

Note: Château Lynch-Bages at base neck.

Generously contributed by **Mr. and Mrs. John W. Higgins**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$2,600

Childrens Mentres

Alter Ego de Palmer 2008 (12 bottles, owc)

MARGAUX, BORDEAUX

Since 1988, Château Palmer has produced their renowned second label, Alter Ego de Palmer, which utilizes the same world-class terroir that Château Palmer is known for. This label employs a different wine-making technique that is designed to yield a rich, supple and round wine filled with all the rich flavors one expects from Château Palmer. The 2008 Alter Ego de Palmer consists of 52% Merlot and 48% Cabernet Sauvignon and "displays silky tannins and a medium to full-bodied mouthfeel, with plenty of wood smoke, crème de cassis and sweet, foresty notes," according to Robert Parker. Intended to be enjoyed soon after bottling, this wine is best consumed within the next few years. Enjoy this marvelous vintage deemed "irresistible" by Mr. Parker.

Note: Slight crack on owc.

Generously contributed by An Anonymous Donor

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$900

LOT **148**

Château d'Angludet 1982 (1 bottle) MARGAUX, BORDEAUX

With estate origins that date back to the 12th century, Château d'Angludet was classified as a *Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel* in 1932, and was named a *Cru Bourgeois Supérieur* in 2003. The vineyard's bottling consists of 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, and 10% Petit Verdot. This bottle contains notes of black currants, cherries and mixed herbs, with a lingering and silky finish.

Generously contributed by **Mr. and Mrs. John R. Siragusa**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$200

LOT **149**

Château Cantemerle 2000 (1 bottle)

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou 2000 (1 bottle)

Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste 2000 (1 bottle)

Château Léoville Las Cases 2000 (1 bottle)

Château Lynch-Bages 2000 (1 bottle)

Château Pichon Baron 2000 (1 bottle)

PAUILLAC, BORDEAUX

Robert Parker rates 2000 Bordeaux incredibly high, ranking the vintage year third out of the last forty years! Due to an additional two inches of rain during the month of September, according to *The Wine Cellar Insider*, the nearly perfect flavors and high levels of tannins found in 2000 Bordeaux wines were an outstanding surprise. This lot highlights six of these truly special wines, and will be a triumphant addition to your Bordeaux collection.

Notes: Cantemerle – Loose foil. Ducru-Beaucaillou – Approaching base neck. Grand-Puy-Lacoste – Slightly marked label.

Generously contributed by **Anne and Don Edwards**

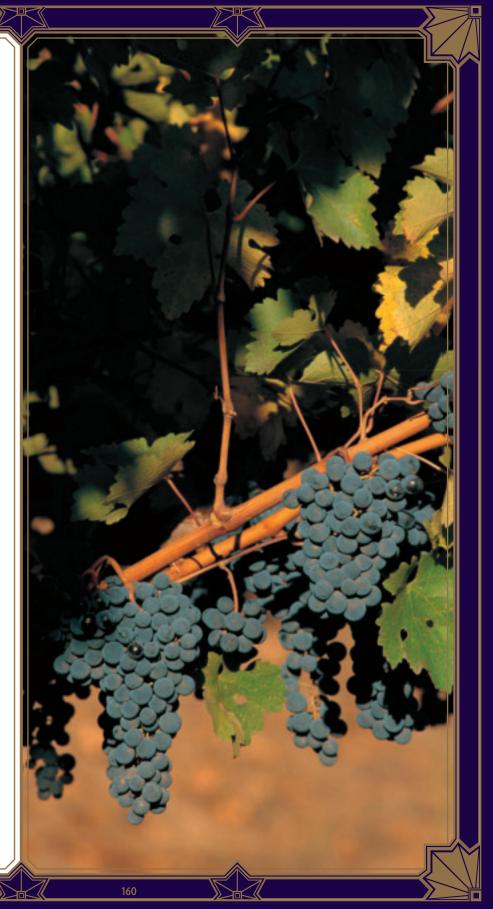
ESTIMATED VALUE: \$1,200

159

Château Figeac 1998 (1 bottle) Château Figeac 2000 (5 bottles) SAINT-ÈMILION, BORDEAUX

Château Figeac, the largest wine estate in Saint-Èmilion, presents wines that drink much more like those from Médoc and Graves, due to an abundance of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc grapes. Neal Martin says of the 2000 that "the nose is clean and fresh with strong graphite aromas, very Left Bank in style with black truffle and smoky notes developing." He described the 1998 as "one of the best wines from this era."

Generously contributed by **Mr. and Mrs. John R. Siragusa**



Château La Gaffelière 2005 (1 imperial, owc)

SAINT-ÉMILION, BORDEAUX

With deep roots in Saint-Émilion, Château La Gaffelière takes pride in remaining authentically French in all aspects of winemaking and production. Their 2005 La Gaffelière has been called "the finest La Gaffelière I have ever tasted" by Robert Parker, who boasts of this vintage's "flamboyant bouquet of lead pencil shavings, crème de cassis, blackberries, smoked meats, incense and Asian spice." You'll enjoy the deep and full-bodied flavor of this Bordeaux, which has an anticipated maturity between now and 2030.

Generously contributed by **Stephen A. Kaplan**



Château Gruaud Larose 1982 (3 bottles) SAINT-JULIEN, BORDEAUX

With its slogan "The Wine Of Kings, The King Of Wines," Château Gruaud Larose revels in the compact, cru classécondensed appellation of Saint-Julien. The 1982 Gruaud Larose is "one of the most concentrated wines of the vintage" (as well as one of the most concentrated Bordeaux Robert Parker has ever tasted). Parker notes that "it is a huge, full-bodied, weighty, rich wine whose tannins are getting silkier and silkier." Add this velvety wonder to your personal cellar right away!

Note: Two bottles at base neck level. Depressed corks.

Generously contributed by Mary and Larry Selander

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$1,000

lot **153**

Château Gruaud Larose 1989 (1 bottle) Château Gruaud Larose 1998 (1 bottle) Château Gruaud Larose 2000 (1 bottle) Château Gruaud Larose 2010 (1 bottle) SAINT-JULIEN, BORDEAUX

We are delighted to present a vertical selection of some of the finest vintages to come from Château Gruaud Larose. Indulge in nearly thirty years of this dynamic château's rich history and exquisite wine. Beginning with the 1989 Gruaud Larose, you'll enjoy notes of cedar, tobacco leaf, and red and black currants. As you travel nearly a decade later, marvel at the trajectory of the Château as elegance and aromas of black raspberries and cassis fill the bouquet. The 2000, highlighted as one of their strongest vintages by Robert Parker, is full-bodied and filled with flavors of saddle leather, cedar wood, black currants, and cherries. Make sure you find the perfect place in your cellar for the 2010, a wine filled with spice, currants, and licorice. This bottle will truly shine, according to Robert Parker beginning in 2020 and is said to mature in 2040.

Generously contributed by **An Anonymous Donor**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$600

LOT 154

Château Gruaud Larose 2005 (12 bottles) SAINT-JULIEN, BORDEAUX

The 2005 Château Gruaud Larose has been noted for its "deep ruby/purple color, excellent concentration, and clean, pure black and red currant fruit, licorice and spice," according to Robert Parker. The very dry winter and summer months, and favorable summer temperatures have resulted in a vintage that the château notes is filled with a "fruity nose, hints of strawberry and raspberry and notes of florals and rose petals." Indulge in what Robert Parker has found to be a "distinctive, herbal, meaty, power and richness" vintage, filled with Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet France, Petit Verdot and Malbec.

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ESTIMATED VALUE: \$1,000

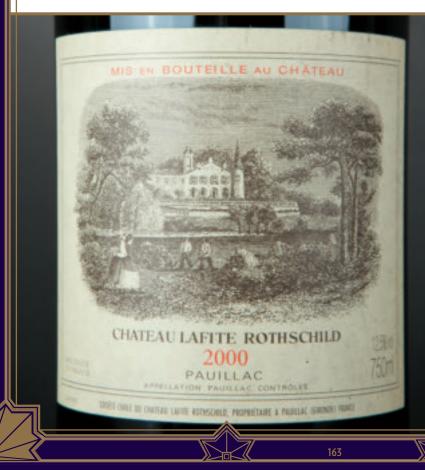
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Château Lafite Rothschild 2000 (1 bottle)

PAULLAC, BORDEAUX

With "compelling aromatics (black fruits, minerals, as well as cedar), and excellent concentration, a certain lightness, and a beautifully pure, well delineated mouth-feel," we are delighted to offer this 2000 Lafite Rothschild. We couldn't agree more with Mr. Parker's 100-point rating, and his assertion that the wine is "a monument to finesse and elegance, a style that Lafite Rothschild can do better than any other Bordeaux Château."

Generously contributed by **Eric Hirschfield, Rothschild & Co.**



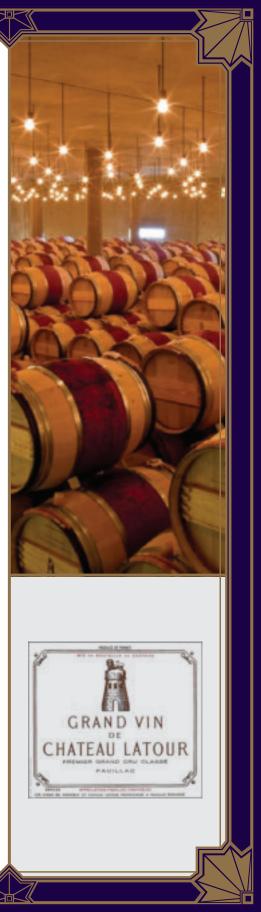


Château Latour 1966 (1 bottle) Château Latour "Les Forts de Latour" 1970 (1 bottle) Château Latour 1978 (1 bottle) Château Latour 1985 (1 bottle) Château Latour 1988 (1 bottle) PAUILLAC, BORDEAUX

A first-growth collector's dream lot! Take home not one, not two, but six vintages from Château Latour. What better way to know and understand Château Latour than by experiencing over thirty years of their rich vintages and history? Known worldwide for some of the finest red wine ever produced, this beautiful assortment of Château Latour begins with a selection from 1966. You'll also be able to boast the 1970 "Les Forts de Latour," 1978, 1985, 1988, and 1998 vintages—all of which have aged beautifully.

Note: 1970 and 1978 bottles have slight markings from wax.

Generously contributed by **Barbara and Jerry Pearlman**



Château Léoville Barton 2006 (12 bottles) SAINT-IULIEN, BORDEAUX

Château Léoville Barton, a member of the vast Léoville estate, has produced secondgrowth Bordeaux blends since 1855. Located in the central part of Saint-Julien along the Gironde River, the clay and gravel subsoil has provided excellent growing conditions for the grapes, which consist of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc. Of the 2006 Château Léoville Barton. The Wine Advocate notes that the vintage "has a surprisingly rich and opulent bouquet at first, offering crushed violet and black cherry scents, reminiscent of a fine Margaux. The palate is mediumbodied with a gentle grip in the mouth."

Generously contributed by An Anonymous Donor

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$900

LOT **158**

Château Margaux 1993 (2 bottles) MARGAUX, BORDEAUX

With less than 50% of the grapes harvested deemed fit for bottling, initial concern over the 1993 Grand Vin from Château Margaux took a favorable turn, ultimately leading to one of the most soughtafter vintages from the Château. This 1993 blend consists of 72% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot, and 2% Cabernet Franc. With 1993, an era of flavor burst forth from Château Margaux. This vintage contains flavors which are "supple and seductive. It offers an impressively saturated ruby/ purple color, an intense fragrance of red and black fruits, toast, and spring flowers, and a voluptuouslytextured, multi-layered personality, with expansive, sweet, ripe fruit."

Generously contributed by An Anonymous Donor

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$800

lot **159**

Château Ormes de Pez 2005 (1 double magnum) SAINT-ESTÈPHE, BORDEAUX

A legendary year, 2005 was warm, sunny, and dry, with a homogeneous vegetative cycle, all of which added up to a very high degree of maturity, and grapes showing great balance. But over and above the exceptionally high temperatures, the strongest point of the vintage was an early drought that halted the plant's growth, forcing it to adapt. Far from causing any ill effects, the water stress helped promote quality by limiting production. Château Ormes de Pez 2005 displays a magnificent dense, deep color and a delightful, highly-spiced nose of ripe fruits with hints of licorice and pepper.

Generously contributed by **Château Lynch-Bages**

Château Pavie Macquin 2000 (1 bottle) SAINT-ÉMILION, BORDEAUX

Bordeaux fans, pay attention to this beautiful 2000 vintage from Château Pavie Macquin Saint-Émilion. According to French geographer Henri Enjalbert's description, Château Pavie Macquin was "for more than 30 years, a one-man viticultural industry, the mastermind behind the transformation of the Saint-Émilion vineyards." Having aged to near-perfect drinkability, Robert Parker notes that the Macquin Saint-Émilion is "tannic, with lots of pure black raspberry and black cherry fruit intermixed with a notion of charcoal as well as the aforementioned rocky/powdered stone component."

Generously contributed by **James Staples**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$300

lot **161**

Pavillon Blanc du Château Margaux 2004 (12 bottles) BORDEAUX

The finesse, complexity, richness, and length in the mouth of Pavillon Blanc are incomparable for a wine produced from 100% Sauvignon. Situated on a very old plot of the Estate that had long been planted with red vines and then dug up because of the high risk of spring frosts, the eleven-hectare vineyard produces some of the finest Sauvignon Blancs found throughout the world.

LOT 162

Pavillon Rouge du Château Margaux 2012 (1 bottle) MARGAUX, BORDEAUX

Hoping for a bottle of something special for your next celebration for two? Look no further than this beautiful bottle of Pavillon Rouge du Château Margaux. Noted by Robert Parker for its "deep ruby/ purple color, nice floral and black currant notes, moderate tannin and medium body," he praises this wine's ability to "admirably stand the test of time for 15-20 years." So, bid now and savor this wine whenever you're ready!



Generously contributed by **An Anonymous Donor**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$2,100

Generously contributed by **Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Oliver, Jr.**

Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande 2000 (12 bottles, owc) PAUILLAC, BORDEAUX

The Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande 2000 is a blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, and a surprising 10% Petit Verdot, with a little bit of Cabernet Franc. Robert Parker finds this mix to be most interesting, as "the Petit Verdot certainly gives the wine more of a tapenade, floral note, which I think can be interpreted by some as herbal. This is a rich, opulent, stunning Pichon Lalande that is beginning to drink beautifully, yet should continue to improve for at least another 10-15 years and last 30 or more years."



Generously contributed by John R. Raitt

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$2,250

LOT 164

Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande 2003 (3 bottles) PAUILLAC, BORDEAUX

Château Pichon Longueville has been almost consistently managed by women since the 18th century, when the daughter of founder Pierre de Mazure de Rauzan received the estate. Château Pichon Longueville has also been a pioneer in sustainable farming, experimenting with biodynamic techniques for a portion of their vineyard. These three bottles of the 2003 Comtesse de Lalande feature a blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot, and 4% Petit Verdot, and cultivate a taste of black currants and cherries.

Generously contributed by John and Jill Svoboda

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$550

lot **165**

Château Pontet-Canet 2000 (2 bottles) Château Smith Haut Lafitte 2000 (2 bottles) PAUILLAC AND MARTILLAC, BORDEAUX

Château Pontet-Canet's 2000 Bordeaux, according to Neal Martin, "has a lovely bouquet of blackberry and briary fruit, hints of black truffle developing and later damp earth." Paired with these two bottles, enjoy Château Smith Haut Lafitte's 2000, which Robert Parker finds to be a hidden gem amongst Bordeaux. "One can't say enough about this winery, which may still fly under the radar of most consumers."

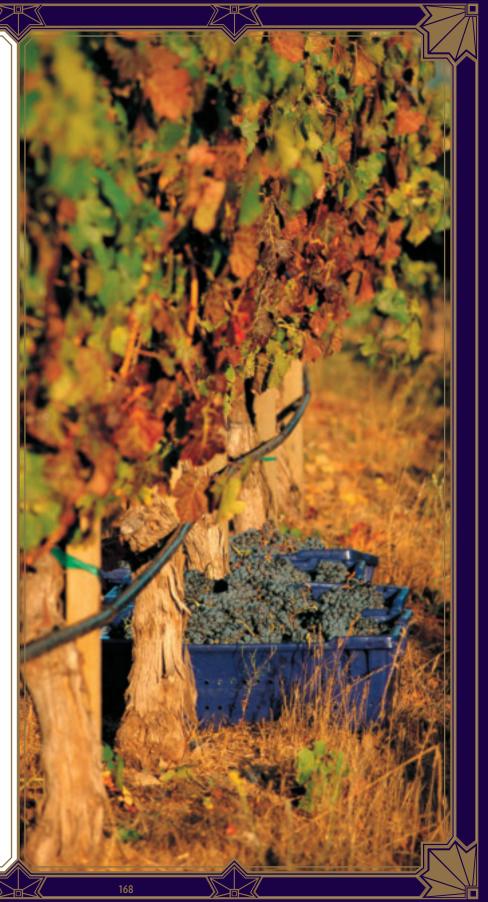
Note: Torn label on Pontet-Canet.

Generously contributed by Anne and Don Edwards

Roc de Cambes 1994 (12 bottles) CÔTES DE BOURG, BORDEAUX

With an emphasis on Merlotbased red wine production, the Côtes de Bourg on the Right Bank of Bordeaux is home to Roc de Cambes. This Bordeaux blend, which combines 75% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 5% Cabernet Franc, has been described by Robert Parker as containing "a soft, spicy, earthy, truffle-like nose, tasty, round, ripe, medium-bodied flavors, and an easy-going finish."

Generously contributed by **Mr. and Mrs. John R. Siragusa**



Bouchard Père et Fils Volnay 1er Cru Caillerets Ancienne Cuvée Carnot 2011 (10 bottles)

BEAUNE, BURGUNDY

Representing one of the oldest wine estates in Burgundy, the 3.76 hectares of this exceptional Premier Cru have a particular meaning for Bouchard Père et Fils, since it was the first vineyard bought by the House in 1775. The Carnot family who owned the land is still mentioned on the bottles "Ancienne Cuvée Carnot." As you enjoy this wonderful Pinot Noir, note the exquisite fruit and spice aromas on the nose.

Generously contributed by **Florence D. McMillan**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$650

lot 168

Hospices de Beaune Mazis-Chambertin Cuvée Madeleine Collignon 2011 (6 bottles)

CÔTE DE NUITS, BURGUNDY

Our first-ever auctioneers couldn't pass up the opportunity to honor the legacy of Wine Auction. We are grateful to Christie's for putting together this outstanding donation of six bottles of Hospices de Beaune Mazis-Chambertin Cuvée Madeleine Collignon 2011. This Pinot Noir comes from vines planted in 1947 that have matured to allow for a remarkable density and structure of the wine, highlighting silky tannins and a remarkable aftertaste, according to winemaker Albert Bichot.

Generously contributed by **Christie's Inc.**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$2,400

lot **169**

Domaine Leflaive Les Pucelles Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru 2014 (3 bottles) BEAUNE, BURGUNDY

Located in the southern end of the Côte de Beaune. Leflaive has dedicated their production to Chardonnay. Over time, this Domaine has achieved notoriety for their Chardonnay, with critics praising Leflaive for an exciting and elegant production, with aromatic wines that contain complexity and an almost sweet, nutty palate. Having been praised by Neal Martin for revealing a "tempting smoke, flint and even faint scent of wild fennel," these bottles of 2014 Premier Cru Les Pucelles contain a "fresh palate with a crisp, spicy acidity."

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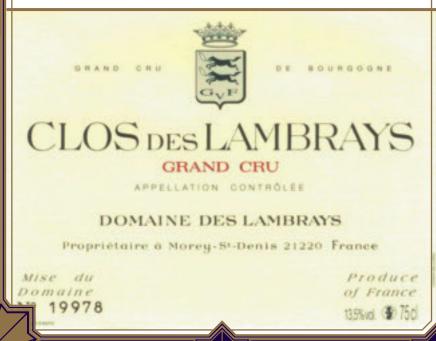
Generously contributed by Mrs. Theodore D. Tieken

Domaine des Lambrays Clos des Lambrays Grand Cru 2013 (12 bottles, owc) CÔTE DE NUITS, BURGUNDY

Enclosed by a centuries-old wall, one could spend hours exploring the grounds of the Clos des Lambrays! This prototypical Côte de Nuits vineyard is one of the 33 Grands Crus of Bourgogne, located in one of the region's most precious "climats." Robert Parker cites that, "the palate is medium-bodied with a slightly leafy entry, gentle and elegant, full of personality." Perhaps his best accolade comes in brief, powerful words: "to put it prosaically, it is absolutely delicious."

Generously contributed by Nancy and Steve Crown and The Crown Family

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$2,400



LOT 171

Maison Alex Gambal St. Aubin 1er Cru Les Murgers des Dents de Chien 2013 (1 double magnum)

BEAUNE, BURGUNDY

An outstanding white Burgundy, the flavor profile from the Maison Alex Gambal St. Aubin 1er Cru Les Murgers des Dents de Chien "has a perfumed, lavender-tinged bouquet that opens nicely in the glass," notes Neal Martin. He goes on to describe the palate which "has a pleasing fatness on the entry, though the *mineralité* comes through more toward the lime cordial finish." Citing that the wine should drink well over the next decade, this wine will be a delight in any cellar.

Generously contributed by Maison Alex Gambal

Pierre Bourée Fils Gevrey-Chambertin Clos de la Justice 2012 (1 magnum) CÔTE DE NUITS, BURGUNDY

Elegance abounds as you indulge in the 2012 Pierre Bourée Fils Gevrey-Chambertin Clos de la Justice, which represents some of the finest Pinot Noir available from the Burgundy region. Established in the 19th century, Pierre Bourré and his family have established themselves as pioneers in Burgundy, still bottling all grands vins by hand.

Note: 2-3cm distance between cork and wine.

Generously contributed by Paula and Jim Crown and The Crown Family

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$750

LOT **173**

- Domaine Ponsot Chapelle-Chambertin Grand Cru 2012 (1 bottle)
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- CÔTE DE NUITS, BURGUNDY

With an eye focused on biodynamic processes, Domaine Ponsot has mastered the art of crafting beautiful wine with innovative aging techniques. Their Chapelle-Chambertin Grand Cru comes from just over two acres of land and is known for its dark colors and wonderfully expressive nose. With this vertical collection, revel in the 2012, 2013 and 2014 vintages, which The Wine Advocate praised for "vibrant, fine tannins," and "a very smooth mouth with impressive density and weight."

Generously contributed by **Mrs. Alger B. Chapman Jr.**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$1,300

LOT **174**

Domaine Robert Groffier Gevrey-Chambertin Les Seuvrées 2011 (12 bottles) CÔTE DE NUITS, BURGUNDY

Founded in 1950, Domaine Robert Groffier is a family operation which has been passed down through three generations, each working to honor both the rich legacy of fine wine and the *terroir* of Morey-Saint-Denis. With eight hectares of vineyards, the Groffier family has worked to ensure that all grapes are void of any chemical processes or treatments, a perfect representation of the authentic land. Their 2011 Les Seuvrées Pinot Noir is filled with an exciting nose of strawberries, with a stable, balanced finish.

Generously contributed by An Anonymous Donor

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$800

SILENT AUCTION | BURGUNDY WINES

171

Billecart-Salmon Brut Reserve (1 methuselah) CHAMPAGNE

With a timeless elegance and supreme balance, Billecart-Salmon has maintained its rich, family-run legacy for two centuries, and has achieved its well-deserved rank as one of the best Champagne houses. Billecart-Salmon utilizes cold temperature fermentation and Burgundian oak barrels, as well as steel tank finishing ensuring a level of perfect consistency in their Champagne. The results speak for themselves. The Wine Advocate has praised the NV Brut Reserve as "a beautiful wine graced with layers of exquisite, mineral laced citrus, pears and white peaches." This methuselah will be the perfect bottle to begin your next large celebration in true style.

Generously contributed by Dr. and Mrs. Anthony W. Gargiulo

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$700

lot **176**

Krug Clos du Mesnil 1996 (2 bottles, each in owc) CHAMPAGNE

Make sure your Champagne flutes are ready when you open these outstanding bottles of Krug Clos du Mesnil 1996 Brut Blanc-de-Blancs. This Krug was commended by Antonio Galloni in The Wine Advocate as a wine that "sparkles on the palate with a brilliant, pointillist expression of fruit, showing surreal detail, depth and polish. Like a finely cut gem, each impression reveals a different and unique shade of nuance." In fact, Mr. Galloni goes on to say that if he were ever forced to choose just one Champagne, it would be this one!

Generously contributed by John R. Raitt

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$1,200



LOT 177

Louis Roederer Cristal Brut 2009 (3 bottles) CHAMPAGNE

The most famous wine crafted by Louis Roederer, Cristal has withstood the test of time and stands as a marker for pure elegance when it comes to Champagne. Produced only during the best years, when Chardonnay grapes and Pinot Noir grapes attain perfect maturity, Cristal ages for six years in Louis Roederer's cellars, and is known for exciting, silky textures and fruity aromas. Of their 2009 vintage, Wine Spectator notes that "white peach and acacia blossom aromas accent the flavors of poached apple, gingersnap biscuit, pastry cream, and spun honey." Indulge in the luscious, satiny mousse notes of this thrilling Champagne!

Generously contributed by Dr. and Mrs. Anthony W. Gargiulo

Champagne Taittinger Brut La Française (12 bottles) CHAMPAGNE

One of the most extensive Champagne houses, Taittinger remains a family-owned operation, focusing on Chardonnay-grape heavy Champagnes. This case of outstanding Taittinger Brut La Française features "a subtle, pale gold color with fine, persistent bubbles. It is delicate, with aromas of peach, white flowers, vanilla pod, and brioche on the nose with flavors of fresh fruit and honey on the palate," according to the winemaker. These bottles are sure to dazzle, and will be a perennial favorite for celebrations for years to come.



Generously contributed by **Champagne Taittinger**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$600

LOT **179**

LET'S GET FIZZICAL André Clouet Brut 2008 (1 bottle) Billecart-Salmon Demi-Sec NV (1 bottle) H. Billiot Brut Rosé NV (1 bottle) Bollinger Rosé NV (1 bottle) Champagne Bérêche et Fils, Reflet d'Antan NV (1 bottle) Chartogne-Taillet Cuvée Sainte Anne Brut NV (1 bottle) Launois Père et Fils Grand Cru Blanc de Blancs Brut 2010 (1 bottle) Maurice Vesselle Rosé NV (1 bottle) Michel Arnould Brut Réserve Grand Cru NV (1 bottle) Moët & Chandon Grand Vintage Rosé 2008 (1 bottle, in gift box) Paul Bara Brut Grand Rosé NV (1 bottle) Paul Bara Brut Reserve NV (1 bottle) Pierre Péters Cuvée de Réserve Blanc de Blancs Brut NV (1 bottle) Vilmart & Cie Grand Cellier Brut NV (1 bottle) CHAMPAGNE

Bask in a bountiful assortment of fourteen different Champagne and Rosé vintages with this starter sparkling kit. Michael Davis himself selected this assortment of unique, boutique bottles, which are sure to entice anyone who loves the sound of a flying Champagne cork! Bring them as a hostess gift to a dinner, or host your own personal Champagne tasting. You'll love getting the chance to try these smaller-production, hard-to-obtain bottles.

Generously contributed by Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Morrison

Château de Beaucastel, Châteauneufdu-Pape 1988 (1 double magnum) RHÔNE VALLEY

Beaucastel is known for elegance, balance, and aging potential. *Wine Spectator* noted that this wine is "elegant and understated, with lovely fruit and structure. It has an excellent deep color, with focused black cherry and refined spice aromas, a full body of refined tannins and spice and berry flavors." This double magnum of 1988 contains exciting flavors of red fruit, tobacco, and cinnamon.

Generously contributed by **Mr. and Mrs. John R. Siragusa**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$500

lot 181

Château de Beaucastel, Châteauneufdu-Pape 2000 (6 bottles) Château de Beaucastel, Châteauneufdu-Pape 2001 (6 bottles) RHÔNE VALLEY

The magnificent terroir of Beaucastel is due in large part to the movement of the Rhône. The river once flowed through this land, bringing with it rock deposits from the Alps. These sedimentary deposits, paired with exposure to the opportunistic mistral, have cultivated the perfect environment for growing. Both feature a blend of 30% Grenache, 30% Mourvedre, 10% Syrah, and 10% Councise, with the remaining balance split among other varietals of the appellation. Also found in both vintages are strong flavors of blackberry and cherry fruits.



Generously contributed by John and Jill Svoboda

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$1,600

LOT **182**

Château d'Esclans Garrus 2016 (1 double magnum) PROVENCE

In 2006, Château d'Esclans produced, for the first time, barrels of rosé from a vineyard of 80-yearold vines atop a hill in Provence. This led to their first vintage of Garrus, which has proven a game changer for both the Château and for rosé lovers around the world. As you sip on this delightful rosé, note the flavors of Burgundy this wine evokes – which are thanks to the 10 month Burgundian style aging process employed at Château d'Esclans.

Generously contributed by **Château d'Esclans**

Château d'Esclans Whispering Angel 2016 (12 bottles) PROVENCE

With grapes sourced from some of the most choice land in the La Motte region, Roberta Washlow fell in love with this dynamic and exciting rosé during a recent trip to Provence. Having been described by *Wine Spectator* as "alluring, with a creamy feel to the mix of white peach, mango and white cherry fruit flavors," this is a wine that perfectly epitomizes the saying, "rosé all day!"

Generously contributed by Roberta L. Washlow and Robert J. Washlow

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$250

LOT **184**

Domaine de Mourchon Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret Family Reserve Grenache 2015 (12 bottles) RHÔNE VALLEY

Established in 1998, Domaine de Mourchon was built out of a desire to take grapes that had withstood the test of time in the Rhône Valley and create exciting Rhône wine. The winemaker notes that the 2015 "has a deep plum color with a nose suggesting a ripe fruit such as fig, and notes of spices and licorice. The palate is full bodied though subtle, with pronounced fruit intensity, gentle minerality and harmonious tannins."

Generously contributed by Walter McKinley, Domaine de Mourchon

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$500

lot **185**

Domaine des Rabelles Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 (12 bottles)

Domaine des Rabelles Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 (24 bottles)

Dyson Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 (12 bottles)

VILLECROZE

Sir James and Lady Dyson acquired the Domaine at Les Rabelles in 1999 and began producing wine on the property in 2006. Built on soil comprised primarily of clay, the four hectares of land are planted with Cabernet Sauvignon grapes that have aged more than forty years. In 2010, the Domaine changed its name from Domaine des Rabelles to Dyson Wines. Over the past decade, the vineyard and wines have been met with wonderful praise. The Domaine des Rabelles 2008 presents a complex bouquet of red berries, chocolate, nutmeg, and clove. Evoking notes of licorice and coffee, as well as black cherry, the flavors roar as you enjoy each sip. The 2010 vintages are met with aromas of caramelized peppers, mushroom, and moss, and flavors of cocoa, sour cherry, and spices.

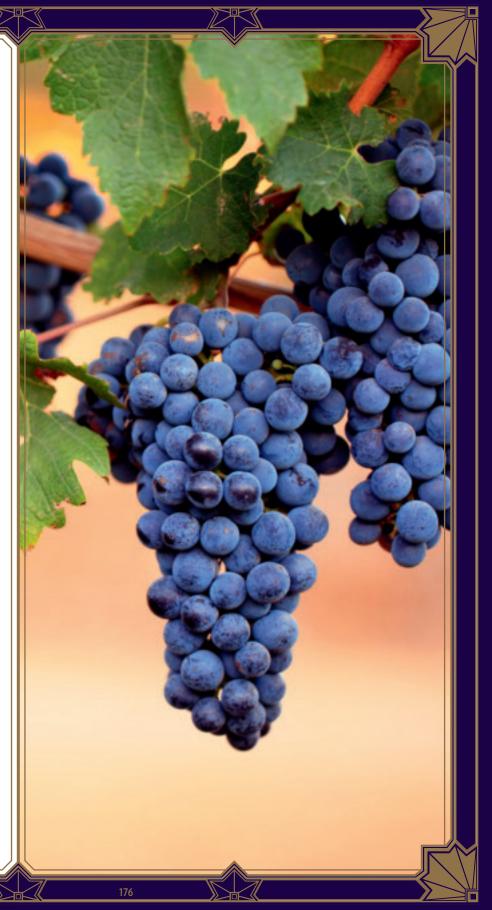
Generously contributed by Sir James and Lady Dyson

Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe Châteauneuf-du-Pape 1994 (1 salmanazar)

RHÔNE VALLEY

Family-run for over six generations, Vieux Télégraphe vineyards are planted on the celebrated Plateau de La Crau, a site renowned for grape-growing in Châteauneufdu-Pape. Robert Parker has noted that, despite the incredibly hot and dry summer of 1994, this vintage "offers sweet floral, blue and black fruits intermixed with dried Provençal herbs, tree bark and earth." Having been hailed in the same tasting as "powerful" and "concentrated," this wine is thought to be in prime maturity for consumption. Surely this salmanazar (a full case of wine in one bottle) would be the star of any party!

Generously contributed by **Mr. and Mrs. John R. Siragusa**



Avignonesi 2014 (1 bottle) Le Berne 2014 (1 bottle) Pasiteo Fassati 2013 (1 bottle) TUSCANY

Maestro Enrique Mazzola, Conductor of Lyric's I Puritani, brought not only masterful musicianship to Lyric again this season, but also a passion for fine Italian wine. As Ambasciatore del Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, Maestro Mazzola balances his schedule preparing opera scores with exciting Chianti-style Montepulciano wine. What a life! We're so grateful to Maestro for both his incredible musical contributions to Lyric and for his generous donation of this fine Italian wine. These three bottles represent three of his favorite Vino Nobile from Montepulciano. We suggest enjoying these while listening to some great Italian opera-the perfect way to toast Maestro Mazzola!

Generously contributed by Maestro Enrique Mazzola

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$200

lot **188**

Bolla Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 1980 (1 bottle)

Bolla Bardolino 1976 (1 bottle)

Le Colline Barbaresco 1979 (1 bottle)

Giovanni Bianchi Chianti Classico 1981 (1 bottle)

VENETO, PIEDMONT, TUSCANY

We cannot think of a more exciting way to take a trip to Italy from the comfort of your own home! Your Italian journey begins with a Bolla Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, representing some of the most well-regarded Italian wine to come from the north eastern region of Veneto. Compare it side-by-side with neighboring Bardolino, and marvel at the different body and complexity! Travel to Piedmont as you sip on Le Colline, and immerse yourself in flavors of blackberry and purple flowers. Last, but certainly not least, settle in Tuscany where you'll be greeted by the light floral, cherry, and nut flavors of the Giovanni Bianchi Chianti Classico. Saluti!

Generously contributed by **Mr. and Mrs. John R. Siragusa**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$350

lot **189**

Castello Banfi Brunello di Montalcino 2011 (1 magnum) TUSCANY

Having maintained a reputation for outstanding consistency in winemaking, this 2011 vintage from Castello Banfi fits perfectly within their long-standing reputation of fine wine. The 2011 Brunello, notes Monica Larner in *The Wine Advocate*, "is openly redolent of Sangiovese-driven aromas of wild berry, underbrush, and spice. The finish is long, silky and the tannins are polished." Prepare a beautiful Italian dinner, open this magnum, and be transported to Tuscany!

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Generously contributed by **Banfi Vintners**

Castiglion del Bosco Rosso di Montalcino 2013 (12 bottles) TUSCANY

This familiar Tuscan name has landed with a fresh new label and a fresh, brightly balanced Sangiovese to match. Still featuring an outline of Castiglion del Bosco's Castello (dating back to the 1100s), the 2011 Rosso di Montalcino seems smoother and brighter than recent vintages—lovely smoked rock salt, sun-warmed cherry, and raspberry make up a welcoming nose, followed by a juicy palate of cherry, young leather, candied strawberry, and mildly cured olives.

Note: Seven of twelve bottles at base neck level.

Generously contributed by **Bob and Joan Clifford**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$450

lot **191**

Gaja Sperss 1999 (6 bottles) PIEDMONT

Don't miss out on this beautiful vintage from "The King of Barbaresco" with the exquisite 1999 Gaja Sperss. Founded in 1859, Gaja Sperss is named for the Piedmontese word for "nostalgia," and the vineyard seeks to return to the origins of Barolo. Robert Parker notes that the 1999 vintage includes a "blast of tar, licorice, and chocolate on the nose, opulent, dense, very firm and structured on the palate, mouth filling, and chewy in texture." Bring these six iconic Sperss home and elevate your Italian collection to new and exciting heights.

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

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$3,000



LOT **192**

Sottimano Barbaresco Cotta 2014 (1 double magnum, owc) NEIVE

Having perfected a house-style wine that is based on elegance and grace, Sottimano offers some of the most exciting Nebbiolo. Their Barbaresco Cotta is aged for approximately 24 months in French barrel coopered for the vineyard exclusively by François Frères in Burgundy. This vintage is noted by *Wine Spectator* for "pretty cherry, floral, mineral and tobacco flavors. There is an underlying density to the structure and a lingering aftertaste of fruit, iron and tobacco."

Generously contributed by Andrea Sottimano

Tenuta dell'Ornellaia 2012 (6 bottles, owc) TUSCANY

Tenuta dell'Ornellaia, with roots established by the Antinori family, has been curated under both the Mondavi and Frescobaldi names, Winemaker Axel Heinz states of the 2012 that it "appears a deep ruby, and a remarkably beguiling bouquet boasts rich fruit and spice notes. The palate shows well-rounded, full, and generous, with glossy tannins and a complete absence of any roughness. The 2012 lacks none of the proverbial concentration that distinguishes Ornellaia's great vintages, but this vintage adroitly masks that richness behind an expansive, magisterial structure, then concludes with a near-endless finish."

Note: Bottles at base neck level. Owc is part of 'L'Incanto' artist series.

Generously contributed by Nancy and Steve Crown and The Crown Family

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$1,200

lot **194**

Tenuta San Guido Bolgheri Sassicaia 2014 (1 magnum) TUSCANY

Any Bordeaux fans looking to expand their palates, should take note of this beautiful Bordeauxstyle Sassicaia from "Super Tuscan" Tenuto San Guido. The 2014 Sassicaia, which was long followed by Monica Larner of *The Wine Advocate*, has been noted for being a "solid effort and a stunning example of what it takes to make great wine, even when weather conditions are not in your favor." She highlights the wine for containing "bright fruit and blackberry, spice, tar and leather."

Generously contributed by Kobrand Fine Wine & Spirits

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$550

lot **195**

Tenuta Sette Cieli Indaco 2012 (2 magnums) TUSCANY

Tenuta Sette Cieli, the Estate of the Seven Skies, is perched on the Tuscan coast at an elevation of 1,300 feet. The terraced vineyards are above the hills of Bolgheri and planted with Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, and Malbec. The winery's top cuvées of Indaco and Scipio have quickly ascended to collector status. Sette Cieli is considered cutting edge and defining in its region and aspect. Indaco represents a blend of Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Merlot, meant to "express the complex and rich *terroir*." "Aged in new French oak barrels and cropped at miniscule yields this exciting wine is known for its freshness and structure." - Master Sommelier Ken Fredrickson

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Generously contributed by **Tenuta Sette Cieli**

Alta Vista Alto 2009 (6 bottles) MENDOZA, ARGENTINA

Representing some of the finest Argentinean wine from the Los Andes mountain region of Mendoza, Alta Vista has earned a reputation of excellence since the winery was built. With over 250 years of heritage in winemaking experience, the Alta Vista team crafts their signature wine, Alta Vista Alto, with the very best quality Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon that Mendoza has to offer. The result is an expression of their hard work, dedication, and passion captured within the bottle. Alta Vista's 2009 Alto shows complex black fruit aromas, with spice and chocolate notes. The flavors are concentrated, yet elegant and expressive, with silky tannins and a long, intense finish.

Generously contributed by **Kobrand Fine Wine & Spirits**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$400

lot **197**

Craggy Range Winery "Sophia" Prestige Right Bank Style Bordeaux Blend 2015 (1 double magnum)

GIMBLETT GRAVELS, NEW ZEALAND

Explore the bold flavors that come from the heart of New Zealand and Craggy Range. This winery, which draws inspiration from the rich traditions of farming on this coveted land, takes pride in their single vineyard approach to winemaking, carefully tending to green fields and bare land, with an emphasis on exploring the beautiful terroir of New Zealand. The 2015 Sophia represents the best Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot Bordeaux varietals from the Gimblett Gravels vineyard at Craggy Range. Noted for a "complex aromatic profile with notes of ripe plum, cassis, dried rose and spice from the finest French oak," this bottle will age to perfection in your cellar over this next decade.

Generously contributed by Craggy Range Winery

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$400

LOT **198**

Lapostolle Clos Apalta 2009 (6 bottles, owc) COLCHAGUA VALLEY, CHILE

The flagship 2009 Lapostolle Clos Apalta is a blend of 78% Carménère, 19% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 3% Petit Verdot, which is aged in new French oak for 24 months. With excellent drinkability until 2022, according to Robert Parker, one can gather notes of "black cherry, red currant, and vanilla. The palate is mediumbodied with fine balance, grainy ripe tannins, a core of blackberry and blueberry fruit laced with dark chocolate, and a touch of tobacco."

Note: One bottle contains sediment.

Generously contributed by **Mr. and Mrs. James J. O'Connor**

Torbreck RunRig Shiraz 2001 (1 magnum) BAROSSA VALLEY, AUSTRALIA

Honor the beauty that comes from the vineyards of the Barossa Valley in Australia with this 2001 vintage from Torbreck. The RunRig has often drawn comparison to the beautifully fragrant and tautly structured wines produced from the steep slopes of the Northern Rhône Valley's appellation of Côte-Rôtie. The 2001 vintage is a structured, muscular wine with phenomenal density, dry vintage port-like concentration, and magnificent notes of smoke, blackberries, cassis, leather, and coffee.

Generously contributed by **GT Prime**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$350

LOT 200

Taylor's Vintage Port 1963 (1 bottle) DOURO VALLEY, PORTUGAL

Having been described by Robert Parker as the "Latour of Portugal," this Port has aged for over 50 years. This maturation time allows for Taylor Port to develop an "inner strength and firmness" which is desirable in any Port. Earning 95 points from Robert Parker, this bottle was impressive in its youth and is sure to wow today.

Note: Disintegrating cork and port residue at top of bottle. Very high shoulder level.

Generously contributed by John Keller in memory of Jack Crowe

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$400

lot **201**

Taylor's Vintage Port 1963 (1 bottle) DOURO VALLEY, PORTUGAL

Marvel at this stunning Port, which has a score of 97 points from *Wine Spectator*. Bask at what has been called "a big wine with superb balance, a shining example of this exuberantly fruity vintage." You'll surely enjoy the "deep ruby, with violets and coffee on the nose, fullbodied, with dried cherry flavors and plenty of tannin, balanced and long on the finish."

Note: Disintegrating cork and port residue at top of bottle. Very high shoulder level.

Generously contributed by John Keller in memory of Jack Crowe

Taylor's Vintage Port 1963 (1 bottle) DOURO VALLEY, PORTUGAL

Explore the exciting hues that have been noted by *The Wine Advocate* as "among the very best" as you enjoy a bottle of Taylor's Vintage 1963 Port. You'll be able to let this bottle of Port sit comfortably in your cellar for another few years, as *The Wine Advocate* has noted that it could still drink remarkably well in another decade. A true delight!

Note: Disintegrating cork and port residue at top of bottle. Very low shoulder level. LOT **203**

Taylor's Vintage Port 1983 (3 bottles) DOURO VALLEY, PORTUGAL

With softened tannins and a medley of old Port flavors on the finish, this 1983 Taylor's Vintage Port is, according to Robert Parker, "both sensual and delicious, with velvety texture, and an irresistible finish." These three bottles of 1983 Port received an outstanding rating of 94 points according to Robert Parker, and are ready to dazzle any day!

Note: Slightly torn and bin soiled labels. Corks slightly raised.

LOT 204

Vega Sicilia Único Ribera del Duero 1991 (1 bottle) CASTILLA Y LEÓN, SPAIN

With a rich tradition that draws inspiration from Bordeaux, Vega Sicilia produces an exciting array of some of the most expensive red wine in the world. The Único represents their signature wine and the 1991 is a deep ruby/ purple-colored vintage. Robert Parker notes that it is "full bodied and intense, with sweet tannin, outstanding density as well as purity, and a layered mouthfeel." This bottle is sure to take the starring spot amongst Spanish reserves in your cellar.

Generously contributed by John Keller in memory of Jack Crowe

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$400

Generously contributed by **Mr. and Mrs. John W. Higgins**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$350

Generously contributed by **Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mesrobian**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$450

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MICHAEL MONDAVI'S FAVORITE MAGNUMS

Animo 2010 Red Blend (1 magnum) Bruno Giacosa Barolo Falletto 2012 (1 magnum) Charles Heidsieck Brut Réserve NV (1 magnum) Crios de Susana Balbo Malbec NV (1 magnum) Donnafugata Chiaranda 2015 (1 magnum, owc) Donnafugata Tancredi 2013 (1 magnum, owc) M by Michael Mondavi Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2009 (1 magnum) Michael Mondavi Family Wines Emblem Cabernet Sauvignon Oso Vineyard Napa Valley 2013 (1 magnum) Michael Mondavi Family Animo Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2014 (1 magnum) Guorum Barbera d'Asti 2003 (1 magnum, signed by winemaker, owc) Susana Balbo Nosotros Malbec 2006 (1 magnum, presentation box) Tinto Pesquera Millennium 1996 (1 magnum, owc)

MENDOZA, NAPA VALLEY, PIEDMONT, REIMS, SICILY, VALLADOLID

For those looking to expand their wine palate in a multitude of directions, we present an exciting 'magnum a month' lot, hand-selected by Michael Mondavi himself.

Mr. Mondavi takes you on a trip around the world with selections from Argentina, France, Italy, and Spain.

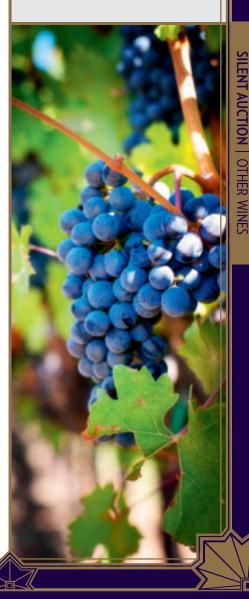
Of course, your tour around the world in wine isn't complete without a taste of Napa Valley, and for that, the Michael Mondavi family offers a selection of four of their finest wines, providing a brilliant array of the rich tradition that is Mondavi.

An exciting magnum a month from the best wine regions around the world; this lot isn't one to pass over!

Note: Slight scratch on Donnafugata Tancredi.

Generously contributed by Michael Mondavi Family Estate





Alexander Murray Braes of Glenlivet 1994 (1 bottle)

SCOTLAND

Tucked away in Chapletown on the Glenlivet estate. Braes of Glenlivet Distillery has been producing whisky since 1974. This 21-year-old Braes of Glenlivet is an outstanding expression of single-malt scotch which has aged in ex-bourbon casks. This 1994 vintage is exceptionally rich and complexaromatic and polished, with a fantastic sweetness. Fruit preserves and biscuits combine to show a rounded scotch whisky. This is one of only 182 bottles which were released from this exciting barrel—a scotch lover should not pass up the chance to own one of these outstanding gems.

Generously contributed by Ken Fredrickson, Tenzing Wine and Spirits

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$350

LOT **207**

Hennessy Cognac Paradis Impérial NV (1 imperial, in collector's edition decorative decanter) COGNAC

Hennessy Paradis Impérial embodies the pinnacle of the art of selection. From any harvest, the average number of *eaux-de-vie* with the potential to join this blend are few: only 10 out of 10,000. The unprecedented alliance of age and finesse, Paradis Impérial is a Cognac of magisterial complexity it contains a perfect balance, and the finest texture. You'll marvel as this spirit continually reveals new tones of expression and delicate floral essences on the palate.

Generously contributed by **Mr. and Mrs. James J. O'Connor**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$2,000



LOT 208

Kavalan Amontillado Sherry Single Malt Whisky Cask (1 bottle) TAIWAN

Recently lauded as "Distiller of the Year" at the 2017 Wine and Spirit Competition, Kavalan represents the premier whisky out of Taiwan. The Amontillado Sherry Single Malt Cask is a dry, single cask whisky which contains hints of toasted almond and hazelnut aromas on the nose, and contains bold hints of peanut brittle and dried apricot, as well as subtle hints of white chocolate. This beautiful bottle ages without any additional coloring or chillfiltration, which yields a naturally smooth and rich whisky with a complex character.

Generously contributed by Ken Fredrickson, Tenzing Wine and Spirits

TROPICAL TIKI TAKEOVER PRIVATE PARTY FOR 30 AT THREE DOTS AND A DASH

Host your friends for an unforgettable cocktail party at Three Dots and a Dash, Chicago's premier tiki bar. Hidden in River North by an entrance that you can easily miss amid the hustle and bustle of the city, this Chicago hot spot, named one of 'The World's 50 Best Bars' by *Drinks International,* is known for imaginatively crafted signature drinks. You and twenty-nine friends can try all of Kevin Beary's renowned cocktails. Private servers will take care of you all night with signature cocktails and Three Dots' delicious sweet and savory bites. This will be a night filled with outstanding cocktails, delicious food, and memories that your friends won't soon forget – so bid away!

Note: Party must take place between 5pm-8pm, Sunday through Thursday. Tax and gratuity included. Expires on April 14, 2019.

Generously contributed by **Three Dots and a Dash** and **Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises**



DINE WITH MASTER SOMMELIER ALPANA SINGH DINNER FOR 6

Host an exclusive dinner for up to six guests at The Boarding House alongside celebrity Proprietor and Master Sommelier Alpana Singh. This evening's meal, prepared by Executive Chef Phil Rubino, will showcase the restaurant's acclaimed cuisine and will pair with California wines selected by the winner and Alpana herself from her outstanding cellar, which was recently named a James Beard Award semi-finalist for "Outstanding Wine Program."

Note: Expires on April 14, 2019.

Generously contributed by Alpana Singh and The Boarding House

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$1,200

LOT 303

WINE AND DINE WITH ENTENTE DINNER FOR 6

Indulge in outstanding cuisine at 2018 Michelin star recipient Entente and prepare for a meal that will wow! Fujimura Hospitality and Chef Brian Fisher invite you to experience their tasting menu, which features exciting twists and turns with each bite. You and five guests will enjoy dinner with sommelier-paired wines sure to dazzle your taste buds.

Note: Valid Tuesday-Thursday. Expires on April 14, 2019.

Generously contributed by **Entente**



CITY WINERY BARREL TASTING EXPERIENCE FOR 6, WITH WINEMAKER ROBERT KOWAL

Enjoy an exclusive wine tasting experience for six people with City Winery Winemaker (and Lyric subscriber) Robert Kowal. Guests will taste a series of wines made in Chicago with fruit sourced from California, Oregon, and Washington—from new wines just through fermentation, to mature wines in barrel, and then finished wines in bottle. The experience lasts approximately two hours and includes a tour of City Winery's winemaking facilities, cheese & charcuterie to pair with the wine, and a six-pack of City Winery Reserve wines to take home with you.

Note: Guests must be 21 or older. Expires on April 14, 2019.

Generously contributed by City Winery Chicago

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$750

LOT 305

DINNER WITH A VIEW AT SIXTEEN TASTING MENU DINNER AND WINE PAIRING FOR 8

Named for its location on the sixteenth floor of Trump International Hotel and Tower Chicago, Sixteen restaurant provides guests with an exciting Michelinstar experience alongside stunning views of the Chicago skyline. Peer out the 30-foot, floor-to-ceiling windows as you indulge in food created by recent Jean Banchet Award Winner for Best Rising Chef in Chicago, Executive Chef Nick Dostal, and wines selected by recent Jean Banchet Award Winner for Best Sommelier, Parag Lalit.

Note: Blackout dates may apply. Expires on April 30, 2019.

Generously contributed by Trump International Hotel and Tower Chicago



WHO NEEDS A CROWDED BAR? BUILD YOUR OWN INSIDE YOUR HOME!

We're here to help you build the perfect bar from the ground up. First, you'll take home a beautiful Cassidy Mirrored Bar Cart, packed with a beautiful, professional bar kit from Crafthouse by Fortessa that includes all the essentials—mixers, shakers, glasses, and more! Of course, we won't leave you high and (literally) dry: CH Distillery and Crafthouse Cocktails have provided you with all the sprits you'll need. Test out your toys with an exciting in-home mixology experience! Famed mixologist Benjamin Schiller of The 50/Fifty Restaurant Group, whose cocktails you may have enjoyed at The Berkshire Room, The Sixth, and Portsmith, among others, will join you for a private at-home cocktail experience for ten.

- one Cassidy Mirrored Serving Cart
- a **21-Piece Professional Starter-Barware kit** by Crafthouse by Fortessa which includes:
 - a **mixing set** with a Boston Shaker, Hawthorne Strainer, Jigger, and Black Walnut Muddler
 - a **stirring set** complete with a Schott Zwiesel Crystal Mixing glass, Julep, Strainer and Bar Spoon
 - a **garnish set** with a Black Walnut Bar Board, Bar Knife, Peeler, and Channel Knife
- a set of Schott Zwiesel Tritan Crystal Glasses: four double Old Fashioned glasses, four Collins glasses, four Cocktail Coupe glasses, four Martini glasses, two Moscow Mule glasses
- a set of Crafthouse Cocktails which include a bottle each of their Moscow Mule, Southside, Paloma, and Gold Rush cocktails
- a **CH Distillery** set which include a bottle of CH Vodka, CH Key Gin, CH London Dry Gin, CH Aquavit, CH Rum, CH Peppercorn Vodka, CH Amaro, CH Fernet, CH Bitter Dog, CH Amargo de Chile, CH Rubin, and CH Coffee Liqueur
- a **private Mixology party** in your home for ten guests with acclaimed mixologist Benjamin Schiller

Generously contributed by

CH Distillery, Crafthouse by Fortessa and Charles Joly, Crafthouse Cocktails, The 50/Fifty Restaurant Group and Benjamin Schiller

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LIBRARY LUNCHEON EXTRAORDINAIRE WINE LUNCHEON FOR 6

Darioush Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 (1 bottle)

Darioush Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 (1 bottle)

Darioush Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 (1 bottle) LOS ANGELES

Enjoy an educational and beautiful luncheon for six guests in Los Angeles with Nina Wemyss, acclaimed wine historian. Tonight, take home a vertical of the winery's acclaimed 2010, 2011, and 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon. Robert Parker notes that "the 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon is the deepest, richest, fullest wine. It displays lots of crème de cassis, smoke and meaty characteristics in its pure, beautifully textured, long personality." If you have your eyes on the Live Auction Los Angeles trip to Darioush and Shahpar's home, this might be the icing on a Cabernet-filled cake of a weekend.

Note: Expires on April 14, 2019.

Generously contributed by **Darioush Winery**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$1,200

LOT **308**

DOOR TO DOOR DINNER AND DRINKS DRINKS AT PROXI AND DINNER AT SEPIA FOR 4

Our friends at Sepia recently opened Proxi right down the street. Begin your night with a round of cocktails at this new hot spot, and after cocktails, you'll head to Sepia where you'll enjoy a delightful threecourse meal from the Jean Banchet Chef of the Year award winner, Andrew Zimmerman, and a bottle of wine from the famous Sepia sommelier cellar. This is the perfect complement to a night at Lyric!

Note: Expires on April 14, 2019. Not valid on holidays. Gratuity not included. Dinner to include threecourses and one bottle of wine.

Generously contributed by **Sepia** and **Proxi**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$550

lot **309**

BOYS NIGHT OUT DINNER FOR 6 AT BAPTISTE & BOTTLE

Invite your friends out for an evening of dinner where you'll truly sip (and dine) in style. Located on the 20th floor of the newly opened Conrad Chicago, Baptiste & Bottle is an exciting Chicago restaurant which draws inspiration from a classic American spirit—whiskey. With a whiskey menu over five pages long, have your pick of American, Japanese, and Scottish-style whiskey. Chef James Lintelmann, formerly of Charlie Trotter's and BOKA, has designed a menu filled with bold and exciting American flavors that will pair perfectly with rare whiskey and fine wine offerings.

Note: Expires April 14, 2019.

Generously contributed by Chicago's Conrad Hotel and Laurence Geller

BATTLE OF THE MIXOLOGISTS

IN-HOME MIXOLOGIST PARTY FOR 15

STARTER SPIRIT SET FOR YOU AND MIXOLOGISTS

Spirit sets include: Tito's Vodka, Siete Leguas Blanco, Brugal 1888 Rum, Hendricks, FEW Bourbon, Monkey Shoulder, Carpano Anitca, Ancho Reyes, Fernet Branca, Solerano Blood Orange, and Bitters

A TRIO OF CRUZAN RUM FROM ST. CROIX

Rum includes: Cruzan 9 Spiced Rum, Cruzan Aged Rum, and Cruzan Single Barrel Premium Extra Aged Rum

What could be more fun than pitting two of Chicago's famed mixologists against one another for a friendly "who shook it better" cocktail competition? Invite fifteen of your friends over for a cocktail party like none other and watch these two battle to see who makes the most delicious, most innovative versions of your favorite drink. Natalia Cardenas trained at Chicago's famed Balena, and was a recent James Beard finalist. Her mission behind the bar is simple: "to allow wine and spirits knowledge to be fun and approachable, and not intimidating." Her skills will be put to the test against Michael Page, whose tenure as bartender has included such acclaimed Chicago hotspots as Acanto and The Gage. Ms. Cardenas and Mr. Page will each come equipped with a complete arsenal for cocktail battle: Vodka, Tequila, Rum, Gin, Bourbon, Scotch, Vermouth, Fernet, Liqueurs and Bitters (all the essential ingredients for victory.) Make sure you take note of their skills—they'll provide you with a complete set of the same spirits so you can recreate your favorite cocktails long after the party ends! To add to the fun, we have a trio of three bottles of Cruzan Rum—let each mixologist pick which one they want to use!

Note: Expires April 14,2019. Must be scheduled on mutually agreeable dates, with advance notice.

Generously contributed by BreakThru Beverage Group, Natalia Cardenas and Michael Page and An Anonymous Donor



A CUT ABOVE

DINNER FOR 8 AT CHICAGO CUT STEAKHOUSE, FEATURING BLACKBIRD VINEYARDS' PAUL LEARY

Chicago Cut was created by its proprietors with one common goal: to redefine the great American steakhouse. With a dry aging room on site, innovative side dishes, and a wine list that has to be seen to be believed, it is safe to say the creators achieved success!

Bring an intimate group of friends or family to Chicago Cut for a private dinner featuring the wines of Blackbird Vineyards, specially chosen and poured for you by the President of Bespoke Collection, Paul Leary. Can you imagine a better pairing than steak and wine? Neither can we!

Note: Expires April 14, 2019. Dinner must be scheduled on mutually agreed upon date with both Chicago Cut and Paul Leary well in advance of dinner. Blackbird Wines to be paired with menu by Mr. Leary.

Generously contributed by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Huebner, Blackbird Vineyards, and Chicago Cut Steakhouse



AN EVENING WITH OPERATIC TITANS COCKTAILS FOR 8 GUESTS AT THE CHICAGO HOME OF ANTHONY FREUD AND COLIN URE, WITH AMERICAN TENOR MICHAEL FABIANO

What is life on the road like for a famous singer? How does planning an opera season work? What are some of your favorite halls to sing in? What are your favorite operas? Get the chance to ask all the questions you've never dared to ask at the home of dynamic duo Anthony Freud, General Director, President & CEO of Lyric, and Colin Ure. Internationally-acclaimed American tenor Michael Fabiano, whose illustrious career has taken him around the world, will join you for the evening. Over the last decade, Michael's performances have been met with great praise, with leading roles sung at the Metropolitan Opera, San Francisco Opera, Royal Opera, Opera Australia, La Scala, Deutsche Oper Berlin and many more. It came as no surprise when Mr. Fabiano was awarded both the coveted Beverly Sills Artist Award and Richard Tucker Award in 2014. We are delighted that Michael will make his long-awaited Lyric debut this fall as Rodolfo in our new production of La bohème and are even more excited that he has graciously added this intimate party to his very busy calendar.

Note: Reception must be scheduled on a mutually agreeable date. Please be advised that this evening will need to take Mr. Fabiano's rehearsal schedule for La bohème into account, and must occur during the La bohème rehearsal and performance periods.

Generously contributed by Anthony Freud and Colin Ure Special thanks to Michael Fabiano

ESTIMATED VALUE: PRICELESS



HONORING NAPA BOISSET GRANDE RESERVE TASTING EXPERIENCE FOR 12

Honoris Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 (6 bottles)

NAPA VALLEY AND SONOMA

You have the opportunity to share six different Boisset collection wines with twelve friends through their Grande Reserve Tasting Experience, where a Boisset collection specialist will walk you and your guests through their exciting vintages, educating you on all things wine-related. Tonight, you'll take home six bottles of Honoris Cabernet Sauvignon, which Jean Charles Boisset created to memorialize the Napa fires of 2017. With only 3,600 bottles created, this beautiful Cabernet Sauvignon is not available in stores.

Note: Expires on April 14, 2019. Tasting must be arranged with two weeks notice on mutually agreeable date. Host to provide invitations, location for tasting, light snacks, and water for guests. Wines presented may vary due to seasonal availability.

Generously contributed by Anthony and Jill Cecchini

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$775

LOT **314**

IN-HOME TASTING EXPERIENCE FOR 20

Share your wealth of wine knowledge with a group of up to twenty friends with this wonderful tasting experience. Wines for Humanity strives to provide a fun and educational environment where your guests will have the opportunity to sample exciting wines from around the world and open their palate to new flavors. This is the perfect party for the wine novices in your life.

Note: Expires on April 14, 2019.

LOT **315**

IN-HOME TASTING EXPERIENCE FOR 20

No, your eyes aren't deceiving you.

We have two of these in-home tasting experiences for twenty!

Note: Expires on April 14, 2019.

SILENT AUCTION | DINING & TASTING

Generously contributed by Wines for Humanity – Justin Salomon

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$350

Generously contributed by Wines for Humanity – Justin Salomon

BARRELS, BIDDING, AND BEYOND AUCTION NAPA VALLEY 2018 VIP PACKAGE FOR 2 4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS: MAY 31-JUNE 3, 2018 NAPA VALLEY

Yearning for the chance to bid on more wine? Looking for a way to see some of your favorite vintners from this weekend again? You won't have to wait too long with your chance to attend Auction Napa Valley in less than two months. This multi-day auction is one of the largest in the world—and you have a four-day VIP passport to all events of Auction Napa Valley 2018.

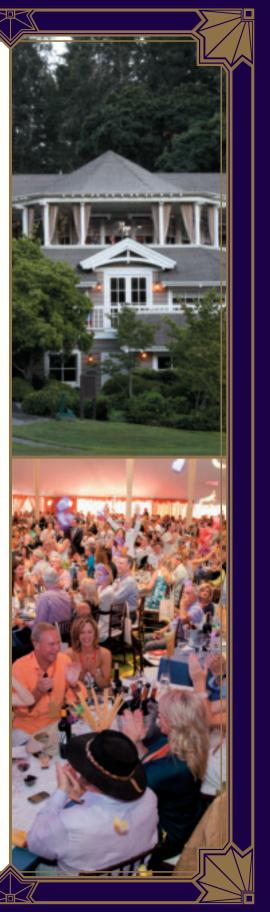
YOUR PRIORITY ACCESS INCLUDES:

- Thursday Welcome Party
- Friday Barrel Auction, where you'll sample local vintners' wines straight from the barrel and bid on cases of these one-of-a-kind wines
- Friday Vintner Dinner, where you'll join master vintners in their homes and wineries
- Saturday Live Auction celebration
- three-night stay for two guests at the esteemed Meadowood Resort in St. Helena with late check-out
- private car and driver to and from all events
- assistance of your own Napa Valley Concierge

Note: Valid during Auction Napa Valley 2018, which occurs May 31-June 3, 2018. Airfare not included.

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Generously contributed by Napa Valley Vintners



ATLANTA AUCTION UNDER THE BIG TOP ATLANTA HIGH MUSEUM WINE AUCTION 2019 TRIP FOR 2 5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS: MARCH 20-24, 2019 ATLANTA

Two lucky guests will attend the High Museum Atlanta Wine Auction and various activities in March 2019, with the opportunity to bid on exciting and rare wine, luxury trips to wine regions around the world, and more. The event takes place under big circus tents in a wine country-casual atmosphere. Leading up to the auction is a private, in-home winemaker dinner where two vintners will pour their finest, and two chefs will prepare a multi-course dinner paired with the wines. This is the most coveted event and sells out fast! Your trip also includes lunch for two at Table 1280 and a curator-led tour of the High Museum of Art. You will also have the choice of a VIP tour of the Center for Civil and Human Rights or the Georgia Aquarium on Thursday, and a tour of a private, in-home art collection.

YOUR PRIORITY ACCESS INCLUDES:

- two tickets to a private, in-home Winemaker Dinner on Wednesday
- lunch and curator-led tour at the High Museum of Art on Friday
- two tickets to the Friday Fête activities
- two tickets to the Wine Auction on Saturday
- four-night stay in luxury hotel
- round-trip airfare
- choice of VIP tour at the Center for Civil and Human Rights or the Georgia Aquarium on Wednesday
- private, in-home art collection tour

Note: High Museum Atlanta Wine Auction 2019 festivities take place March 20-23, 2019.

Generously contributed by High Museum Atlanta Wine Auction



NEXT STOP: NEW YORK FASHION WEEK TICKETS FOR 2 TO NEW YORK FASHION WEEK STAY AT PARK HYATT NEW YORK FOR 2 3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

NEW YORK CITY

Pack your bags for the most coveted few days of the year in New York City. We're talking about Fashion Week, of course! You and a guest will get tickets to two of the most exciting shows this upcoming September. Marvel at all the latest fashion trends and get a sneak peek at the "it" designs of the season. Also, enjoy a backstage tour at The Metropolitan Opera. Of course, you'll need somewhere luxurious to rest your feet at the end of your busy days. Enjoy a two-night stay in a Park Deluxe King Room at the Park Hyatt New York designed by world-renowned French architect Christian de Port-Zampard. Grab a friend and set off for the (other) big city!

Note: Fashion Week Dates: Sept. 9-13. Hotel accommodations based on availability. Expires December 31, 2018. Airfaire not included.

Generously contributed by Ellen A. Stirling and The Lake Forest Shop, Park Hyatt Hotel

and The Metropolitan Opera

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$4,500

LOT **404**

TOUR AND TASTE YOUNTVILLE GREATS

GRAPE TO GLASS TOUR AND TASTING FOR 2

Bell Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 6 2014 (1 magnum, signed)

YOUNTVILLE

In 1991, Bell Wine Cellars introduced Clone 6, its signature Cabernet Sauvignon. When it was released, Clone 6 represented the first single vineyard, single clone Cabernet sold within the United States. Bell Wine Cellars notes that their Clone 6 "has a long finish and has a balance of concentrated flavors and finesse." You'll have an even better appreciation for Clone 6 following a Grape to Glass Tour and Tasting where you'll experience the vineyard, exploring Bell Wine Cellars farmland and environmental awareness. You'll also partake in a tank and barrel discussion, barrel tasting and seasonal selection of five wines, paired with artisan cheeses.

Note: Expires on April 14, 2019. Airfare and hotel not included.

Generously contributed by **Bell Wine Cellars**

AN EVENING WITH RENÉE

TICKETS FOR 2 TO CAROUSEL \$200 TO THE WAYFARER JUNE 2, 2018 NEW YORK CITY

Wine to take home tonight:

SONG[™] HALL Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 (1 magnum, signed by Renée Fleming)

NAPA VALLEY

Following last spring's sold-out performances of *Der Rosenkavalier* at The Metropolitan Opera, concerts and recitals from Hong Kong to Helsinki, including performances at the BBC Proms and Carnegie Hall, our Honorary Women's Board Member Renée Fleming's career continues to take her to exciting new heights. We are sad to miss Renée at Wine Auction this year, but we raise a toast to her as she makes her Broadway musical debut in Rogers & Hammerstein's *Carousel*. Experience Renée's performance in this highly anticipated new production, also starring Chicago's own Jessie Mueller, on June 2, 2018. After the show is complete, head backstage to visit with Renée! During your time in New York City, you'll enjoy a wonderful meal at The Wayfarer in the heart of Midtown. Prepare for this exciting night on Broadway with a beautiful signed magnum of 2012 SONG by HALL Wines. This wine features rich, dark berry and cassis flavors with an opulent structure and is sure to continue aging gracefully in your cellar for another 10-15 years.

Note: Performance of Carousel to occur on June 2, 2018. Gift certificate to The Wayfarer for \$200. Airfare and hotel not included.

Dinner generously contributed by **ESquared Hospitality**

Special thanks to **Renée Fleming**

ESTIMATED VALUE: PRICELESS



SILENT AUCTION | TRAVE

NEUE GALERIE EXCLUSIVE

TICKETS FOR 2 TO A PERLMAN MUSIC PROGRAM

NEW YORK CITY

An exclusive, members-only series, Perlman Music Program concerts at the Neue Galerie New York City are held on select Wednesday evenings in the intimate Café Sebarsky (November to May) for students and alumni. Repertoire focuses on selections of classical masterworks for violin, viola, and cello. This is a chance to hear exciting young talent in an intimate setting.

Note: Valid November 2018-May 2019. Airfare and hotel not included.

Generously contributed by **The Perlman Music Program**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$1,000

LOT **408**

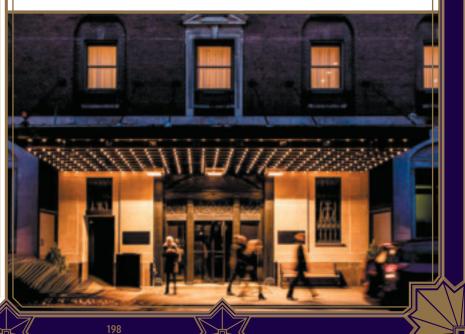
A WINDY CITY ESCAPE

3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS STAY FOR 2 AMBASSADOR HOTEL \$200 TO SPIAGGIA \$300 TO LETTUCE ENTERTAIN YOU RESTAURANTS CHICAGO

Take a weekend away from responsibilities at home and spend a couple of nights in Gold Coast style! Enjoy a two-night staycation at the Ambassador Hotel in the Gold Coast, where you'll stay in one of the hotel's newly-renovated lofts or suites. We've got dinner covered with a gift certificate to Tony Mantuano's Spiaggia Restaurant, as well as Lettuce Entertain You gift cards that you can either use at the Ambassador Hotel's Booth One, or at any other outstanding Lettuce Entertain You restaurant. A weekend of fine dining and luxurious Chicago accommodations will ensure you won't want to go home!

Note: Expires April 14, 2019.

Generously contributed by Ambassador Hotel, Levy Restaurants, and Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises



NAPA TREASURES AWAIT

TOUR AND TASTING EXPERIENCES FOR 4 AT: CARDINALE WINERY, FAR NIENTE, AND QUINTESSA NAPA VALLEY

Wine to take home tonight: Cardinale Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 (1 double magnum, owc, signed by winemaker) Dolce 2012 (1 bottle) Far Niente Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 (1 magnum) Far Niente Chardonnay 2016 (1 magnum)

Immerse yourself in three outstanding boutique wineries and experience the riches that come from Napa Valley.

With a desire to produce a singular Cabernet Sauvignon from some of the highest-quality vineyards in Napa Valley, **Cardinale** has spent over thirty years working to create the most distinctive and powerful Cabernet Sauvignons. You'll journey into the heart of this winery during your tour and tasting, and discover how University of Illinois football defensive lineman, as well as President and Chairman of the Napa Valley Youth Symphony, Chris Carpenter, has led Cardinale to flourish.

Next on your tour of Napa Valley, you'll learn the rich history of **Far Niente**, a label whose roots date back to 1885. Over the last 130 years, Far Niente has become the embodiment of their Italian namesake "without a care," striving to "recapture a bygone era when life was indeed without a care." All your cares will melt away as you have lunch with Far Niente executives and friends at a luncheon where you'll have a stunning three-course menu paired with current and aged vintages from the Far Niente caves.

Last but not least, visit **Quintessa**, a world-class wine estate located in the heart of Rutherford, Napa Valley. Your private estate tasting will begin with a scenic overlook of the property, with sweeping views of vineyards, followed by a guided tour through the Quintessa winery and caves to learn more about their winemaking process. The experience culminates in a relaxed sit-down tasting at a private table showcasing the current release of 2015 Quintessa as well as library vintages.

Note: Far Niente tour, tasting and luncheon must occur on a mutually agreed upon Friday between June and September 2018, scheduled at least four weeks in advance. Expires on October 31, 2018. Airfare and hotel not included.

Generously contributed by **Cardinale Winery, Far Niente,** and **Quintessa**

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$4,500

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VERONA AND VINO

STAY FOR 6 AT DIMORA DEL BUGIARDO 3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

VERONA

Transport back in time to 19th century Verona with a stay at the Winery Relais *Dimora del Bugiardo* (three rooms). Located amidst the vineyards of Valpolicella, less than five kilometers from the Aquardens, the largest thermal park in Italy, this trip is perfect for a retreat from the crowded piazzas of Rome. For those looking to marvel at the beauty of the "pearl of Verona" that is Valpolicella, this is the idyllic, rustic setting for you and two other couples to take in the Novello wines of the region. You'll have the chance to sample the brilliant array of varietals produced by Buglioni in their "Relax Room." After spending your time in this Italian sanctuary of rolling hills and outstanding wine, you'll leave with the Buglioni motto, "Valpolicella as our Origins, Wine for Passion, Quality as a Choice, Hospitality as a Calling" embedded in your heart!

Note: Expires April 14, 2019. Airfare and ground transportation not included.

Generously contributed by **Buglioni Wines**



WINE, CONTEMPORARY ART, AND ARCHITECTURE IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE

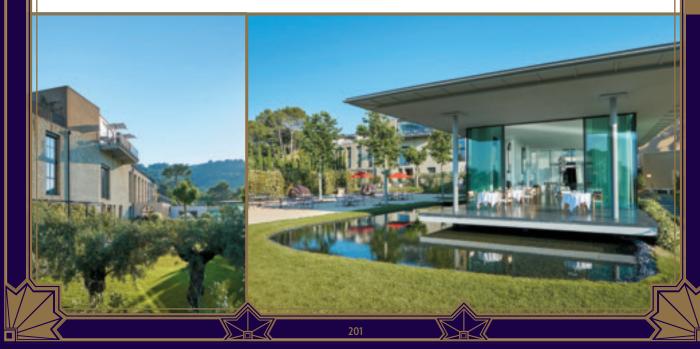
LUXURY STAY FOR 2 AT CHÂTEAU LA COSTE 3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

LE PUY-SAINTE-RÉPARADE

Château La Coste is a remarkable 500-acre, biodynamic vineyard where wine, contemporary art, and architecture live in perfect harmony in the idyllic region of Provence. Nestled among the vines and olive groves are buildings by Frank Gehry, Jean Nouvel, and Renzo Piano dotted with large-scale sculptures by Tracey Emin, Richard Serra, and Louise Bourgeois. Enjoy a two-night stay at the luxurious Villa La Coste Hotel & Spa, recently lauded with a 2018 Grand Award by Andrew Harper for being "Hideaway of the Year" set high on a heavenly hill overlooking the vineyard. During your visit, enjoy a meal at the exquisite Louison, chef Gérald Passedat's fine dining restaurant in an exquisite space seemingly floating on water. You will be guided on a VIP art & architecture tour and enjoy a special wine tasting in the cellar designed by celebrated French architect Jean Nouvel. Walk at your leisure through wooded hilltops and valleys alongside olive groves and vine fields, discovering the many installations of contemporary art on your way. We promise you have never experienced the south of France quite like this!

Note: Valid through June 30, 2019, and subject to hotel availability. Airfare and ground transportation not included.

Generously contributed by Villa La Coste Hotel & Spa



BROADWAY BLOCKBUSTER HAMILTON: THE REVOLUTION

Explore the history behind the hottest musical to hit Broadway! *Hamilton* has touched the hearts (and musical minds) of millions. This book, autographed by creator and Tony award-winner Lin-Manuel Miranda, features a sneak peek at the creation of *Hamilton*, beautiful photographs of the original Broadway cast, and more. Don't "throw away your shot" to take home this autographed collectible of this Tony award-winning blockbuster!

Special thanks to Lin-Manuel Miranda

ESTIMATED VALUE: PRICELESS

HAMILTON

REVOLUTION

lot **502**

A CELLAR EXTRAORDINAIRE ONE YEAR OF STORAGE AT DOMAINE WINE STORAGE

You're planning to win big this evening, scoring cases of outstanding vintages to enjoy for years to come! Now what? Well, you'll need somewhere to store all of your wine. Thanks to Domaine Wine Storage, you'll have access to a 36-case, temperature-controlled storage unit for a year. The staff at Domaine will make the storage of your wine easy and hassle-free with updates on arriving wine, coordination and inspection of all incoming wine, access to their tasting room, and a vast library filled with any wine publication your heart could desire.

Generously contributed by **Domaine Wine Storage Chicago**

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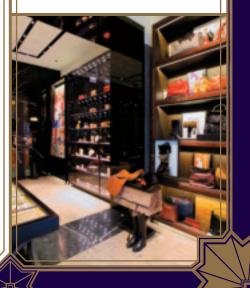
ESTIMATED VALUE: \$1,250

lot **503**

SIP AND SHOP IN STYLE PRIVATE CH CAROLINA HERRERA SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

What better way to enjoy the iconic fashion of Carolina Herrera than with an exclusive CH shopping experience? Located amidst your favorite boutique shops on Oak Street, you'll have the opportunity to sip on Champagne and enjoy small bites as you explore the latest and greatest styles from fashion icon Carolina Herrera. Included in this private shopping experience is a \$1,000 gift card. So find that fabulous dress for your next big event, splurge on a beautiful Carolina Herrera bag—or buy both!

Generously contributed by **Carolina Herrera**

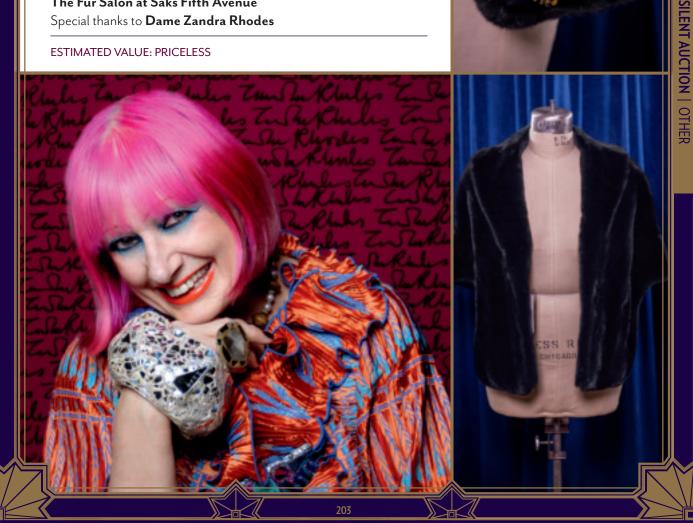


AN ICONIC FUR WITH A ZANY TWIST

Add a one-of-a-kind piece to your fur collection with this gorgeous mink stole. While this fur may retail on its own for \$8,000, it is truly priceless for its beautiful hand-painted design and autograph on the inside of the cape by Dame Zandra Rhodes, whose stunning work was seen onstage this season in The Pearl Fishers. This fur is perfect for an evening at Lyric!

Generously contributed by The Fur Salon at Saks Fifth Avenue Special thanks to **Dame Zandra Rhodes**

ESTIMATED VALUE: PRICELESS

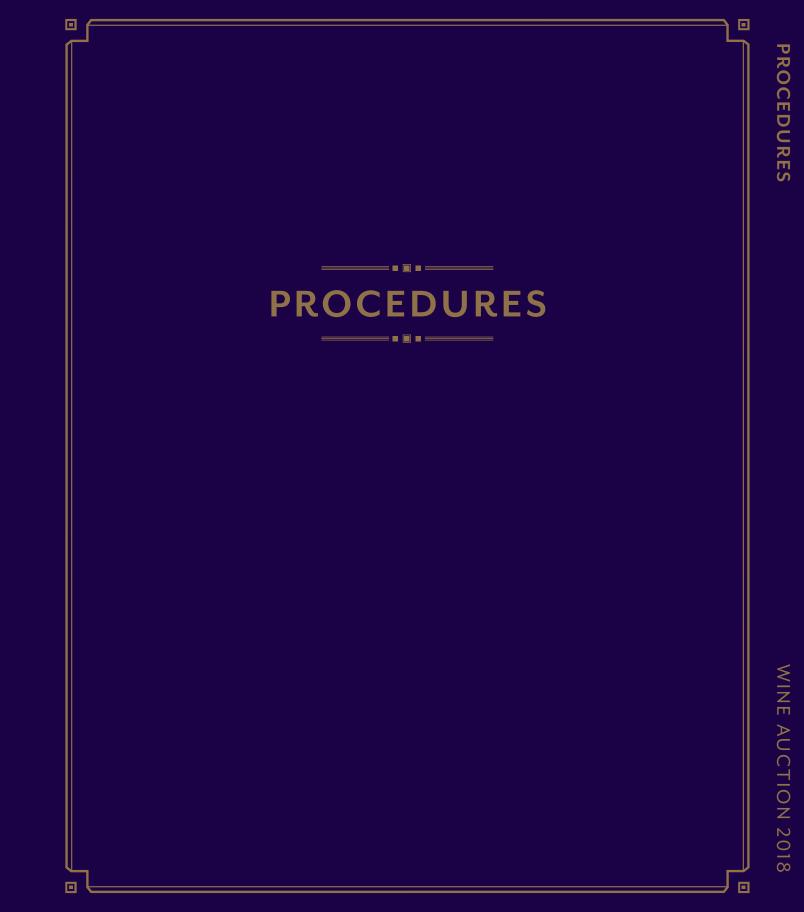


READ YOUR WAY TO SOMMELIER STATUS THE IMPOSSIBLE COLLECTION OF WINE

This coffee table book transcends the coffee table, transporting you through the rich history of wine. Written by Enrico Bernardo, one of the world's leading sommeliers, this book will take you on a journey through the best vintages of wine from the last 100 years. You will experience these renowned vintages through more than just tasting notes, as Mr. Bernardo explores the *terroir*, history, and more, highlighting some of the most exceptional vintages of the twentieth century. This hand-bound luxury edition book contains over 150 illustrations, and is presented in a beautiful wooden crate. So sit back, grab a glass of your favorite wine, and discover the ultimate collection. This is a must-have for the library of any true wine connoisseur.

Generously contributed by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McNally V





PROCEDURES

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BUYER INFORMATION

Wine Auction 2018 will take place in two segments at the Lyric Opera House: Silent Auction in the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Grand Foyer Live Auction on The Ken Pigott Stage of the Ardis Krainik Theatre All items are available for preview and pre-bidding online at: www.lyricopera.org/wineauction2018

REGISTRATION

Please note that any prospective bidder must be at least 21 years of age to bid in the auction.

Gesture will facilitate the online presentation of Silent and Live lots, in addition to all Silent Auction bidding. Hart Davis Hart Wine Co. will conduct the Live Auction.

By submitting a bid and/or participating in the auctions, each bidder represents that he/she has read and agrees to the auction rules and procedures outlined below as well as any and all announcements or decisions made by the auctioneer during the auctions, whether or not the bidder is present at the time of making such announcement.

Patrons may register and view the entire catalogue of items online at: www.lyricopera.org/wineauction2018

- Bidders who are unable to attend the auction are encouraged to place bids for the Silent Auction and pre-bid for the Live Auction via the website above.
- Individuals are required to pre-register to bid with Lyric Opera of Chicago and with Gesture, prior to the event.
- Those attending the auction will bid by mobile device for the Silent Auction and by paddle number for the Live Auction.
- Attendees who do not possess a mobile device, or prefer not to bid using their own device, may register and place bids with a Gesture staff member as they are available.
- Patrons who have registered online and are attending the auction will be pre-assigned a paddle number for pick-up upon arrival at the Lyric Opera House.

PHONE BIDDING

Phone bidding during the Live Auction is available by prior arrangement.

Please call 312.827.5682 before April 13, 2018, to make your arrangements.

BUYER INFORMATION

CONDITIONS OF SALE

Please study the catalogue and note the "Conditions of Sale."

CONDITIONS OF WINES

Please see "Special Notice."

AUCTION ARRANGEMENTS OF LOTS

Live and Silent Auction Wines, Luxury Items and Experiences, Fine Dining, and Travel Packages are grouped as lots and fully described in the printed catalogue. **All lots are marked by lot number**, **and the quantity offered within the lot is listed on the left-hand side description. Donor name is listed across the bottom of the description.** Any special conditions or restrictions are noted beneath the description. Unless otherwise announced by the auctioneer at the time of sale, all bids are per lot as numbered in the printed catalogue. Lyric reserves the right to add or withdraw items, without notice, to or from the auctions.

BIDDING

All bids are treated with strictest confidence. Please see "Silent Auction" and "Live Auction" for more information.

FEDERAL INCOME TAX INFORMATION

A good faith estimate of the fair market value is printed with each lot. This estimate is not a guarantee of the item's value. Items have not been appraised unless so noted. Amounts paid for wine or other items are deductible for federal income tax purposes only to the extent such amounts exceed the fair market value of such wine or other items. Please consult your tax advisor to clarify the amount of deduction.

PAYMENT

SILENT AND LIVE AUCTIONS

All buyers must pay the full purchase price, including all applicable sales taxes, the evening of the auction. No goods will be released until fully paid for by winning bidder. Any unclaimed prize(s) will be forfeited.

LIMITS ON IMPORTATION

Bidders are reminded that a state may impose limitations on the quantity of alcoholic beverages which may be purchased and brought into its jurisdiction by a purchaser from another state, without requiring the purchaser, a seller, or shipper to possess certain licenses or permits. Lyric and Hart Davis Hart shall not, as a condition of sale, assume any obligation nor bear any responsibility whatsoever for applying for or obtaining any permits or licenses in the event the quantity purchased exceeds said limitation. Therefore, all bidders are strongly advised to investigate the possibility of such limitation and to determine the manner in which alcoholic beverages shall be brought into a state from Illinois so as to comply with all of said state's requirements.

PAYMENT

All payments shall be in cash, certified or cashier's check, accepted credit cards (MasterCard, Visa, American Express, Discover or Diners Club), or personal check with proof of identity. All checks for items purchased shall be made payable to Lyric Opera of Chicago. Unless exempt by law from payment thereof, the purchaser will be required to pay Illinois state and local retail taxes at the rate applicable on the date of purchase.

Closing payment for winning bids for both Silent and Live Auctions will be arranged by Gesture on behalf of Lyric. Winners will receive a text message/email notification from Gesture with the amount due for their total purchases.

Final payment may be completed via mobile device using the credit card offered during registration. Alternatively, winning bidders who wish to use a different payment method must complete transaction at the checkout table.

REMOVAL

The purchaser must remove non-wine items at the end of the evening. Buyers are urged to remove wine items the evening of the auction. If wines are not removed by the purchaser at the end of the auction evening, they may be picked up at Hart Davis Hart Wine Co. as described in "Collection" paragraph, page 208, or arrangements should be made for delivery as described in "Delivery" paragraph, page 208.

COLLECTION

Unless removed the evening of the auction or delivered by special arrangement per paragraphs below, the wines purchased in the Silent and Live Auctions will be in storage in the temperature controlled wine cellar of Hart Davis Hart Wine Co. **The purchaser, at his/her expense, must remove wines from Hart Davis Hart Wine Co. by May 1, 2018. Please make an appointment by calling (312) 482-9996.** Purchaser will be assessed a \$15.00 handling fee per lot payable to Hart Davis Hart Wine Co. prior to the release of wines. Purchaser must show proof to Hart Davis Hart Wine Co. of payment for wine, proof of payment of any appropriate taxes, and personal identification.

DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS

Arrangements may be made the evening of the auction for delivery of wine purchased in the Silent and Live Auctions. Upon payment that evening, buyers may notify Lyric and Hart Davis Hart Wine Co. staff that they wish to have their purchases delivered through Hart Davis Hart Wine Co. Prior to the release of the wines, a \$15.00 per lot handling fee will be assessed in addition to all applicable delivery shipper charges; please make payable to Hart Davis Hart Wine Co.

LYRIC OPERA ENCOURAGES BIDDERS TO COLLECT THEIR WINNING LOTS AT THE TIME OF THE AUCTION. SHIPPING WINES, PARTICULARLY OLDER WINES, CAN BE VERY RISKY. LYRIC OPERA AND HART DAVIS HART WINE CO. WILL NOT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGE OR DETERIORATION RESULTING FROM STORAGE AND/OR SHIPPING. BIDDERS ARE CAUTIONED THAT MANY STATES IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS ON SHIPPING ALCOHOL AND SHIPPING MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE TO YOUR STATE.

SILENT AUCTION

SILENT AUCTION PROCEDURE

Gesture will facilitate the online presentation and bidding for the Silent Auction. Gesture has the right to regulate the bidding and any bidding disputes, including, but not limited to the interpretation of these rules and/or the rejection of any bids for any reason, shall be resolved by Gesture in its sole and absolute discretion.

In addition to its presence online, the Silent Auction will take place in the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Grand Foyer of the Lyric Opera House during the Cocktail Reception the evening of the auction. Please turn to the Silent Auction tab for a description of Lots to be offered in the Silent Auction. A brief description of the item and any specific terms of purchase will accompany each item.

Patrons may register, view, and bid on the entire catalogue of items online at: www.lyricopera.org/wineauction2018

All bids are binding. Please read "Buyer Information" page 205 and "Conditions of Sale" page 206.

Silent Auction bids are considered bids of record at the beginning of the Silent Auction, including bids made electronically prior to the event, and are subject to competitive bidding.

SILENT AUCTION BIDDING PROCEDURE

- After completion of registration, each registered bidder will receive a notification via text message with a direct link to the bidding site.
- Simply tap the Gesture link in your welcome text message to proceed to the auction website where you may browse and bid on items.
- You may view items by category, or search directly. Click an item to view its full description and current bid/price.
- A pre-filled bid will appear based on the item's price increment. Select **BID** to place a bid at this amount, or enter a custom amount.
- If a bid is accepted, you'll be congratulated as the leading bidder. If not accepted, a message will show the minimum amount required to place the leading bid.
- You also have the option to place an auto bid, which will automatically bid up to a designated amount for you. Bids will be placed for you up to the amount you choose, so long as someone bids against you. If no one bids against you, the current price will remain. To place an auto bid, select Auto Bid and enter the max amount you wish to bid, then select BID.
- Whenever you are outbid you will receive a text message notification. A banner will appear across each item you bid on, to indicate whether you are winning or losing.

SILENT AUCTION

- Keep a list of your favorites by clicking the star icon in the item description. **"Watch This Item"** is available for Silent Auction items. To view all starred items, go to **"Items"** then **"My Activity."**
- At the conclusion of the auction, winners will receive a text message with a link to their cart, which will display all winning items. At this point, the Buyer assumes full risk and responsibility for the item(s) listed in their cart and will be required to sign a confirmation of purchase, supply his/her name and address, and pay the full purchase price. Receipt of payment at the premises of Lyric shall be deemed the completion of the sale. If the Buyer fails to comply with any such requirement, the lot may, at Gesture's discretion, be put up and sold again.

Bids not in accordance with these rules will not be accepted. All bids are binding.

In case of a technical issue, please contact any auction staff member for assistance. However, Lyric is not responsible for any technical issues related to misdirected, incomplete, or invalid bids. The assurance of delivery of a bid is the sole responsibility of the bidder.

CLOSING PAYMENT

Silent Auction bidding will close at 8:00 p.m. When the Silent Auction closes, the highest bidder, in accordance with the above Bidding Procedure, will be considered to have purchased the item. All items must be paid for at the end of the evening, according to terms stated in "Payment."

PURCHASE REMOVAL/PICK-UP/DELIVERY

The purchaser must remove Silent Auction non-wine items on display that evening from the premises at the close of the evening. Wine in the Silent Auction should be removed at the close of the evening or arrangements may be made for pickup or delivery on the same basis as the Live Auction lots (see "Collection and Delivery").

LIVE AUCTION

LIVE AUCTION PROCEDURE

Hart Davis Hart Wine Co. will conduct the Live Auction. The auctioneer has the right to regulate the bidding and any bidding disputes, including, but not limited to the interpretation of these rules and/or the rejection of any bids for any reason, shall be resolved by the auctioneer in his/her sole and absolute discretion.

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UP TO \$500	\$50-80
\$500-1,000	\$50
\$1,000-2,000	\$100
\$2,000-3,000	\$200
\$3,000-5,000	\$200-500-800
\$5,000-10,000	\$500
\$10,000-20,000	\$1,000
\$20,000+	\$2,000

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All Live Auction pre-bids must be submitted by midnight April 13, 2018.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

WINE

Wines are described in the catalogue as correctly as can be ascertained at the time of printing, but buyers of old wines must make appropriate allowance for natural variation of ullages, condition of cork and wine. No returns will be accepted.

Any statement as to authorship, origin, date, age, provenance, and condition is a statement of opinion and is not to be taken as a statement or representation of fact. Lyric reserves the right, in forming its opinion, to consult and rely on any expert or authority considered by Lyric to be reliable.

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TRAVEL ITEMS

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HALF-BOTTLE

A small bottle that holds 375 milliliters of wine, half as much as a standard bottle.

BOTTLE

The standard size bottle, 750 milliliters of wine. Sparkling wine bottles only appear to be larger than standard because they are made of thicker glass to withstand the pressures of carbonation.

MAGNUM

A bottle that holds 1.5 liters of wine, the equivalent of two regular bottles. Sparkling wines are sometimes fermented in magnums because this method is believed to strengthen the wine's life.



DOUBLE MAGNUM

A bottle that holds 3.0 liters of wine. This bottle generally is used for sparkling wines. In certain cases it is termed a "jeroboam;" see below.



JEROBOAM

An oversize bottle that holds approximately 4.5 liters of wine, the equivalent of six regular bottles. A jeroboam of Champagne and Burgundy holds 3.0 liters, the equivalent of four regular bottles.



IMPERIAL

An oversize bottle that holds approximately 6.0 liters of wine, the equivalent of eight regular bottles.



METHUSELAH

Holds the same capacity as an Imperial, but is of a different shape.



SALMANAZAR

An oversize bottle that holds 9.0 liters of wine, the equivalent of 12 regular bottles (one case).



BALTHAZAR

An oversize bottle that holds 12.0 liters of wine, the equivalent of 16 regular bottles.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR

An oversize bottle that holds approximately 15.0 liters of wine, the equivalent of 20 regular bottles.



CASE 12 standard bottles



MAGNUM CASE 6 magnum bottles

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LEVELS OF WINE

For Bordeaux, Port, and other wines in bottles with defined shoulders the extent of ullage (or wine level in the bottle) is described by its position in the bottle. Our interpretations are as follows:

NECK

The normal level of young wines.

BN: Base neck level

Totally acceptable for any age of wine.

TS: Top shoulder level

Normal level for wines 15–20 years old.

VHS: Very high-shoulder level

Typical for any wine of 20 years of age or older.

HS: High shoulder level

Natural reduction through the cork, usually acceptable.

MS: Mid shoulder level

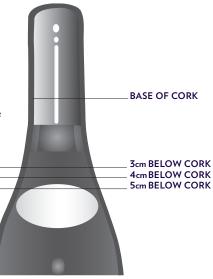
Typically due to some deterioration of the cork and therefore some variation in overall condition of wine.

LS: Low shoulder level

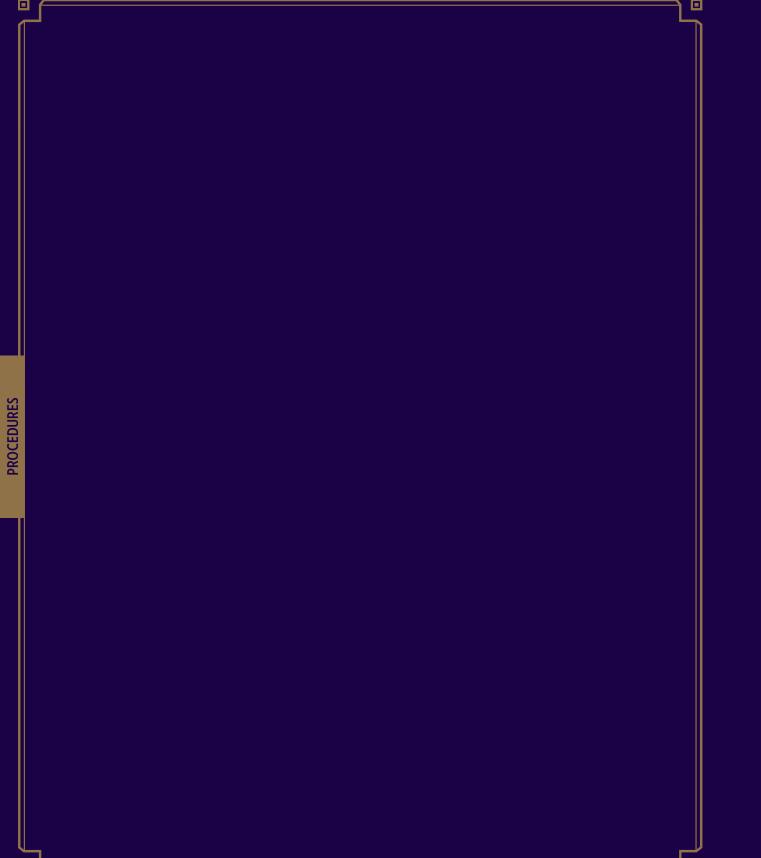
Risky, usually not accepted for sale.

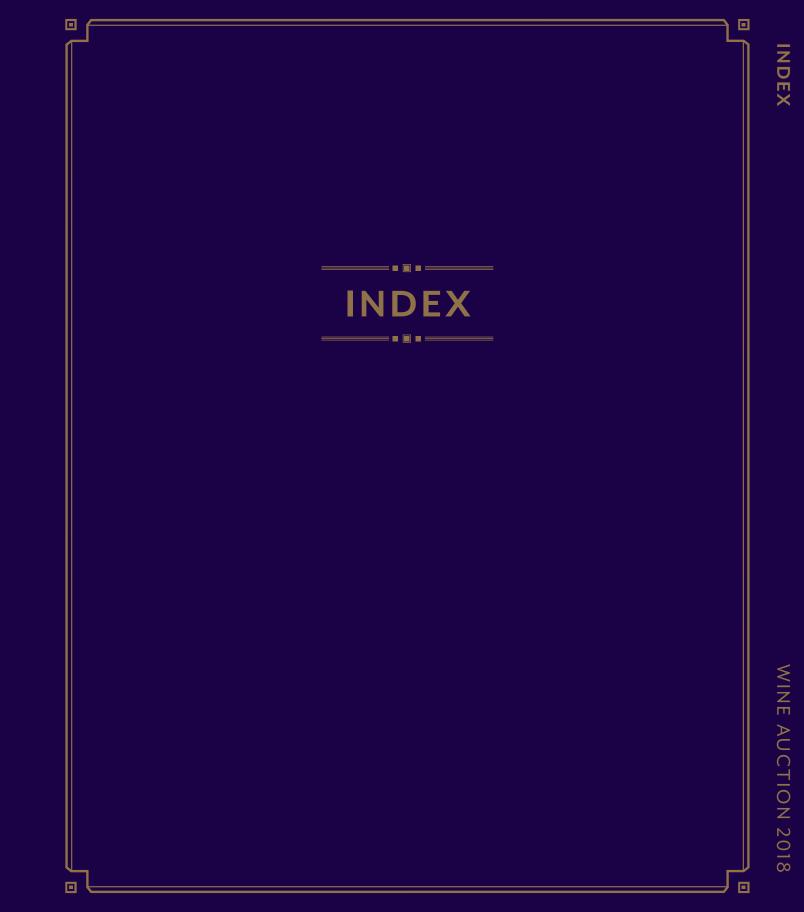
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