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Meals On Wheels Delaware provides diverse opportunities for individuals, groups and organizations to make a financial or volunteer contribution that have a meaningful impact on the lives of homebound senior Delawareans.

We are focused on ensuring that everyone in Delaware who requests help with a home delivered meal is able to receive the nutritional support they need, when they need it.

We raise funds and awareness to support the local Meals On Wheels programs. These programs are delivering a difference of over 877,682 meals to over 6200 of homebound neighbors. As a result of the pandemic, the number of homebound seniors using Meals on Wheels services has increased by more than 40%. The number of meals served to seniors in need increased by over 26%.

Meals on Wheels recipients are women and men, aged 60 and over, who often live alone. Many are struggling to balance their needs on a fixed income, and are unable to shop or safely prepare a hot meal for themselves. Some require help when recovering from a hospital stay, but for most the meals are a long term lifeline.

Overwhelmingly, seniors who receive meals at home say a daily meal makes them eat healthier, feel more safe and secure, and remain comfortable to live at home.

The nutritious meal, friendly volunteer visit, and safety check help our seniors cope with three of the biggest threats of aging: hunger, isolation, and loss of independence.

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Good Evening **& WELCOME**

to the 16TH CELLAR MASTERS' WINE AUCTION & DINNER

It's hard to imagine that 2 ½ years has passed since our last event...and what a time period it's been!

We are so excited to have all of you here tonight and have an amazing menu prepared by our wonderful and dedicated chefs, whom with the support of the Johnson & Wales culinary team and Chase Center's talented staff, will provide an unparalleled dining experience. Please take special note as you flip through our program of our chefs and auctioneer from Bonhams who travelled here tonight just to facilitate our sale. These dedicated and talented people that have made great sacrifices to be with us tonight.

Meals on Wheels Delaware is a fundraising organization that provides funds to the 5 local Meals On Wheels programs that prepare and ensure delivery of the over 6,200 meals daily. Over 877,682 meals are delivered each year to seniors that are doing everything they can to maintain their independence. Delaware is currently one of the few states in the country that does not have a waiting list for meal delivery to a qualified homebound senior. Your participation tonight helps ensure that independence and with your past support we have raised more money for Delaware's homebound seniors in the last 5 years than the first 10 of our auction, and we are very proud that the Cellar Masters' Wine Auction raises more money annually than all other MOWD events combined.

Sitting in your chair comes with a responsibility, and as we begin our evening, now more than ever it's imperative that you remember why we are here. Please raise your paddles high and often, because what we do here tonight, enables so many others to help the thousands of people every day who depend on Meals on Wheels for a good, nutritious meal, and the smiling face that delivers it.

Thank you so very much,

Vaughn Hardin

2021 Chair, Cellar Masters' Wine Committee

2021 CELLAR MASTERS'

Wine Auction Honoree - Vance Kershner



A few years ago the Auction Committee and Meals on Wheels staff made a decision to make special mention of an individual, family or organization that are not only indispensable to our wine auction, but exemplifies what it means to be a leader in the community we live and serve. Vance Kershner is, without question, a perfect example of such a person. Vance has been an incredible friend and supporter of the Cellar Masters' Wine Auction since the beginning, and his generosity does more to make the event successful than anyone. However, his community investment doesn't stop with Meals on Wheels. Vance sits on the Boards of University of Delaware, Multiplying Good Foundation (formally the Jefferson Awards), he invests personally and professionally in small, hard working and growing, privately owned ventures and quietly supports dozens of local non-profits...all while running the Global Software and Service company, LabWare. LabWare is the global leader in LIMS Technology and employs over 100 People in Delaware and 550 around the world. Within any given week, Vance could be found in Europe, South Africa, South America and/or racing one of his muscle cars around Rockford Park. He and his partners restored and reopened Buckley's Tavern and in his spare time he has opened the 90 seat, two story, stainless steel, retro Goober's Diner in Wilmington.

Vance has been a great friend to our auction with his active bidding (pay close attention to his unique bidding technique), his amazing donations of unique South African wines, and unparalleled vacation experiences, often offering multiple trips to the underbidders if the hammer is high enough! His unassuming disposition and, as he would describe himself, introverted personality is an opposing mask to the person he really is. It's impossible to put a value on some friendships, so we will simply say that having Vance as a friend to Meals on Wheels Delaware and the entire state of Delaware is indeed....Priceless.

Thank you Vance Kershner for (not necessarily) allowing us to honor you this evening!

In remembrance of our friend



Donato Robert Buccini D. Robert Buccini....Bob....Bobby

How do you summarize the 78 year life of a person in a single page... the answer is you can't, especially with a man like Bob.

I met Bob over 25 years ago and he was, without question, one of the finest people I've been lucky enough to have known. His commitment to family, faith, friends, occupation, community, co-workers and everyone whose life he impacted, can hardly be measured. He wasn't the person you crossed the street to avoid, he was the person you ran down the street to catch up to just for the chance to shake his hand and say "hi." When I was helping Bob manage his wine cellar, my favorite part of the day was when Bob and Bern came home from their 12 or 13 hour work day. They would insist on opening a great bottle of Italian wine and Bern would put out an antipasta that would make any Italian proud. I used to say...adoringly...that being in a conversation with the two of them was like watching a tennis match...you were constantly turning your head back and forth trying to keep up with which one was talking. The love and respect between the two of them, was in my view, unconditional...just like the love for their kids and grandkids. Bob and Bernadette have not only set an important example for all of us here tonight, but more importantly, managed to pass that love, respect, hard work ethic, dedication to the under-served, and their passion for faith on to their children, Rob & Beth and Chris & Mati and their children.

This page is not a tribute to Bob's passing, but a celebration of who he was, the legacy he created, the example he left behind, and the path he paved for his children and grandchildren, and in truth, all of us here tonight and in our community. Everyone who knew Bob is better off because of it. My hope is that we will again experience the greatness; the generosity; the caring; the values; the selfless approach to community and family. They are incredibly big shoes to fill and, make no mistake, it is our responsibility to not only carry the torch going forward, but set the example for our children – no matter how old – for how to selflessly be a part of a community that can provide for those who can't provide for themselves. Bob and Bernadette, epitomize that example and have lived that way for decades. We will miss you Bob. Please look down on us and continue to protect and care for us and thank you for all you've done for Meals on Wheels Delaware.

**Vaughn & Heather Hardin
The Cellar Master's Wine Committee
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Your enthusiasm and dedication are very much appreciated. The Meals on Wheels Delaware staff and board appreciate your generous contributions for stocking the wine wall.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who you see here tonight as you checked in, raise your paddles to bid, or take your newly acquired wine home.

A special thank you to our Volunteer Coordinator, Mary Ellen Hassett, who makes sure everything runs smoothly.

A special thank you to the event chair, Vaughn Hardin for his vision, passion and commitment to the success of the Cellar Masters Wine Auction as well as Meals on Wheels Delaware.

WELCOME TO THE CELLAR MASTERS' WINE AUCTION

COCKTAIL HOUR

Apres d'oeuvres

Provided by

Chef Mike Doyle with the Chase Center on the Riverfront

Wines

2019 Sisters Forever Unoaked Chardonnay · 2017 Claret

2016 Ezio Cabernet Sauvignon

The 2019 Sisters Forever Unoaked Chardonnay is a blend of 93% Chardonnay, 5% Viognier and 2% Albarino. This wine has aromas of fresh lemon, lime merengue and banana cream pie. The palate is balanced with good acid and flavors of marshmallow fluff and stone fruit. 3 months of lees aging gives this wine a nice structured finish that is not found in most Unoaked Chardonnays. The 2017 Claret is a true Bordeaux blend using Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. This wine has aromas of Rainier Cherries, blueberry jam and strawberry smoothie.

The palate is clean with excellent acidity and medium tannins. More strawberry fruit and hints of white pepper lead to a fresh fruit forward finish with balanced acidity. The 2016 "Ezio" Cabernet Sauvignon has aromas dark black fruit, brambleberry, cherry cola and cocoa powder. The palate has bright cherry acid, it is intense and well-integrated oak. Layers of fruit with rhubarb, blackberry, brambleberry, with mocha and hazelnut. The medium plus finish has a pleasant touch of lingering oak.

Provided by **Donati Family Vineyards**

Spirits

Bourbon Bonal Breeze

Enjoy one of the smoothest bourbon cocktails you will find in Wilmington. A blend of Four Roses Small Batch Bourbon, Bonal, sugar, and orange juice designed to make you want more. Get the Bourbon and the Bonal from Swigg Wine, enjoy the cocktail at the Wine Auction and at Snuff Mill Restaurant-Butchery!

Provided by **Swigg Real Wine Craft Beer & Spirits**

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JONATHAN POYOUROW · Johnson & Wales University · Providence, RI

DEB PAQUETTE · Etch & etc. Restaurants · Nashville, TN

JOSE GARCES · Chefgarces.com · Philadelphia, PA

AMBER CROOM · And 4 Dessert · Baltimore, MD

Thank you

for being here for tonight and for your continued support of
Meals On Wheels Delaware from the 2021 Cellar Masters' Wine Auction
Committee & the Board and Staff of Meals On Wheels Delaware

DINNER WINES

BARREL FERMENTED CHARDONNAY

Fermented and aged in French oak for 6 months

Notes of apple and pear

Light, creamy finish

Provided by **White Horse Winery**

PREMIUM RESERVE MALBEC 2017

Intense ruby red color with violet hues. Aromas of ripe red and black fruits, violet and notes of chocolate and dulce de leche.

Mouth: Powerful, voluminous entrance; with strong and velvety tannins. Very persistent and delicate finish.

Provided by **Sposato Family Vineyards**

OUTER COASTAL PLAIN CABERNET FRANC

This Cabernet is made of 100% New Jersey grapes, ripe black cherry on the nose. Medium body with pomegranate and black pepper on the palate. Complex finish.

Provided by **White Horse Winery**

DE KRANS CAPE VINTAGE RESERVE, 2015

The 2015 Cape Vintage Reserve received an excellent rating of 96 points and was judged the Best Overall Fortified Wine of the Year in South Africa. Tim Atkin, who tasted over 1700 South African wines describes it as “Rich, dense and hedonistically perfumed. It’s dark, plush and very sweet with beautifully judged tannins and rich bramble and blueberry fruit. Drink between 2025 and 2040. This wine has too many awards and medals to mention. This is a small production wine and has very limited distribution in the United States.

Provided by **LabWare** made by De Krans Wines

DINNER MENU

First Course

CHEF JONATHAN R. POYOUROW

Serving

Risotto of Vanilla Butter Poached Maine Lobster, English Pea,
Asparagus, Arugula, Saffron Laced Nage,
Spring Herb Oil and Crisp Rye

Paired with

Barrel Fermented Chardonnay by White Horse Winery

Second Course

CHEF DEB PAQUETTE

Serving

Charred Baby Romaine, Smoked Black Bean Sultanas Pasilla Sauce
Cocoa Roasted Carrots, Orange Duck Fond Vinaigrette, Tortilla Whip
Jalapeno Almonds, Blackberries, Cabrales Blue Cheese, Micros

Paired with

Premium Reserve Malbec by Sposato Family Vineyards

Main Course

CHEF JOSE GARCES

Serving

Sous Vide Angus Prime Beef Tenderloin, Mushroom Escabeche,
Espelette Bearnaise, Papas a la Chapa and Creamed Spinach Puree

Paired with

Outer Coastal Plain Cabernet Franc by White Horse Winery

Dessert

CHEF AMBER CROOM

Serving

Dark Chocolate Cake, Raspberry-Violet Jam, Port Chocolate Ganache,
Fresh Raspberries, Candied Violets, Whipped Mascarpone

Paired with

De Krans Cape Vintage Reserve, 2015 Port Blend



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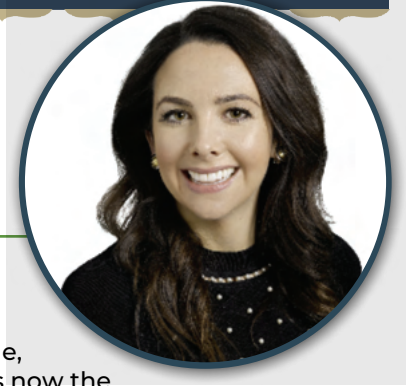
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JACQUELINE TOWERS-PERKINS



Our Auctioneer this evening is Jacqueline Towers-Perkins. Jacqueline, formerly Head of Sales in New York, is now the Vice President and Director of Contemporary Art for Bonhams in New York City.

Since joining Bonhams in 2017, Jacqueline has been involved in many important sales and events. As Head of Sale, she brought the first mural by Keith Haring to market, achieving a new world record for the artist; she conceived and executed 'Paper Jam' - the New York CTP department's first curated selling exhibition, and devised and coordinated the exhibition of the collection of visual arts patron and hip-hop icon Q-Tip from A Tribe Called Quest.

Jacqueline has also been on the rostrum for major charity auctions including Prince Charles' Prince's Trust in London; Jay-Z's Shawn Carter Foundation in Florida; Children's Burn Foundation in L.A.; Columbia University, New York; The Ordway Center for Performing Arts, Minnesota; and the New York Transit Museum in New York.

Ms. Towers-Perkins has become a widely respected and leading member of the Bonhams team in New York, spearheading many important sales. We are very lucky to have her with us tonight and always grateful to Bonhams for their unending support of Meals on Wheels Delaware.

FEATURED CHEF

JONATHAN POYOUROW

MA, RD, LD, CSCS
Associate Professor,
Johnson & Wales University
Providence, RI
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Chef Poyourow is a graduate of the culinary nutrition program from Johnson & Wales University. Following his graduation, he completed his Registered Dietitian internship with the US Army and worked in various medical centers as a clinical dietitian and chief of food service. He quickly established himself as one of the lead sports dietitian's in the Army and worked with various elite units such as the US Army Rangers, Special Forces and eventually he became the Division Dietitian to the 101st Airborne Division and deployed with them to Afghanistan.

Now Chef Poyourow uses his skills educating the students at Johnson & Wales University as an Associate Professor in the culinary nutrition program, Chef Poyourow is also featured bi-weekly on NBC 10's Cooking with Class segments.

FEATURED CHEF



DEB PAQUETTE

Etch & etc. Restaurants
Nashville, TN

For more than thirty years, Deb Paquette has been a fixture in Nashville's ever-growing food scene. As a trailblazing chef, dedicated mentor and community advocate, her adventurous cuisine and tenacious personality have made their mark on the Music City. Now chef-owner of Etch (downtown) and etc. (Green Hills), Paquette has won countless awards and accolades. From her time at the Culinary Institute of America to her 13-year run at Gourmet magazine "Top 60" winning Zola to today, diners have flocked to her big, bold flavors and return time and again for her next globally-inspired dish.

Nashville has been home to Paquette and her family for many years. After closing Zola and travelling to the beaches of Turks and Caicos, the Bahamas and Mexico, she was drawn back to the Music City to create Etch with her with 4 Top Hospitality partners. Designed with her dream kitchen and every creative luxury, Paquette's Etch opened in 2012 in the heart of downtown and was quickly embraced by locals and destination diners alike. Ranked #1 in the city by Zagat and with a long list of "best of" mentions, Etch endures as one of the essential restaurants of the Southern city.

Success led to a new concept in Nashville's Green Hills neighborhood with the opening of etc. in 2016. A smaller, more intimate version of Etch, etc. boasted a swanky vibe with the signature bright flavors and layered dishes that made Paquette a household name. The heavily local crowd enjoys the addition of culinary-minded cocktails, a thoughtful wine and beer menu, and an intriguing brunch menu at the fresh suburban venue.

FEATURED CHEF



JOSE GARCES

Owner & Chef,
Garces
Philadelphia, PA
chefgarces.com

Specialty: Recreating the rich traditions of Latin-American cuisine and hospitality, but with a modern flair.

“Over the past 10 years, my life and career have taken off in directions I could never have hoped to anticipate, and it has been an amazing ride. Each new opportunity has brought a fresh set of challenges, and it has been exhilarating to overcome them and to continue to evolve and grow – as a chef, as a hospitality professional and as a person.”

Father, farmer, food and drink lover, restaurateur, James Beard Award winner, author and Iron Chef.

Those are just some of the many titles and accolades received by Chef Garces since opening his first restaurant in 2005.

A second-generation Latin American, Garces was born to Ecuadorian parents and raised in Chicago. His culinary passion was cultivated at a young age by his paternal grandmother, Mamita Amada, who taught him the Latin way of cooking. Today, Garces is still driven by those values and continues to embrace a wide array of influences.

After graduating from Kendall College’s School of Culinary Arts, Garces worked in top-rated professional kitchens from Spain to New York City before moving to Philadelphia in 2001. He has since emerged as one of the nation’s leading chefs; owning and operating over a dozen restaurants, a thriving event/catering division and non-profit organization as well as a 40-acre organic farm in Bucks County, PA. Chef Garces is also the author of two cookbooks, *The Latin Road Home* and *Latin Evolution*.

FEATURED CHEF

AMBER CROOM

And 4 Dessert
Baltimore, MD
www.and4dessert.com



Classically trained at The Culinary Institute of America, Amber Croom has worked with, and learned from great chefs throughout her 11 years of experience - mastering her craft and gaining an appreciation for pushing boundaries in search of the extraordinary.

Originally from Birmingham, Alabama, Croom started off as a Naval Architecture & Marine Engineer in New Orleans, LA. After Hurricane Katrina changed the course of her path, Croom decided to go to culinary school to pursue her true passion of baking. In 2011, After receiving an internship with Rimini Gelato and Chocolates in Vail, Colorado, she was given her first job - where she learned the fundamentals of artisan gelato and chocolates. A few years she went on to be the confectioner for Silver Sea, the acclaimed cruise line known for luxury and opulence. In 2014 she then moved back to Birmingham, AL to oversee the pastry department at Bellini's Ristorante and Bar.

In 2016, Croom competed on season 3 of Food Network's Holiday Baking Championship. She then left the deep south to open the Sagamore Pendry Hotel in Baltimore, MD. Croom then was offered a chance to return to her first love, chocolate, as the Head Chocolatier at the largest catering company in Washington, D.C.

Now, Croom is all-in on her own brand, And 4 Dessert. Famous for decadent visuals and innovative flavor palettes, And 4 Dessert was featured on the inaugural season of Food Network's Chopped Sweets where she came out a champion. Croom will continue to make life just a little sweeter, if even for a moment, as she launches her very own custom confection lines. Her dream with And 4 Dessert is to provide artisanal pastries and chocolates, private chef services, catering, consulting and teaching on a grander scale.



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Book ahead to ensure your dates. Subject to availability and policies. Blackout dates include Valentine's Day weekend, Thanksgiving week, and New Year's Eve. Valid for 12 months.

LOT 2 DREAM TEAM MAKES HARES DANCE

2013 Dancing Hares, Bordeaux Blend, St. Helena (6 Bottles, 750ml)

Value \$870-\$1020

Donated by Xavier Teixido

Tucked in the foothills of Howell Mountain, Paula Brooks & Bob Cook's property hosts a 134 foot sculpture of dancing rabbits, hence the name. After planting a 5 acre vineyard, the pair hired David Abreu, Andy Erickson (Screaming Eagle) and Michel Rolland to make their wines. From their first release in 2003, they kept hitting home runs, so much so that they sold in 2016 to Tuck Beckstoffer.

The **2013** is extremely full-bodied, yet more nuanced than you might expect. The rich core of dark berry, chocolate, licorice and spice flavors have killer intensity and richness. A fabulous wine to watch unfold over the years. Drink now-2036. **98+ pts. RP, 92 pts. WS.**

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LOT 3 HIGHLY RATED RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY WINES

2012 Williams Selyem, Pinot Noir, Estate, Russian River (1 Bottle 750ml)

2014 DuMol, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa (1 Bottle 750ml)

2015 DuMol, Pinot Noir, Finn Vineyard Russian River (1 Bottle 750ml)

2016 DuMol, Pinot Noir, Finn Vineyard Russian River (1 Bottle 750ml)

2015 Rochioli, Pinot Noir, West Block, Russian River (1 Bottle 750ml)

2016 Rochioli, Pinot Noir, West Block, Russian River (1 Bottle 750ml)

2016 Kistler, Cuvee Natalie, Silver Belt Vineyard, Russian River (1 Bottle 750ml)

Value \$665-\$790

Donated by Diane & John Danzeisen
and Dr. Jonathan & Cara Burke

The **Williams Selyem** brand has achieved cult status for its small production Pinot lots. The Litton Estate was originally planted in the late 1800's and purchased by Selyem in 2001. This bottling should peak by 2022. **DuMol**, led by winemaker Andy Smith, only sells by allocation...and that sells out before release! The 100% Cabernet, from Spring Mountain and Coombsville, shows blackcurrant, discreet wood and sweet, medium bodied flavors. Drink now-2027. **92 pts., RP.** The **2015 Finn** boasts off-the-charts richness and shows "built like a brick house" concentration. The tannins are soft and well balanced, Drink now-2038. **98 pts., RP.** Follow that up with the **2016 Finn**, which bursts out with massive fruit forward flavor, a deep, full mid-palate, and extraordinary yet balanced concentration of acids and tannins. Drink now-2032. **95+ pts. RP.** **Rochioli** (originally sold under the name Fenton Acres) planted their Pinot vines in 1968. The **West Block** wines are from these original roots. The **2015**, with fragrant aromas of roses and potpourri, is wonderfully firm, showing a wicked backbone, finishing with epic persistence! Only 201 cases exist. Drink now-2035. **98+ pts., RP.** The **2016** ramps up kirsch, black forest cake and mulberry aromas leading to a great body with grainy texture and a very long finish. Drink now-2037. **97+ pts., RP.** With an earthy nose, rich, ripe dark fruit and a long finish, the **Cuvee Natalie** is full bodied with a velvety backbone. Drink now-2029. **95 pts. RP, 92 pts. WS.**

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LOT 4 TWO CALIFORNIA TERROIR EXPERTS

2017 Aubert, Larry Hyde Vineyard, Chardonnay, Carneros (2 Bottles 750ml)

2018 Aubert, Lauren Vineyard, Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast (1 Bottle 750ml)

2006 Kistler, Dutton Ranch, Chardonnay, Russian River (1 Bottle 750ml)

2007 Kistler, Larry Hyde Vineyard. Chardonnay, Carneros (2 Bottles 750ml)

2007 Kistler, Hudson Vineyard., Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast (1 Bottle 750ml)

2008 Kistler, Kistler Vineyard., Chardonnay, Russian River (1 Bottle 750ml)

2008 Kistler, McCrea Vineyard., Chardonnay, Sonoma Mountain. (1 Bottle 750ml)

Value \$1335-\$1508

Donated by Dr. Jonathan & Cara Burke

Get on the mailing list of these two wineries, production is limited, and the quality is sky high. Mark Aubert's Chardonnays are world class, often resembling the greatest Burgundies. The **Hyde** is voluptuous and unctuous, with powerful tropical fruit finishing with epic length. Drink now-2030. **97 pts. RP, 96 pts. WS.** The **Lauren** shows a rich, spicy, seductive full body with a long finish. Drink now-2035. **100 pts. RP, 95 pts. WS.**

Steve and John Kistler make Chardonnays that are sought after, highly regarded, often expensive but worth it. The **Dutton** is structured and tannic with a chalky character. **92-94 pts. RP, 92 pts. WS.** The **Hyde** is a stunning Chardonnay with a full body and layered finish. **93-96 pts. RP.** The superb **Hudson** is a full bodied, hedonistic Chardonnay **94-97 pts. RP.** Tightly knit, the **Kistler Vineyard.** Shows popcorn, pear and peach. **93 pts. RP.** Showing like a Grand Cru Chablis style, the **McCrea** is impressive for its snappy fruit vitality. **94 pts. RP, 92 pts. WS.** All the Kistlers are drink now.

Sneak past the waiting list and grab these.

LOT 5**FOR THE BORDEAUX LOVER IN YOU**

1981 Chateau Mouton Rothschild, 1st Growth, Pauillac (1 Bottle 750ml)

1996 Chateau Margaux, 1st Growth, Margaux (1 Bottle 750ml)

1997 Chateau Lafite Rothschild, 1st Growth, Pauillac (1 Bottle 750ml)

1997 Chateau Latour, 1st Growth, Pauillac (1 Bottle 750ml)

1998 Chateau Lynch Bages, 5th Growth, Pauillac (1 Bottle 750ml)

Value \$2815-3356

Donated by Dr. Jonathan & Cara Burke
and Heather & Vaughn Hardin

Mouton has always been in the forefront of the greatest wines of Bordeaux. Since 1945, all their labels have been produced by famous artists. **1981** features Arman, who nowadays is known more for his sculptures than abstracts. Drink now. 79 pts. RP, **91 pts. WS.**

Power, grace and elegance define the **Margaux**. Outstanding in its youth, nothing has changed. Perfect balance, and everything you could desire in a 1st Growth. Drink now-2050. **100 pts. RP, 95 pts. WS.**

Maturing with grace and style, the **Lafite** still shows a little grip on its medium bodied strawberry, tobacco notes. Drink now-2027. 89 pts. RP, **90 pts. WS.**

A flavorful, savory **Latour** shows tobacco, toasted oak, and black currant notes leading to a soft and fruity finish. Drink now. 89 pts. RP, 88 pts WS.

Michael Cazes and family have raised **Lynch Bages** from a 5th growth classification with the reputation of a 2nd Growth. The **1998** shows meat, ripe fruit, and mushrooms riding on round tannins. Drink now. 87 pts. RP, 89 pts. WS.

LOT 6 HEAVY HITTING NAPA CABERNETS

2004 Shafer, Hillside Select, Stags Leap (1 Bottle 750ml)
2005 Shafer, Hillside Select, Stags Leap (1 Bottle 750ml)
2008 Joseph Phelps, Insignia, Napa (3 Bottles 750ml)
2012 Larkmead Vineyard, Larkmead Estate, Napa (3 Bottles 750ml)
2012 Larkmead Vineyard., Solari, Napa (3 Bottles 750ml)

Value \$ 2170 - \$3160

Donated by Dr. Jonathan and Cara Burke

Hillside Select is one of the world's great Cabernets. Year in and year out, it has been one of the most singular and profound Cabernets in the world. These two wines are no exception! The **2004** is still bold and opulent, notes of blueberry, blackberry and a touch of toast lead to a killer finish of 40 seconds +. Drink now-2034. **99 pts. RP, 96 pts. WS.** Rich, polished and sophisticated, the **2005** has a gorgeous display of substantial fruit, body and intensity leading to an unfolding of flavors finish. Drink now-2040. **99Pts. RP, 95 pts. WS.**

Phelps flagship Insignia is another perennial winner. The **2008** is dense and chewy, with blueberry and blackberry fruit mixed with incense and violets. A full-bodied beauty to enjoy until 2042. **93 pts. RP, 94 pts. WS.**

The historic **Larkmead** estate is one of the oldest family-owned establishments in Napa Valley. Originally founded in 1895, Larkmead is now under the stewardship of proprietors Cam and Kate Solari Baker. The **Estate Cabernet** is a "baby Solari" except with a bit of Petit Verdot added. It is a dead ringer for a 1st or 2nd growth Pauillac. Superb texture, broad and long, sweet fruit notes lead to a crushed stone finish. Drink now to 2038. **92-95 pts RP., 86 pts. WS.** The **Solari** is 100% Cabernet, with spectacular notes of espresso, dark berry, licorice, and dusty tannins. An extremely powerful Cabernet, full bodied and majestic, you can drink now-2044. **99 pts. RP, 95 pts. WS.**

Serious Cabernet lovers-take note of this lot!

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LOT 7 PREMIUM LOT OF BURGUNDY CRU 'S

- 2018 Château. De Pommard, Clos Marey-Monge, Simone, Premier Cru, Pommard, (1 Bottle 750ml)
Famille Carabello Baum
- 2018 Ladoix, Les Grechons, Premier Cru, Chardonnay, Cote de Beaune (1 Bottle 750ml)
- 2018 Saint Aubin, En Remilly, Premier Cru, Chardonnay, Cote de Beaune (1 Bottle 750ml)
- 2018 Corton Charlemagne, Grand Cru, Chardonnay., Cote de Beaune (1 Bottle 750ml)
- 2018 Echezeaux, Grand Cru, Pinot Noir, Cotes de Nuit (1 Bottle 750ml)
- 2018 Corton, Grand Cru, Pinot Noir, Cote de Beaune (1 Bottle 750ml)
- 2018 Volnay, Premier Cru, Pinot Noir, Cote de Beaune (1 Bottle 750ml)

Value \$930-\$1000

Donated by Chateau De Pommard
via Bill & Helen Stimson

Founded in 1726, Chateau De Pommard has had only five owners in its history. In 2014, the Carabello-Baum family, from San Francisco, became the new guardian of the Chateau. Keeping winemaker Emmanuel Sala, they have expanded and modernized everything, and have become a leading negotiant of fine Burgundy. They import their own product, most of these wines are not available anywhere except through the Chateau by allocation.

The **Simone** comes from a half hectare section of Clos Marey-Monge that has the highest density of clay in all of Beaune. The result? A powerful, yet delicate Pinot, with all sorts of exotic aromas. Intense sweet and solid, with a creamy suave density, this will drink well now-2045. 16.5 of 20, Jancis Robinson. **Only 1800 Bottles were produced.**

Les Grechons is the final vineyard before you get to the Cote de Nuit. Full of rock from ancient quarries, this is a white wine well worth discovering. Rich and ripe, with excellent harmony and a complex palate. **93 pts. Neil Beckett.**

Known for its rich and silky wines, **En Remilly** is a rich and ripe Chardonnay in the nose. Concentrated and dense, yet fresh and round. Drink now-2030. **91 pts. Neil Beckett.**

Proclaimed Grand Cru in 1937, **Corton Charlemagne** lies on the hill of Corton. Rich and round with notes of ripe stone fruits, pineapple, and dried apricot, the finish resonates with melted butter and vanilla.

Separated from the famous Clos de Vougeot by a stone wall, the **Echezeaux** is complex and full of energy. With a silky palate and great depth leading to a remarkable finish, this will drink well for decades.

Graceful, yet concentrated with power, the **Corton** is ample and rich, with notes of cherry, cinnamon, and clove. The velvety tannins provide a fine structure. Drink now – 2038. **95 pts. Anne Krebiehl.**

The **Volnay**, from a plot located mid-slope on the hill of Chaignot, is a bright ruby color, with concentrated red forest berries, blueberries, and peppery brambles. Touches of graphite and vanilla grace the long finish.

Sample the future of Burgundy!

LOT 8 THE RETURN OF THE BEER!

Westvleteren Trappist 12 (6 pack, 12oz)

Value \$250 - \$350

Donated by Kathy & Dan Dugan

The Trappist monks at the Abbey of Saint Sixtus started brewing beer in 1838, production of “12” dates back to the beginning of WW II. With an international reputation for taste and quality, there are only 3 secular laborers, 5 monks doing the brewing, and another five that help with the bottling. The monks have repeatedly stated that they only brew enough beer to run the monastery. “We brew the beer for a living, but we don’t live for the beer.”

A global winner of a wide range of titles, prizes and medals, the first “**best beer in the world**” award was in 2005 from RateBeer.com which still rewards it with **100 pts**. It triggered a hype never before seen in the beer world. The exact variety or mixture of hops is secret, it is known that they use local hops.

They have only released this beer once in the United States, so your chance to grab some is long gone. So unless you are going to Belgium and visit the Abbey, grab the opportunity tonight to try the **BEST BEER IN THE WORLD**.



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LOT 9 HOMAGE TO THE FOUNDER OF CONCHA Y TORO

2005 Concha Y Toro, Carmen de Peumo Carmenere, Pelmo Vineyard Chile (1 Bottle 750ml)

2004 - 2014 Concha Y Toro, Don Melchor, Cabernet, Alto Maipo, Chile (11 Bottles 750ml)

Value \$1075 - \$1195

Donated by Kathy & Jim Berg

Founded in 1883 by Don Melchor Concha Y Toro, this winery has been many people's introduction to Chilean wines. Second in the world in total production (behind only Gallo), don't let this scare you, this lot represents the best of their best offerings!

The **2005 Carmenere**, a blend of the best parcels from the Peumo vineyard, which is the winery's flagship vineyard. This opulent, extraordinarily rich, sumptuous wine shows weight and style. Drink now. **97 pts. RP, 94 pts. WS.**

The **Don Melchor** is a blend of Cabernet and a touch of Cabernet Franc from the Puente Alto vineyard in Alto Maipo, arguably the best terroir for Cabernet in Chile. Fermented in small stainless steel vats, then matured in French oak barrels, this is a wine that is designed to age. **2004** shows cocoa and tar notes on a ripe, muscular finish. Drink now. **94+ pts. RP, 93pts. WS.** A huge core of roasted chestnut, black currant, and a beautiful balance highlight the **2005**. Drink now. **96Pts. WS, 93 pts. RP.** The **2006** brings a dark, muscular style, with chocolate tinged mulberry and blackberry notes. Drink now. **94 pts. WS, 92 pts. RP.** Dense, focused and layered with a full body, the **2007** is drinking well now and for another 5 years. **93 pts. WS, 92 pts. RP.** The **2008** shows rich cassis, black cherry and dark plum with a spicy finish. Drink now. **94 pts. WS, 92 pts. RP.**

Seriously concentrated and ripe, the **2009** is a muscular wine, packing a mélange of flavors. Drink now. **94 pts. WS, 91 pts. RP.** The **2010** is one of the best vintages made. Creamy with a long lush finish, this will drink well till 2035! **95 pts. WS, 94 pts. RP.** Rich and powerful...the **2011** is a rich, powerful and serious wine. Drink now-2022. **94 pts. WS,RP.** The **2012**, from a ripe, warm vintage is complex, refined and suave with a good volume of fruit. Drink now-2022. **95 pts. WS, 91 pts. RP.** From a cool vintage, the **2013** is elegant and refined with a rich finish. Drink now-2023. **93 pts. WS, RP.** The **2014** combines power with elegance in a rich, ripe, full-bodied red. Drink now-2034. **96 pts. WS, 94 pts. RP.**

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LOT 10 LAST MINUTE FLORIDA GETAWAY

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2005 Clos de Papes, CDP (1 Bottle 750ml)
 2005 Le Vieux Donjon, CDP (1 Bottle 750ml)
 2006 Chateau Beaucastel, Blanc, CDP (1 Bottle 750ml)
 2006 Chateau Beaucastel, Red, CDP (1 Bottle 750ml)
 2007 Chateau Beaucastel, Red, CDP (1 Bottle 750ml)
 2007 Xavier Vignon Cuvée Anonyme (1 Bottle 750ml)
 2010 Clos de Papes, Red, CDP (1 Bottle 750ml)
 2010 Chateau de Beaucastel, CDP (1 Bottle 750ml)
 2010 Mas de Boislauzon, Tintot Special Cuvee, CDP (1 Bottle 750ml)

Value \$980 - \$1190

Donated by Kathy & Dan Dugan

An irrefutable reference point for traditional CDP, **Clos de Papes** is a 1st class wine making facility. The **2005** is now a seamless, elegant full-bodied lady, the tannins slimming from its youth. Drinking nicely now-2025 with its sweet fruit and harmonious tannins. **94 pts. RP, 98 pts. WS.** **2010** is a mind-blowing wine, from even smaller yields than the 2005. Still inky colored, massively endowed, thick, rich and textured, yet perfectly balanced. Drink now-2040. **99 pts. RP, 98 pts. WS.**

One of the great estates of the Rhone Valley, **Beaucastel** has been run by several generations of the Perrin family. White CDP is hard to find, the **2006** is a true hidden gem in this lot! Untous, rich, full bodied with a stunningly long finish, this will drink well thru 2030. **94 pts. RP 95 pts. WS.** The red **2006** is densely layered, deeply fruited, and explosively rich. Drink now- 2028. **95 pts. RP, 94 pts. WS.** With loads of latent power, the **2007** is extremely dense, with a long, silky mouthfeel full of fruit. Drink now-2030. **96 pts. RP, WS.** Dark, dense and gorgeous, the **2010** is loaded with a tremendous core of crushed plum, kirsch, truffle and blackberry flavors. Full-bodied and rich, this will last a long time. Drink now-2045. **95 pts. RP, 96 pts. WS.**

Impressive notes of peppered meat, sweet spice, raspberry, and blueberry sing in the **Vieux Donjon**. Concentrated and textured on the palate, the mouthwatering finish will have you reaching for more. Drink now-2025. **93 pts. RP, 95 pts. WS.** Fashioned from the best fruit from the oldest vines on 120 different parcels of CDP, **Xavier Vignon** creates sought after cuvees. The **Anonyme** is sensational, with full, thick, unctuously flamboyant fruit. Drink now-2032. **96 pts. RP.**

With only 150 cases made, the **Boislauzon** is a true find! This 100 % Mourvedre is dark and brooding, with fully ripe notes of porcini mushroom, Turkish coffee, baker's chocolate and black currant. Incredibly dense and full-bodied, the muscular finish shows intense loam and a smoldering feel. Drink now-2035. **96 pts. RP, 95 pts. WS.**

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LOT 12 THE FABULOUS MARILYN MONROE, NUDE POSE #2

2002 Marilyn Merlot, Velvet Collection, Pose #2, Napa (1 Magnum, Bottle # C900, 1.5 ltr)

1987 Marilyn Merlot, France (1 Bottle 750ml)

1997 - 2002 Marilyn Merlot, Napa (6 bottles total 750ml)

1999 - 2001 Norma Jeane, Merlot, Napa (3 bottles total 750ml)

Value \$1095 - \$5215

Donated by Mike & Cindy Barko,
Heather & Vaughn Hardin

Bob & Donna Holder, with a group of friends, donated a case of homemade Marilyn Merlot to an auction in 1987. A Los Angeles Times columnist wrote “Can you believe this? There is a group in Napa Valley using the image of an unfortunate substance abuser to sell wine!” A photo appeared in Life Magazine, and the rest is history. After securing licensing rights to Marilyn’s photo reproductions, bottling occurred in the historic Bonded Winery #9 facility, which dates back to 1877. The owners of Yount Mill vineyards purchased the facility in 1993, and their 50 acres of Merlot are the source for these wines.

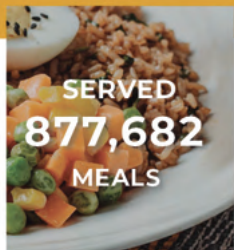
Photographer Tom Kelly met an unknown Marilyn in 1949 and did a two hour photo session known as the “Red Velvet” series, launching the career of the ultimate sex symbol of the 20th century. **Pose #2** is revealed when you peel back the vinyl overlay. (Pose #1 was Playboy’s inaugural centerfold in 1953.) Bottle # C900 is in its original box, with Red Velvet!

Playboy calls the **1987** “the best full-bodied red of 1987,” while the LA Times called it a “wine with great legs.” The **1997** was the top selling California red according to Financial Mail Magazine. Complex and warm describe the **1998**. “Soft and luscious for those that like it hot” described the **1999**. **90 pts** from Connoisseurs Guide for the deep, ripe supple **2000**. The **2002** rates 3***, with concentrated black cherry and raspberry notes. These notes are for those of you who would like to taste and share with friends and save the bottles!

The **Norma Jeane** -They also show pictures of Ms. Monroe before she was the star known as Marilyn! **1999** features her in an aircraft plant in 1944, age 19. The **2000** picture was probably taken in 1949. The **2001** was cool fermented to capture the fresh fruit and flavors.

Start a collection, give a present to a Marilyn Monroe admirer, or show off Marilyn in your cellar, take this home tonight!

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LOT 13 SUPPORT A SENIOR

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Last time, this auction lot alone raised \$36,000...the equivalent of providing 6000 meals!!!

The staff, board, Cellar Masters' Wine Auction Committee, and all of Delaware's homebound seniors thank you for your support.



LOT 14 THE WINE SPECTATOR'S TOP 9 OF 2015 PLUS CELEBRITY CHEF

2012 Peter Michael, Au Paradis Cabernet, Oakville (1 Bottle 750ml)

2012 Quilceda Creek, Cabernet, Columbia Valley (1 Bottle 750ml)

2012 Evening Land, La Source, Seven Springs Vineyard Pinot Noir, Eola-Amity Hills (2 Bottles 750ml)

2010 IL Poggione, Brunello di Montalcino (1 Bottle 750ml)

2012 Mount Eden Vineyard Chardonnay, Santa Cruz Mountains, (1 Bottle 750ml)

2012 Bodegas Aalto, Ribera del Duero (1 Bottle 750ml)

2013 Escarpment, Kupe Single Vineyard, Pinot Noir, Martinborough NZ. (1 Bottle 750ml)

2008 Masi, Serego Aligheri Valo Amaron, Amaron, Valpolicella Classico (1 Bottle 750ml)

2012 Clos Fourtet, St. Emilion (1 Bottle 750ml)

Gourmet food and wine pairing for 10 people in your home, prepared by Chef Robert Lhulier

Value \$1840 - \$2305

Donated by Bill & Helen Stimson,
Chef Robert Lhulier

Even if you tried working the internet to put this collection together, you would be unsuccessful, as some are long gone. Make some new favorites and enjoy the classics! You will enjoy these with small plate pairings prepared by local Chef Robert Lhulier at a location of your choice!

The **Au Paradis** is from the Showket Vineyard high on the hillsides of the Vaca Mountains Showing grilled meat, cedarwood, and explosive dark berry flavors, this full-bodied gem finishes with a dimension of dust and mineral. Drink now-2040. **95 pts. RP, 96 pts. WS.**

From the famous Champoux Vineyard in Horse Heaven Hills, comes the **Quilceda Creek**. 100 % Cabernet, aged in new oak, unrefined and unfiltered, this full-bodied, ripe, generous lady shows a massive, heady finish. Drink now-2032. **98 pts. RP, 96 pts. WS.**

Pinot lovers should take note of **Evening Land**, an estate biodynamically farmed since 2007 using Pommard Dijon clones. The refined palate is seductive, silky and supple. Drink now-2024. **91 pts. RP, 98 pts. WS.**

A stunning creation from an iconic vintage, the **IL Poggione** is rich, dense and deep, with a long complex finish. Drink now-2035. **97 pts. RP, 95 pts. WS.**

The **Mount Eden** is pure class, with rich, full textured lemon curd, apple blossom and vanilla notes. Drink now-2029. **93 pts. RP, 95 pts. WS.**

LOT 14 THE WINE SPECTATOR'S TOP 9 OF 2015 PLUS CELEBRITY CHEF (continued)

The muscular **Bodegas Aalto** has rich dense flavors of plum, blackberry, licorice and minerals. Drink now-2032. **94 pts. WS.**

Complex, concentrated and firmly textured notes of plum and fleshy blackberry describe the **Escarpment**. Refined and plush tannins lead to an epic finish. Drink now-2030. **92 pts. RP, 95 pts. WS.**

Showing beautiful, intense flavors of plum sauce, cured tobacco dark chocolate, leather and Spanish cedar, the **Masi Amarone** has a thick consistency leading to a long lasting finish. **92+ pts. RP, 95 pts. WS.**

One of the vintages top wines, the 2012 **Clos Fourtet** shows stunning richness, a full-bodied mouthfeel and long finish. Drink now-2039. **95 pts. RP, 94 pts. WS.**

After 35 years in virtually every aspect of the hospitality industry in the tri-state area and Europe, **Chef Robert Lhulier** has embarked on his next journey, with partners Bill Irvin, David and Joanne Govatos of **Swigg, Snuff Mill Restaurant, Butchery, and Wine Bar**. How cool is this! As part of this lot, booked on a mutually agreeable date and time (Fridays, Saturdays and most holidays excluded), 10 guests can enjoy this experts' farm to table ingredients in gourmet fashion.

A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, specializing in multi-course tasting menus, Chef Robert's distinguished experiences, such as stagiaire at Charlie Trotter's in Chicago, ownership of The Chef's Table (New Castle, DE), as well as implementing a successful gourmet club (The Chef's Table at the University and Whist Club) and a stint as Tasting Menu Chef of the revered Talula's Table in Kennett Square, have allowed him to lead the way in this highly sought after and popular style of niche dining.

Chef Robert is a founding officer honoraria of The First State Bailliage of the Confrérie de la Chaine des Rotisseurs, the world's oldest and most prestigious food and wine society. He volunteers annually for The March of Dimes, Meals on Wheels Delaware, the Crop Foundation and local food-driven charities.

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It is virtually impossible to say enough about this South African Safari experience. The accommodations are spectacular, the staff will be like family, the scenery is amazing, and the game drives are unparalleled. Each day features a light early breakfast followed by a morning game drive. You'll come back to a full daily brunch, then free time in the mid-day to experience the properties 750 acre protected "safe area." Then the afternoon game drive with wine and snack stop in the tundra, and return for a traditional South African Braai and open wine experience. This is truly a lifetime, bucket list experience. Hillhouse Lodge, in the protected Madikwe Game Preserve, will be a personalized vacation like no other. This private lodge enables more freedom, more drive time and further exploratory into the Madikwe Game Reserve vs a public lodge. Dietary restrictions are also honored.

NOTE: Airfare, gratuities and transportation to and from the property are not included.





LOT 16 AGED ITALIAN BEAUTIES AND A GRAPPA

1990 Ceretto, Barolo, Bricco Rocche, Piedmont (2 Bottles 750ml)

1990 Bertani, Recioto Della Valpolicella, Amarone, Veneto (1 1.5L Magnum, WC)

1991 Berta, Tre Soli Tre, Grappa, Asti (1 Bottle, OWC 750ml)

2004 Ardanti, Arquata, Sagrantino di Montefalco, Umbria (1 1.5L Magnum, OWC)

2008 Arnaldo Caprai, 25 Anni, Sagratino di Montefalco, Umbria (2 Bottles 750ml)

Value \$1460-1655

Donated by Bob Buccini

Founded by Richard Ceretto in 1930, **Ceretto** was a pioneer in the trend toward single vineyard sites. Made from a 1 hectare sized vineyard, light in color, smooth and rich, the **Ceretto Barolo** shows elegant and refined tannins. With plum and orange peel character, this is a brilliantly constructed wine. Please aerate before trying! Drink now. **91 pts. RP, 88 pts. WS.**

Bertani's history dates to 1857, now comprising 500 acres of vineyards. Recioto is a sweet, unfortified wine. It is so named because only the ripest "orecchie" of each bunch of grapes is selected. Bertani dries their grapes naturally with no artificial air conditioning. Massively rich and high in residual sugar, a mere 2% of Italy's Amarone production reaches this status. Medium bodied with a beautiful, crushed velvet texture, the palate is brimming with vivid, seductive black fruit and chocolate notes.

Berta Tre Soli Tre is a stunning Grappa made with Nebbiolo grapes. While most Grappa is a clear liquid, Berta's is a golden amber color. Rounded, with a wonderful concert of ripe fruit, apricot, marasca cherry, cacao, blackberry cassis and vanilla flavors. With exceptionally balanced flavors leading to a complex finish, this is no lightweight at 44% ABV! Don't overindulge.

Sagrantino is a deeply colored grape with high tannins that help it to age extremely well. Montefalco, with clay soils dusted with sand and limestone, requires 95% Sagrantino in their region, aged at least 30 months. **Ardanti's** version pours a deep, ruby red, with a powerful aroma of wild cherries, blackberries and plum. The palate develops notes of graphite, licorice and juniper berries, leading to a balanced finish. Aged for 2 years in cask and glass for 2 more! Drinking well now. **Arnaldo Caprai**, founded in 1971, bottled a 25th Anniversary bottling in 1993. It was such a success that now it is a permanent fixture in their lineup. **2008 Arnaldo Caprai** showcases focus and length in its rich, brawny, dense layers. Dark cherries, tar, licorice and camphor notes flow from the glass. Tannins should be well settled now, drink now-2023. **92 pts. RP, 91 pts. WS.**

Sample some of Italy's great terroirs! And don't forget to sip the Grappa.



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LOT 17 TRUE WORKS OF GENIUS FROM MANFRED KRANKL

2008 Sine Qua Non, The Line, Grenache, California (4 Bottles 750ml)

2008 Sine Qua Non, B 20, Syrah, California (2 bottles 750ml)

Value \$1770 - \$2170

Donated by Xavier Teixido

Whether it be the expressive, slightly abstract works of art on the label, or the true genius in the bottle, Manfred Krankl has been hitting on all cylinders since the early 2000's. Using estate fruit from the Eleven Confessions and Cumulus vineyards, plus some Bien Nacido and White Hawk fruit, the drive for perfection and attention to detail at Sine Qua Non is something rarely witnessed and highly sought after!

The Line is a blend of 88% Grenache, 11% Syrah and 1% Viognier. No measly wine at 15.5% ABV, this smooth, rich, complex and layered wine displays voluptuously textured and stunningly pure notes of juicy red currant, raspberry, and boysenberry on a full, deep body. Drink now-2023. **98 pts. RP, 95 pts. WS.**

Be sure to decant the **B 20** to release the burst of dark fruit, tar, licorice, crushed rock, spice and mineral notes. Predominantly Syrah, with 6% Grenache and 2 % Viognier, this is a fresh, rich and vibrant offering with a full body and supple texture. Drink now-2023. **95 pts. RP, 93 pts. WS.**

You owe it to yourself to discover the genius!

LOT 18 DROUGHT VINTAGE MAKES NICE AUBERT CHARDONNAYS

2013 Aubert, Sonoma Coast, Chardonnay, Sonoma (3 Bottles 750ml)

2013 Aubert, Larry Hyde & Sons, Carneros (3 Bottles 750ml)

Value \$590 - \$820

Donated by Xavier Teixido

Mark Aubert is a home-grown winemaker, raised in St. Helena. His wines sing of quality and good source material. His Estate and contracted fruit vineyards are subject to a “50 Years of Production” expectation. After finishing his own winery in 2011 (the old August Briggs Winery), his wines have reached new levels of finesse and nuance.

The **Sonoma Coast** bottling is a blend of several vineyard sites, all handpicked at night. Aubert has great control over his fruit sources, resulting in optimum pick times, usually high alcohol levels, and beautiful Burgundian expressions of California Chardonnay. **2013** brings limes, guava, and red apple juice that lie beneath bright citrus aromas. With excellent concentration of ripe fruits and natural acidity, this will drink well till 2022.

The **Hyde** vineyard is a warm spot in a cool place, producing wines with great depth! The **2013** shows rich, zesty, white peach, mango, nectarine, citrusy apple and quince notes. Beautifully fruited, with a medium to full body, this finishes with a long, mouthwatering aftertaste. Drink now-2026. **96 pts. RP, 93 pts. WS.**

LOT 19

FROM THE FIRST STONE WINE CELLAR IN ST. HELENA AND A GREAT NEWCOMER

2007 William Cole Vineyards, Cuvee Claire Cabernet, St. Helena (3 Bottles, OWC 750ml)
2012 Futo Vineyards, OV/SL, Napa (2 Bottles 750ml)
2015 Futo Vineyards, OV/SL, Napa (2 Bottles 750ml)
2017 Futo Vineyards, OV/SL, Napa (2 Bottles 750ml)

Value \$1990 - \$2360

Donated by Dr. Jonathan & Cara Burke

In 1869, John and Hannah Weinberger purchased a 240-acre estate from Charles Krug, and started a winery. After the murder of her husband in 1882, Hannah became Napa's first women winemaker, running the winery till Prohibition. Fast forward thru two owners to 1999, when William and Jane Ballentine acquired the house with the ghost cellar. By 2004 they opened their winery, named for William and their son Cole. Cuvee Claire is named for their daughter.

Produced on the remaining 2.5 acres of the original estate, **Cuvee Claire** is a complex, elegant wine meant to represent the best of Napa Valley. The 2007 shows a raisin cake nose, with espresso, leather notes on a full body that finishes chewy. Try decanting this! 87 pts. RP. Drink now-2023, and enjoy some history!

If you are not aware of **Futo**, put it on your radar! Almost exclusively sold by mailing list, this is the old Oakford estate, near Harlan and Bond. The OV/SL is a blend of Oakville and Stag's Leap (get it...OV/SL) fruit. Juicy, succulent and focused, the opulent **2012** is dense and intense. Drink now-2035. **94 pts. RP,WS**. The **2015** is serious and structured, concentrated and full-bodied. Drink now-2038. **93 pts, RP, 99 pts. WS**. **2017** shows chocolate cherry, pencil lead, and cedar chest on an energetic medium body. Drink now-2040. **92-94 pts. RP**.

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LOT 20 FABULOUS VACATION IN THE BVI - SCRUB ISLAND

Scrub Island Resort, Spa and Marina, BVI - 6 Nights in a Three Bedroom Villa

Value \$10,000 - \$12,000

Donated by Vance Kershner

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Available activities include complimentary sea or see thru kayaks, private guide and boat rental to go deep sea fishing for marlin or tuna, or maybe sailing to the bars of Jost Van Dyke! Multiple dining options are onsite, or hire a private chef for an evening of private delight! Work the dinner off the next day at the fitness center or take in the views on a hike of the island. Paddleboard or snorkel the reefs, or high speed it to Tortuga in the resort water taxi.

Any way you look at it, this will be a vacation to remember!

Note: Does not include airfare or ferry. Based on availability.

LOT 21 HISTORIC, GRAND CRU VINEYARD IN RUTHERFORD

2005 Scarecrow, Cabernet, Rutherford (3 Bottles OWC 750ml)

Value \$1980 - \$3000

Donated by Xavier Teixido

J.J. Cohn, producer of "The Wizard of Oz" for which this wine pays homage, planted 80 acres of Cabernet on the advice of his neighbor, John Daniels. These now 62 year old vines would be judged a Grand Cru if California vineyards were classified like French sites. These incredibly old vines (by Napa standards) are turned into wine by Celia Masyczek. Only 400 cases were produced in 2005.

The **2005 Scarecrow** is a candidate for wine of the vintage. Aging gracefully, this is a very rich, complex wine with broad layers of blackberry, currant, loamy earth and minerality that are built like a skyscraper. With great extract and concentration, this remarkable, superstar effort clocks in at a lofty 15.4 % ABV, yet is dense with a clean finish. With great terroir and great wine making, this is a stunning effort. Drink now-2035. **98 pts. RP, 93 pts. WS.**

If you don't get this lot, try for the M. Etain lot. That said...don't let anyone take this one from you...GET BOTH!!!

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LOT 22 HISTORIC VINEYARD MAKING SCARILY GOOD WINES

2014 M. Etain (Scarecrow), Cabernet, Rutherford (4 Bottles, OWC 750ml)

Value \$720 - \$1200

Donated by Xavier Teixido

John Daniel bought the abandoned Gustave Neibaum (Inglenook) vineyards in 1945 and convinced his next door neighbor, J.J. Cohn to plant 80 of his acres to Cabernet. Grandson Bret Lopez controls these old vines now, producing under the Scarecrow label. **M. Etain**, first released in 2008, is the 2nd label.

This Cabernet sees a 4 week fermentation under the guidance of winemaker Celia Welch, followed by 17 months in new French oak. The **2014** is an exquisite, dense, rich and sexy Cab that is deftly balanced, elegant and refined. Complex notes of red and dark berry, crème de cassis, lead pencil shavings and a kiss of dusty, cedary oak crescendo to a long, 40+ second finish! Drink now- 2038. **94 pts. RP, 93 pts. WS**

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LOT 23 FAMILY HISTORY SPURS ON HEATHCOTE WINERY

2016 Sanguine Estate, Black Bear, Shiraz Cabernet, Heathcote (1.5L Bottle)
2017 Sanguine Estate, Black Bear, Shiraz Cabernet, Heathcote (2 Bottles 750ml)
2009 Sanguine Estate, D'Orsa Reserve, Shiraz, Heathcote (1 Bottle 750ml)
2017 Sanguine Estate, D'Orsa Reserve, Shiraz, Heathcote (1 Bottle 750ml)

Value \$1050 - \$1100

Donated by Peter Thomson

Tony & Linda Hunter found something special in the shadows of Mt. Ida in Central Victoria and established their winery in 1997. It soon grew to 55 acres by 2002. With 50 acres in Syrah, and 5 acres to various other grapes to work with, son Mark Hunter has achieved ***** (5 star) status for the winery from Australian reviewer James Halliday, putting it into the top 10% of producers in Australia!

The Hunter's discovered that Tony's great, great grandfather had brought vines from Italy in the late 1800's. Pietro D'Orsa family heritage boasts a coat of arms with a large black bear, which also fittingly describes this wine. Power and complexity waft on your nose. Intense black fruit is melded with complex herb and spice notes. With awesome depth, enormous complexity, and a long, full finish, this is a beast not to be slain! Drink now-2040. **Note: this wine is not available in the U.S. and was shipped specifically for this event! Only one barrel of this wine was produced, this is one of 50 magnums and 100 bottles existing! It is only produced in years that the Shiraz is of high enough quality and quantity that they don't pull from the D'Orsa Reserve.**

The **D'Orsa Reserve Shiraz**, is no slouch either! The **2009** is big, full-bodied and positively rotund in the mouth. Rich layers of berry, Indian spices, and incense float on velvety tannins. Drink now. **93+ pts. RP.** Heady aromas of licorice, black berry and cherry waft upward with cedar, dark chocolate, and scorched earth defining the **2017**. Big and rich, a power wave of flavors reminiscent of the nose adds black pepper elements. Opulently textured with robust, velvety tannins, structured for the deep, concentrated long finish that follows. Drink now-2027

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LOT 24 SOME SERIOUS CALIFORNIA CABERNET

2008 Abreu, Rothwell Hyde, Meritage (2 Bottles 750ml)

2013-2015 Sebastiani, Cherryblock, Cabernet, Sonoma (3 Bottles 750ml)

2004 Chateau Montelena, Estate, Cabernet, Calistoga (2 Bottles 750ml)

Value \$960 - \$1390

Donated by Dr. Jonathan & Cara Burke,
Kathy & Dan Dugan

Founded in 1987 near Spottswoode, **Abreu** has been a long sought-after collector's wine. The **Rothwell Hyde** is a must-decant monster still. Rich, dense and full of dark blueberry and plum fruit, this lady is jammy, with perfect balance and a long finish. **GRAB THIS!**

Sam **Sebastiani** planted in 1961 the "Original Vineyard Block", now known as Cherryblock. It was planted primarily to Cabernet Sauvignon, which led the winery to create one of Sonoma County's first varietal Cabernets. The **2013** is a killer wine that can compete with the best Cabernets made anywhere in the world. Drink now-2050. **98+ pts. RP**. Simply stunning, the **2014** is a true Sonoma beauty with ripe, muscular fruit. Drink 2021-2045. **97+ pts. RP**. Jam packed, rich and fleshy, the 2015 shows a deep core of plump dark berry, cigar box, wood smoke and plum. Drink now-2044. **96+ pts. RP, 92 pts. WS**.

A classic, old style Cab, the **Montelena** is intense and concentrated, with a full body, power and a long finish. Drink now-2039. **95 pts RP, 86 pts. WS**.

LOT 25 A "LOT" OF ITALIANS

2004 Paolo Scavino, Barolo, Bric del Fiasc, Piedmont, (1 Bottle 750ml)

2003 - 2006 Antinori, Solaia, Tuscany (4 Bottles 750ml)

2006 - 2007 Frescobaldi, Castelgiocondo, Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany (2 Bottles 750ml)

2007 Elio Altare, Barolo, Alborina, Piedmont (1 Bottle 750ml)

2009 Poderi Aldo Conterno, Barolo, Bussia, Piedmont (1 Bottle 750ml)

Value \$1385 - \$1880

Donated by Kathy and Dan Dugan,
Dr. Jonathan & Cara Burke,
Heather & Vaughn Hardin, Ed & Elyse Reznick

An awesome wine, the **2004 Bric del Fiasc** explodes in your mouth with dark fruit, black licorice, tar, and baking spices. Full-bodied, yet refined and elegant, this is simply a remarkable wine. Drink now-2024. **96 pts. RP, 95 pts. WS.**

A true Super Tuscan, **Solaia** is a blend of 75% Cab, 20% Sangiovese, and 5% Cab Franc. The **2003** is a super-ripe heady, rich offering of blackberry, licorice, cassis and minerals and incredible depth. Drink now. **93 pts. RP, 95 pts. WS.** Full-bodied, chewy and powerful, the **2004** is breathtakingly beautiful with sweet layers of dark fruit. Drink now-2024. **96 pts. RP, WS.** A complex and wonderfully structured red, the 2005 is loaded with super ripe blueberries, blackberries and toasted oak. Drink now-2023. **92 pts. RP, 97 pts. WS.** Big, powerful and structured, **2006** shows masses of fruit that blossom fully. Drink now-2026. **94 pts. RP, 97 pts. WS.**

From an estate built in 1100, the **Frescobaldi** is aged for two years in oak. **2006** shows ripe plum, cherry and chocolate with tobacco and mineral notes on the finish. Drink now-2024, **93 pts. WS.** A powerful red, the **2007** with structured flavors of plum, black cherry and tobacco riding to a long finish. Drink now-2023. **90 pts. WS.**

Another stunner, **Arborina** shows intense aromatics, followed by a virtual explosion of flavors! Boasting fabulous balance, raciness, and intensity, this is a must have bottle. Drink now-2032. **96 pts. RP.**

A picture-perfect Barolo, the **Bussia** shows its high caliber and intensity in the nose. The power and determination of the dried cherry, cassis, tobacco, cola and licorice notes ride smoothly over the palate. Drink now-2025. **93 pts. RP.**

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LOT 26 A STUDY IN OLD VINE ZIN TERROIR

2012 Turley, Bedrock, Sonoma	2012 Turley, Mead, Atlas Peak
2012 Turley, Dogtown, Lodi	2012 Turley, Pesenti, Paso Robles
2012 Turley, Dragon, Howell Mtn.	2013 Turley, Dusi, Paso Robles
2012 Turley, Hayne, Napa	2013 Turley, Fredericks, Sonoma
2012 Turley, Juvenile, California	2014 Turley, Heminway, Napa
2012 Turley, Kirschenmann, Lodi	2015 Turley, Duarte, Contra Costa County (12 750ml Bottles)

Value \$655 - \$835

Donated by Bill & Helen Stimson

No one in California has done more for the resurgence and resurrection of old vine Zinfandel in Northern California than Larry Turley. After selling Frog's Leap Winery in 1993, he opened Turley Wine Cellars, sourcing his grapes from organically farmed local vineyards.

The **Bedrock** is a super-rich, seductive study of black fruit, pepper, spicy licorice all wrapped in a terrific, opulent wine. **93 pts. RP, 92 pts. WS.** A Lodi offering, **Dogtown** was planted in 1944. Wild strawberry, cherries and licorice dominate here. **90 pts. RP, 91 pts. WS.** A full-bodied, powerful Zin, the **Dragon** is loaded with black and red fruits mixed with hints of blueberries and spring flowers packed with intensity and richness. **94 pts. RP.** Planted in 1945, **Dusi** is in San Luis Obispo. Silky and soft with ripe, plush raspberry notes shine with a smoky aroma. **89 pts. RP, 91 pts. WS.** Contra Costa County gives us the **Duarte**, with floral, dusty spicy cherry, bay leaf and spice. Subtle power and rustic wild berry, black licorice ride on the rich and intense **Fredericks**, planted in 1937. **94 pts. RP.** The **Hayne**, planted in 1953 in Napa, is a rich, deep jammy, full-bodied jewel, with briary dark plum and smoky beef flavors. **92 pts. RP, 90 pts. WS.** The mountain sourced **Heminway**, shows Napa fruit in its incense, camphor and meaty black fruit profile. **95 pts RP, 91 pts. WS.** A blend of the youngest vine material, **Juvenile** shows sleek, ripe jammy raspberry and blue fruits on a medium -bodied, silky style. **90 pts. RP, 91 pts. WS.** The **Kirschenmann Vineyard** was planted in 1915 in Lodi. This has plenty of sweet raspberry and black cherry fruit, medium to full body, and an attractive, fleshy, velvety finish. **90 pts. RP, WS.** Another Napa (Atlas Peak) offering, Mead Ranch shows oodles of fruit and richness. **92 pts. RP.** From Paso Robles, the Pesenti shows terrific power and richness in its' layered, briary flavors of dried plum, licorice, and sage. **92 pts. RP, 91 pts. WS.**

All of these Zins are in their prime now, so do your own studying! (What an excuse to drink...)



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