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**MEALS ON WHEELS DELAWARE** provides diverse opportunities for individuals, groups, and organizations to make a financial or volunteer contribution that has 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 900,000 to over 6,000 homebound neighbors.**

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 helps them eat healthier, feel more safe and secure, and remain comfortable to live at home.

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A WELCOME FROM OUR  
2025 BOARD CHAIR

## GOOD EVENING, AND WELCOME TO MEALS ON WHEELS DELAWARE'S 20<sup>TH</sup> CELLAR MASTERS' WINE AUCTION AND DINNER!

It is a great honor to be the Board Chair of Meals on Wheels Delaware. As Chair, I would like to express my gratitude to you for joining us this evening and for your kind attention to the Meals on Wheels' purpose.

As we indulge in an upscale four-course gourmet dinner crafted by award-winning chefs from around the country, beautifully paired with delicious wines, enjoy music and a fantastic live auction, please take a moment to reflect on why we are all here today.

The senior population is growing and changing rapidly. They are living longer and with less money. Nearly 10,000 baby boomers are turning 65 in the US today, and every day, for the next 15 years.

Meals on Wheels aims to end senior hunger and isolation among eligible seniors 60 and over.

Here are some statistics for our great state from the Delaware Population Consortium.

- 29% of the population of Delaware are seniors over the age of 60.
- The number of Delaware residents 85 and over will increase by 51%, in the next 15 years. Seniors 75 plus make up the largest percentage of those who need help with a home-delivered meal.
- Among seniors 65 and over 26% are living alone and 24% of our seniors in Delaware are veterans, according to the latest census information.

We have a duty to meet the challenge to support these seniors.

Your attendance this evening allows us to supply the five partner meal delivery programs with essentials to provide warm, freshly prepared meals to seniors in their homes. In 2024, 900,000 meals were delivered to 6,000 elderly men and women.

We could only have accomplished this with the dedicated staff and thousands of volunteers throughout the state. As the Board Chair, I greatly value your efforts and perseverance. I, and the Board members, would like to thank you all personally. Without your dedication and endless support, we could not have accomplished what we have. I am so very proud that we can rely on your support as active and engaged citizens, committed to making our seniors, our communities, and our state, a better place.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff, and myself, thank you for joining us today and for your unbelievable support. Meals on Wheels delivers much more than just a meal in Delaware. Together, we remain dedicated to addressing senior hunger and isolation.

**Scott Baylis**

2025 Board Chair / Meals on Wheels Delaware



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# A LETTER FROM OUR 2025 WINE AUCTION & DINNER COMMITTEE CHAIRS

## GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME TO THE 20TH ANNUAL CELLAR MASTERS' WINE AUCTION & DINNER!

Meals On Wheels Delaware could not be more thankful for your participation in this special event, especially since many of you support it year after year. As you would expect, given the generosity of all those who make this event happen, last year's event was a resounding success, raising nearly \$300,000. And with this year's event once-again sold out, let's make it a record success!

We are excited to have all of you here, and to have an amazing menu prepared by our wonderful chefs who, with the support of the Johnson & Wales University culinary team, and the Chase Center's staff, will provide us an exceptional dining experience. We are especially proud to have a Delaware favorite, Chef Robert Lhulier, join us this year. As you flip through this booklet, please take special note of all our Chefs and our auctioneer, Malcolm Barber of RM Sotheby's, who will facilitate our live auction. And, of course, we extend a special thank you to our wine donors, many of whom are repeat donors. Like so many others, this group of dedicated, generous and talented people made great sacrifices to make this exciting event happen!

As our evening begins, please remember why we are all gathered: to end senior hunger. As you know, Meals On Wheels Delaware is a fundraising organization that provides funds to the 5 organizations across Delaware that prepare and ensure delivery of thousands of meals daily. In 2024, 900,000 meals were delivered to over 6,000 seniors statewide who are doing everything they can to maintain their independence. Delaware is currently one of the few states that does not have a waiting list for meal delivery to a qualified homebound senior. Your participation tonight helps ensure these seniors their independence, as the Wine Auction & Dinner raises more money annually than all other Meals on Wheels Delaware events combined.

So, generously raise your paddles often and high, because what we do here tonight enables many others to help the thousands of people every day who depend on Meals on Wheels for not only a meal, but also the smiling face that delivers it to them.

*On behalf of Meals On Wheels Delaware and the rest of the Committee, thank you!*



**Rob Poppiti**



**Bill Stimson**

2025 Co-Chairs, Cellar Masters' Wine Auction & Dinner Committee

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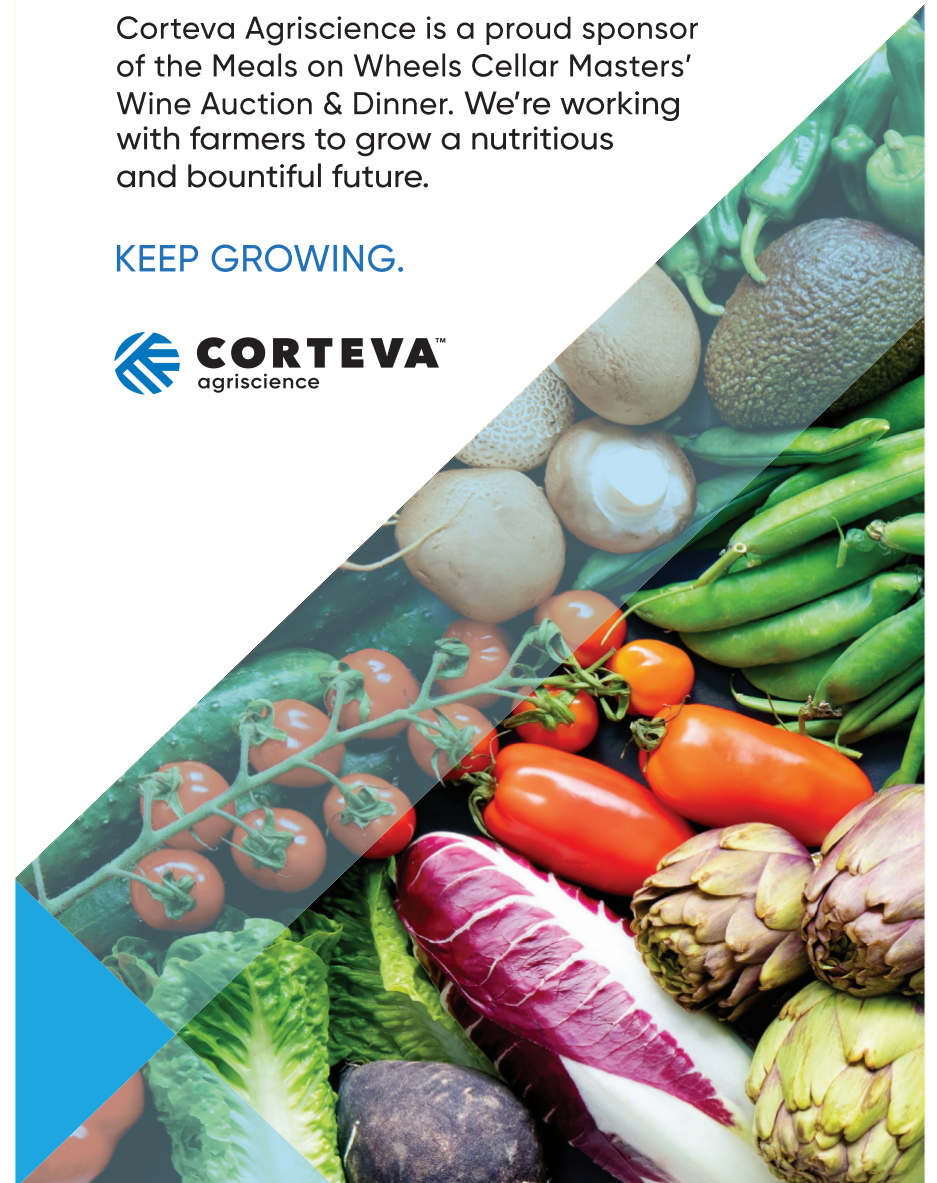
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*Thank you*

to the planning committee for your incredible dedication and hard work in organizing the Cellar Masters' Wine Auction & Dinner. Your enthusiasm and commitment to this event have made it a truly memorable and successful fundraiser. We are so grateful to have such a passionate and hardworking team supporting this cause and making a real difference for homebound seniors.

A special thank you to our event chairs, Rob Poppiti, Bill Stimson, and Vaughn Hardin. Your leadership and unwavering support for Meals on Wheels Delaware is truly admirable, and we deeply appreciate all of your contributions.

We also extend our sincere gratitude to Bill Stimson and Mike Barko for writing all the lot descriptions for the program.

To our amazing volunteers who assisted with setup, registration, and cleanup—this event would not be possible without you. Your time and effort are invaluable, and we are so fortunate to have you as part of our team.

**On behalf of the Meals on Wheels Delaware staff and board, thank you for your generosity, dedication, and continued support. We appreciate all that you do!**

# *Congratulations and Thank you*

to the Cellar Masters' Wine Auction Committee,  
Sponsors and Auction Donors for another  
successful fundraiser.



We are so grateful for your continued  
commitment to Meals on Wheels Delaware.



Please join us in thanking everyone who made  
this evening possible.

**-Heather & Vaughn Hardin**

2025 HONOREE:

## XAVIER TEIXIDO



**E**ach year the auction committee and Meals on Wheels Delaware staff choose an honoree that we dedicate the event to. We try to choose a person, or couple, that not only supports the Auction, but the community as a whole. Xavier is a perfect example of both.

Xavier has been a supporter of Meals on Wheels for more than 20 years. His restaurants have participated in the Celebrity Chefs' Brunch and Evening with the Masters, and Xavier has opened his personal cellar to support the Cellar Masters' Wine Auction for 15 years, often providing wines that are unobtainable unless you are a regular buyer on an exclusive list. In addition to providing wine donations, he is always an active bidder during the event. Harry's Savoy Grill also hosts the Chefs' welcome reception prior to the wine auction.

Xavier, along with Kelly O'Hanlon, is the owner of Harry's Hospitality Group. The group owns and operates Harry's Savoy Grill, Harry's Savoy Ballroom, and Kid Shelleen's in Trolley Square and Branmar Plaza. He sits on the boards of the Delaware Restaurant Association, National Restaurant Association and Educational Foundation, and UD's Hospitality Business Management Advisory Board. All of his efforts allow him to pass along his wisdom and experience to the next generation of hospitality professionals.

Thank you, Xavier, for all you do to support Meals on Wheels Delaware's mission and the entire community.



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## 2024 PROGRAM SUPPORT

In 2024, meals prepared and delivered increased by 10%. As baby boomers age and live longer, the number of years they need assistance increases also. Food inflation remained high in 2024 and many new clients mentioned the cost of food as a driver to sign up for the service.

Requests for a home delivered meal are rising steadily as seniors are living longer and aging in place.

**Thanks to your contributions today, and throughout the year, we were proud to be able to provide essentials to keep the nutritious, freshly prepared meals arriving at our neighbors' doors.**

Approximately 1,500 home-delivered senior meals are prepared, packaged and delivered in each county each weekday.

After all meals were covered, other needs were met which ensured that everyone was able to keep pace with the increased demand for meals.

Commercial grade kitchen equipment was added, upgraded, repaired or replaced in five kitchens across the State.

Vehicles are needed to transport prepared meals from the central kitchens to convenient pickup points for local volunteers. Lookout for one of the many new Meals On Wheels branded vehicles on the road in your community.

Durable wheeled coolers and insulated soft carriers, which keep meals at safe temperatures, are used every day during deliveries in volunteer vehicles. As you can imagine they wear out over time. These supplies were replaced Statewide.

Without the hundreds of volunteers who take time from their day to deliver the mid-day meal, the personal connection would be lost. We appreciate the volunteers and we were able to say thank you with small value gift cards and volunteer appreciation get-togethers.

## MEALS ON WHEELS DELAWARE STAFF



*Pictured from left to right: Gen Drake, Susan Dubb, Anne Love, Regina Dodds, Evena Adams*



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**2SP Brewing Company**



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## DINNER WINES

### FIRST COURSE

#### CLOUDLINE PINOT NOIR 2023

*Provided by Dreyfus Ashby and Prestige Ledroit*

Introducing the 2023 Cloudline Pinot Noir, a lively expression of the Willamette Valley.

Bursting with vibrant raspberry, cherry, and strawberry aromas, this cuvée invites you in with its fresh personality. On the palate, it balances a round, velvety texture with layers of depth. It's a true welcome to Oregon's premier wine region, full of energy and flavor.

### SECOND COURSE

#### WHITE PINOT NOIR 2023

*Provided by Willamette Valley Vineyards*

This clear, dry white wine opens with fresh aromas of juicy pear, peach, citrus zest, and jasmine. The bright, balanced palate mirrors the aromas, complemented by hints of honeysuckle, hibiscus, and orange peel. With a rich, medium body and low tannins, it offers a refreshing profile and a pleasant, long finish—an elegant expression of our valley, perfect for any occasion.

### THIRD COURSE

#### BOOTLEG 2019 RED BLEND

*Provided by Jackson Family Fine Wines - Bootleg Winery*

Moving to a darker expression, the 2019 Bootleg Red Blend pours an inky black hue and offers up aromas of pencil shavings, boysenberry preserves, and sweet tobacco. Full-bodied, with full, ripe tannins, it reveals notes of preserved black plum, crushed purple flowers, and turned soil.

### FOURTH COURSE

#### 2018 BOPLAAS CAPE VINTAGE RESERVE

*Provided by LabWare*

An inky black wine with hints of fiery garnet on the rim; featuring a bouquet of crushed blackberry, tart cranberry, kirsch, and purple plums, with bright allspice top notes intermingled with fynbos and savory undercurrents. The bouquet unfolds onto a bold palate with hints of licorice, red fruits, and cocoa leading to a dry finish. Time will temper the fiery fruity exuberance of youth, slowly unfurling the complexities of this fine Cape Fortified.

Buxomly spiced, full-fruited, and tannic in its youth, this wine is artfully crafted for decades of development in the bottle. If you wish to enjoy it young, it is best to decant and pair with earthy, rustic dishes, braised meats, venison, fine hard cheeses, charcuterie, tapas, and a selection of nuts, dried fruits, or succulently sweet green figs.

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## DINNER

### BREAD COURSE

#### CHEF JEFF ALEXANDER

*Serving*

Focaccia with fresh herbs, sea salt, olive oil, and mozzarella cheese. Focaccia is an Italian bread that ranks second in popularity only to pizza throughout Italy. It is made from a highly hydrated dough, which contributes to its wonderful texture. It undergoes an impressive 30 hours of fermentation, enhancing its flavor and creating many airy bubbles in the interior.

### FIRST COURSE

#### CHEF KEVIN O'DONNELL

*Serving*

Carne Cruda - raw diced NY strip from Northeast Family Farms dressed with a sunchoke puree, olive oil, and lemon juice. Topped with cocoa nibs, sunchoke chips, and freshly grated black truffles.

*Paired with*

Dreyfus Ashby, Cloudline Pinot Noir 2023

### SECOND COURSE

#### CHEF OLLIE BASS

*Serving*

Poached cod with a sauce of spring greens, garnished with soy cured trout roe dressed in coriander oil and citrus with a salad of grilled brassicas.

*Paired with*

Willamette Valley Vineyards, White Pinot Noir, 2023

### MAIN COURSE

#### CHEF ROBERT LHULIER

*Serving*

Pomegranate glazed lamb with cumin and urfa; Hakurei turnips

*Paired with*

Bootleg Red Blend, 2019

### DESSERT COURSE

#### CHEF KELLY FERNANDES

*Serving*

Cocoa & Tonka Bean Roulade, Creme Fraiche/Bramble Berries/Espresso  
Swiss roll cake filled with tonka bean-espresso cream, served with  
creme fraiche sorbet, fresh berries, berry sauce, crystallized cocoa nibs.

*Paired with*

2018, Boplaas Cape Vintage Reserve

## AUCTIONEER

## MALCOLM BARBER

### Senior Consultant RM Sotheby's



Malcolm Barber is renowned for his professional capabilities, both on the rostrum and in the boardroom. With a career spanning more than 40 years, including conducting some of the most important auctions of fine art and classic motorcars—his expertise is unparalleled.

Mr. Barber's career began when he joined Sotheby's in 1970.

Mr. Barber was able to indulge his passion for classic motorcars by joining Sotheby's Car Department in 1975, becoming its Director in 1980. In 1986, he became the first auctioneer to organize a car sale in Monaco, and two years later, he assumed the roles of Head of the International Car Department, Managing Director of Operations at Sotheby's saleroom in Amsterdam, and

Director of Sales on location. From being rivals with Robert Brooks in the mid-1980s, the two became colleagues in January 1995, when Malcolm left Sotheby's to join Brooks Auctioneers as Group Managing Director, followed by Managing Director of The Bonhams Group and Group CEO. Malcolm has handled auctions across the globe, taking to the rostrum in Europe, the United States and Asia, selling many collections with record breaking success. Now returning to RM Sotheby's in February 2024 he is still indulging in his passion for classic cars.

Malcolm is a Freeman of the City of London, a member of the Royal Automobile Club of Great Britain, and a member of the Automobile Club of Monaco, the Veteran Car Club of Great Britain, the Vintage Sportscar Club, and the Goodwood Aeroclub. He is a licensed auctioneer and has a collection of veteran vintage and classic cars which he enjoys regularly.

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*Image: Willamette Founder and President Jim Bernau (middle) with good friends Bill and Helen Stimson.*

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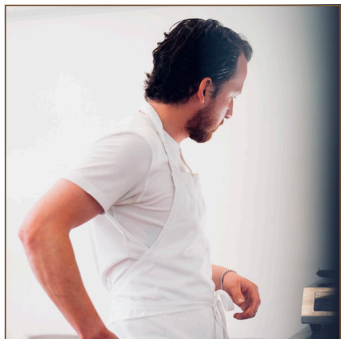


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Jeffery Alexander, M.Ed, CBB, CVB began his journey in the baking industry at the age of 13, starting with a brief stint at a bakery just outside of Philadelphia. It was during this experience that he discovered his passion for his future profession. Over the years, he has worked at some of the finest five-star, five-diamond hotels, including The Breakers in Palm Beach, Florida, and The Cloister Hotel in Sea Island, Georgia, where he held the positions of head baker and assistant pastry chef.

Alexander has taught pastry classes at the Art Institute of Charleston, the Culinary Institute of Charleston, and Johnson & Wales University's campuses in both Charleston and Charlotte, before eventually transferring to the Providence Campus. Currently, he is dedicated to his love for baking high-quality artisan bread and primarily teaches in the bread program at the University. He is also an active member of the Bread Bakers Guild of America and has been certified by the organization as an artisan baker and Viennoiserie specialist.



### OLLIE BASS

**Faber Restaurants  
London, UK**

Ollie Bass is fanatical about good produce. His passion for food began in his teenage years and grew through hands-on experience in kitchens and farms, culminating in his neighborhood seafood restaurant, Faber. Growing up on the Cornish coast and influenced by his grandmother's diverse cooking, Ollie developed a deep appreciation for ingredients. A summer job building a pub's greenhouses ignited his understanding of food from seed to plate, shaping his ingredient-driven approach.

His culinary journey led him to work at Quo Vadis under Jeremy Lee, where he honed his respect for produce and plating. Later, at Sessions Art Club with Florence Knight, he found a philosophy that resonated deeply—simplicity with depth, where every ingredient served a purpose.

Beyond cooking, Ollie has a background in fine art, a passion that still influences his work. He keeps two sketchbooks—one for art, one for food—both filled with ideas, notes, and the occasional stain of wild garlic. He sees cooking as an extension of artistry, using ingredients like a painter's palette to create dishes with both visual and culinary appeal.

In early 2023, he left Sessions Art Club to open Faber, where he focuses on sustainable seafood, drawing from his southwest roots and love of fish. His menu showcases catch-of-the-day selections, carefully enhanced by a handful of thoughtful ingredients. He aims to highlight the UK's exceptional seafood while making it approachable, from fish and chips to lesser-known delicacies.

Ollie also embraces his role in educating diners about sustainable seafood, ensuring that Faber offers a welcoming and engaging experience. Looking ahead, he envisions expanding his work to merge food, art, and community—a creative hub where people gather to eat, learn, and connect.

## FEATURED CHEFS



### MICHAEL DOYLE

**Chase Center on the Riverfront  
Wilmington, DE**

With over 30 years of experience in the culinary industry, Michael Doyle has honed his craft in hotels, conference centers, and healthcare settings. For the past decade, he has been a key part of the Chase Center on the Riverfront, first serving as Sous Chef before stepping into the role of Executive Chef three years ago.

Driven by a deep passion for cooking, Michael takes pride in creating exceptional dining experiences, leading his team with creativity, precision, and a commitment to excellence. His extensive background in large-scale food operations and fine dining ensures that every dish reflects both innovation and quality.



### KELLY FERNANDES

**College of Food Innovation  
and Technology  
JWU Providence Campus  
Providence, RI**

Kelly Fernandes, a Rhode Island native, established her culinary career in some of Boston's top kitchens; namely Sycamore, The Four Seasons, and Barbara Lynch's Menton. Always yearning to learn more, she has honed her skills in both sweet and savory applications; affording her opportunities that eventually led her back to her alma mater, Johnson & Wales University. Kelly is currently a culinary instructor in

the College of Food Innovation & Technology, teaching freshmen the fundamental skills they will need to succeed in the industry.

In addition to teaching, Kelly is pursuing a master's degree in Gastronomy, concentrating in public health and nutrition, at Boston University's Metropolitan College.

## FEATURED CHEF

### ROBERT A. LHULIER

**Brandywine Brasserie  
Sardella Mediterranean Cantina  
Wilmington, DE**



In a celebrated career that spans almost 40 years in virtually every aspect of the hospitality industry locally and abroad, Chef Robert Lhulier has no intention of slowing down.

Before his decision to attend The Culinary Institute of America in 1997, Robert had spent the previous decade working front of house jobs as a waiter, bartender, captain, maître d', sommelier and food and beverage director in premier properties in Wilmington and Cape May, New Jersey. A few years after graduation and representing his kitchen at the lauded James Beard House and numerous accolades, Robert pursued

ownership of his first restaurant The Chef's Table at the David Finney Inn, New Castle, Delaware. Chef Robert's distinguished experiences, such as stagiare at Charlie Trotter's in Chicago, chef of several area kitchens, and lastly as co-founder and chef of the wildly popular, critically acclaimed Snuff Mill Restaurant, Butchery and Wine Bar lead him to start Lhulier Restaurant Management, LLC in 2024.

The first restaurant in this endeavor is Brandywine Brasserie in Wilmington, Delaware of which Lhulier is executive chef and operator. A bustling and convivial space, Brandywine is as much a date night out as it is a special occasion and neighborhood haunt. Seasonally driven dishes from the old and new school European and American classics dominate the all-scratch kitchen menu. The smart wine list and professional service are stand-out accolades among regular diners.

Now, Robert is set to unveil the Summer 2025 opening of Sardella Mediterranean Cantina in the vibrant Avenue North complex in Brandywine 100. Presenting a roster of ingredient driven dishes from pan-Mediterranean countries, Sardella will be decidedly a seafood leaning establishment with nods to the various hearty meat-based dishes from island nations of Sicily, Sardinia, Corsica and Greece, while its DNA is rooted in the "olive nations" of Spain, Italy and France. Serving 7 days a week, Sardella will have outdoor seating year-round, an open kitchen with woodburning oven and beautiful oyster colored granite bar.

A father and community leader, Robert has volunteered annually for The March of Dimes, Meals on Wheels Delaware, The Crop Foundation and local food-driven charities. Lhulier is a native of Wilmington, Delaware.

## FEATURED CHEF

### KEVIN O'DONNELL

**Giusto Italian Restaurant  
Mother Pizzeria  
Newport, RI**



Born and raised in Rhode Island, Kevin got his feet wet in hospitality at a young age working in a variety of mom-and-pop spots throughout high school, gaining experience from dishwasher to pizza cook. It wasn't until he graduated that he truly stepped into the restaurant industry. Under the mentorship of Chef Walter Slater at Junction Pizzeria in Wickford, Kevin truly fell in love with cooking and the undeniable adrenaline of the kitchen.

While there, Kevin was inspired to enroll in the Johnson & Wales Continuing Education program which afforded him the chance to intern in Italy, an exciting

opportunity to connect with his heritage and explore the country's cuisine. After four months, he returned home to Rhode Island and worked alongside Chef Aaron Edwards at Trattoria del Corso in East Greenwich. Here, Kevin's love for Italian food blossomed, but after a year he was pulled back to Italy. For two and a half years, Kevin fully immersed himself in Italian cooking and culture working under Chef Lorenzo Polegri at Ristorante Zeppelin in Orvieto, Umbria. Kevin left Italy to work at the Relais & Chateau property, Castle Hill Inn in Newport, and then to NYC to work at the Michelin-Starred Del Posto under Chef Mark Ladner. After NYC, Kevin moved to Paris and opened L'Office as Executive Chef where he garnered rave reviews and recognition both locally and internationally for the bistro's melding of French and Italian cuisine. L'Office earned a Bib Gourmand award in the Michelin Guide, Best New Bistro in Paris by Le Guide Lebey, and was featured in American publications such as Bon Appetit and Eater.

In 2012, Kevin moved back to the States and was the Executive Chef of The Salty Pig in Boston where he developed its pasta and house-made charcuterie programs. Three years later he opened his first restaurant called SRV with co-chef and partner Michael Lombardi in the South End of Boston. The Venetian-style Bacaro and wine bar was an immediate success, earning a 4-star review from Boston magazine and a James Beard Award nomination.

Kevin now lives in Rhode Island with his wife, Sarah, and their son Ray. They own Giusto and Kevin is a co-owner of Mother Pizzeria with partners Lauren Schaefer and Kyle Stamps. He serves on the Board of Directors for the RI Hospitality Education Foundation and is a core instructor at Boston University in the Culinary Arts Program founded by Chef Jacques Pepin.





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## LIVE AUCTION LOTS

*All the information in the wine descriptions is summarized from the wine industry's top wine critics. Those sources deserve full credit for the vivid words that bring these wines to life.*

### LOT 1 YES!!! THE BEER IS BACK... AGAIN

NV Saint Sixtus, Westvleteren Trappist 12

(1 6-pack of 12 oz Bottles)

Value \$350-\$400

Donated by Kathy & Dan Dugan

The Trappist monks at the Abbey of Saint Sixtus started brewing beer in 1838, and production of "12" dates to the beginning of WWII. With an international reputation for taste and quality, there are only three secular laborers, five 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 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.

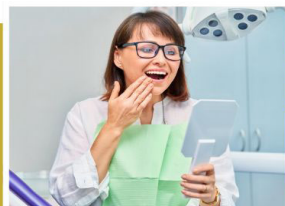
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## LOT 2 LICENSE TO THRILL-A 2005 BOND COLLECTION

2005 Bond, Pluribus, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley  
2005 Bond, Melbury, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley  
2005 Bond, Vecina, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley  
2005 Bond, St. Eden, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (4 Bottles Total)

Value \$1,725 - \$2,180

Donated by Dr. Jonathan & Cara Burke

Bond is a special project of Harlan Estate's owner, Bill Harlan. It is handled by the same winemaking team as Harlan Estate's: the inimitable Bob Levy, assisted by the well-traveled, brilliant enologist Michel Rolland. Bill Harlan picked the original **Bond** vineyards as part of his vision for single-vineyard, Grand Cru-level expressions of Napa Valley. The 2005 vintage is considered one of the most age-worthy releases that allows these wines to evolve beautifully over two decades or more.

The **2005 Pluribus** opens with intense aromas of blackcurrant, blackberry, graphite, and violets, with hints of cigar box and crushed rocks. On the palate, its full-bodied structure delivers velvety tannins and deep flavors of ripe dark fruits, espresso, and dark chocolate, leading to a long, mineral-driven finish with lingering spice and oak integration. Drink now-2059. **98 pts. RP, 93 pts. V, 92 pts. ST, 92 pts. WS**

Unlike some of Bond's more powerful wines, the **2005 Melbury** has been praised for its silky finesse rather than sheer intensity. This Melbury offers an elegant bouquet of red and black fruits, dried rose petals, and graphite, with subtle cedar and sweet tobacco notes. On the palate, its silky tannins and refined minerality create a harmonious balance between vibrant red fruit, cocoa, and earthy undertones, leading to a long, graceful finish with lingering spice and floral nuances. Drink now-2040. **95 pts. RP, 95 pts. V, 95 pts. WE, 93 pts. D, 92 pts. JS**

The **2005 Vecina** has earned a reputation as the boldest and most powerful wine in the Bond lineup. It bursts with intense aromas of blackberry, cassis, graphite, crushed rocks. Its firm tannins and layered minerality frame bold flavors of black fruit, dark chocolate, and spice, leading to a long, muscular finish. During a private tasting in Napa in 2014, a minor earthquake shook the cellar just as a bottle of 2005 Vecina was being poured. Some joked that "even the earth reacts when Vecina is opened." Drink now-2045. **98 pts. RP, 97 pts. V, 97 pts. WE, 95 pts. ST, 94 pts. WS**

The **2005 St. Eden** is a sumptuous and refined expression of Oakville terroir, offering intense aromas of ripe black cherries, cassis, cocoa powder, and crushed violets. On the palate, its silky yet structured tannins wrap around layers of dark fruit, espresso, and dark, rich soil. The finish lingers with notes of dark chocolate and fine cedar. Some refer to it as "Harlan's little sibling with a silkier touch." Drink now-2035. **97 pts. RP, 95 pts. ST, 95 pts. V, 94 pts. JS, 94 pts. WE, 92 pts. WS**

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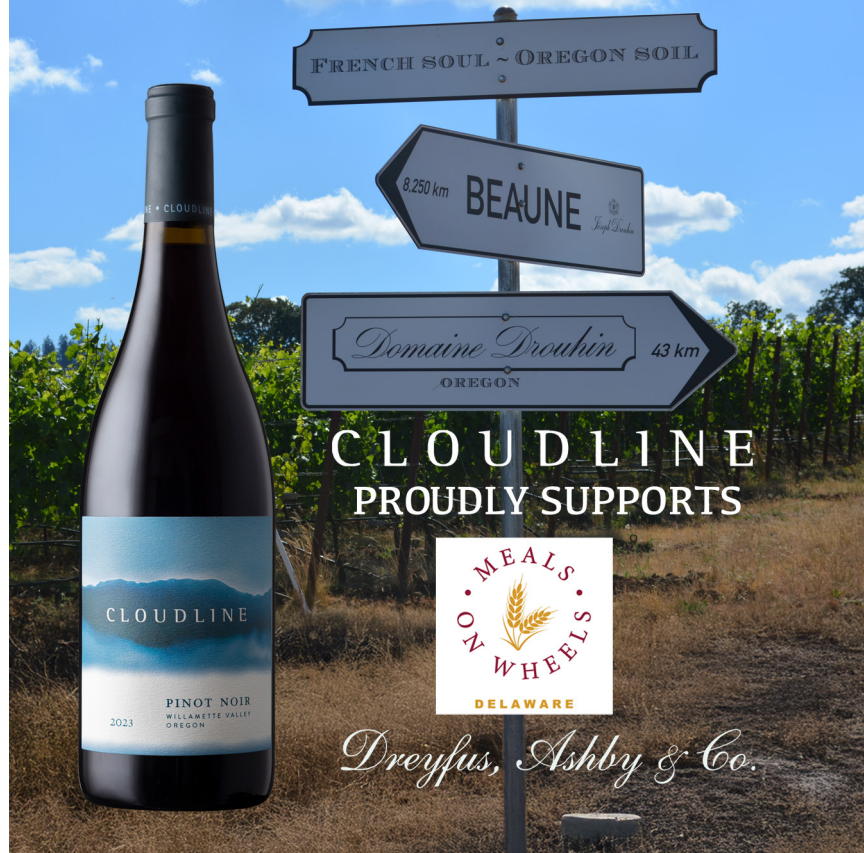
# FOOD & WINE

## CLOUDLINE

### 2023 PINOT NOIR

WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON

“Domaine Drouhin’s second label, Cloudline, is a reliable source for elegant Willamette Valley Pinot Noir at a modest price. The 2023, fragrant with wild berry and fresh herb notes, is a case in point.” - Ray Isle



### LOT 3 THIS WINE IS NO JOKE

2016 Tesseron Estate Pym-Rae, Bordeaux Red Blend, Mount Veeder, Napa  
 2017 Tesseron Estate Pym-Rae, Bordeaux Red Blend, Mount Veeder, Napa  
 2018 Tesseron Estate Pym-Rae, Bordeaux Red Blend, Mount Veeder, Napa  
 2019 Tesseron Estate Pym-Rae, Bordeaux Red Blend, Mount Veeder, Napa  
 (4 Bottles Total)

Value \$1,150 - \$1,900

Donated by Kathy and Dan Dugan

The Tesseron family from France, renowned for their Château Pontet-Canet in Bordeaux, acquired this exceptional Mount Veeder terroir in Napa Valley in 2016. Originally owned by actor Robin Williams (yes, that Robin Williams), the estate was named “Villa Sorriso,” meaning “villa of smiles.” The vineyard’s name, “Pym-Rae,” combines the middle names of Robin Williams’ children, Zachary Pym and Zelda Rae, honoring his family legacy.

The debut vintage of Tesseron’s **2016 Pym-Rae**, rocks!! A Bordeaux-style red blend reveals a layered bouquet of dark berry fruit and cherries, underscored by complex secondary notes of wet earth, and tobacco leaf. The palate is rich and full-bodied, with velvety tannins and vibrant acidity that provide remarkable balance and structure. Primary flavors of dark fruit are complemented by savory undertones of leather, tobacco. Drink now-2048. **98 pts. JS, 98 pts. D, 97 pts. JD, 97 pts. RP, 97 pts. WCI**

The **2017 Pym-Rae** is a powerful wine with tremendous depth and complexity. In 2017, no Cabernet Franc was harvested because of fires. And it shows that the vintage is more fruit-forward, with a wealth of beautiful, crushed stone minerality. The remaining fruit was harvested all pre-fire, and it’s a beautiful wine revealing ample black fruits, scorched earth, tobacco, and graphite-like aromas and flavors. Drink now-2050. **97 pts. D, 97 pts. JS, 97 pts. WA, 96 pts. JD**

The **2018 Pym-Rae** can be thought of as a stylistic mix of 2016 and 2017, the best of both vintages. An intense bouquet of dark fruit, chocolate, and tobacco leads to a full-bodied palate with perfect tannins with flawlessly balanced acidity. Layers of cassis, licorice, and espresso unfold with a subtle minerality, leading to a long, sophisticated finish. Drink now-2035. **99 pts. JD, 98 pts. WA, 97 pts. D, 97 pts. JS**

We end with the **perfect 2019 Pym-Rae**. With a bit of swirling, the nose charges out of the glass with bold notes of black and blue fruit, followed by complex notes of lilacs, licorice, sagebrush, lavender, tobacco, and lead pencil. This full-bodied wine has been described as iron fist in a velvet glove with blue fruit, spiced plum, and violets that meld together. A long, mineral-driven finish lingers with whispers of spice and earth. Drink 2026-2045. **100 pts. TWI, 98 pts. JD, 98 pts. D, 97 pts. JS**



#### LOT 4 TWO ELITE CALIFORNIA PINOT NOIR WINEMAKERS

2006 Kistler, Cuvee Catherine, Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast  
 2006 Kistler, Cuvee Natalie, Silver Belt Vineyard, Pinot Noir, RRV  
 2016 Kistler, Cuvee Natalie, Silver Belt Vineyard, Pinot Noir, RRV (2 bottles)  
 2007 Kistler, Kistler Vineyard, Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast (2 bottles)  
 2010 Aubert, UV Vineyard, Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast  
 2010 Aubert, Reuling Vineyard, Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast  
 2015 Aubert, Sonoma, Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast  
 2015 Aubert, UV-SL, Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

(10 Bottles Total)

Value \$1,200-\$1,800

Donated by Dr. Jonathan & Cara Burke

Kistler Vineyards, founded in 1978, is a small family-established and privately owned and operated winery dedicated to the vinification of world-class Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. This is achieved using Old World Burgundian techniques applied to their New World vineyard.

The **2006 Cuvée Catherine** presents a medium-bodied profile with abundant sweet, ripe fruit flavors on the palate. It is characterized by very pure and fresh notes, complemented by hints of clay and cola. The wine finishes with Asian spice elements. Only 528 cases were produced. Drink now. **95 pts. RP, 95 pts. ST.**

The **2006 Cuvée Natalie** exhibits a ruby hue with a vibrant bouquet of red wild berries and floral notes. The palate feel offers a harmonious blend of cherry cola and raspberry flavors, complemented by good acidity and a long, delicious finish. Drink now. **94 pts. ST.**

The **2016 Cuvée Natalie** is a beautifully layered, offering vibrant red and dark fruits, spice, and earthy notes, wrapped in a velvety texture with fine tannins. This is a full-bodied wine, offering layers of blackberry and earthy flavors, riding on a velvety texture and culminating in a long, mineral-tinged finish. Drink now-2029. **97 pts. JD, 95 pts. RP, 94 pts. V, 92 pts. WS.**

The **2007 Kistler Vineyard** offers a vibrant bouquet of raspberries, dark berries, potpourri, and sandalwood, with a touch of mocha and spice. The palate showcases red and dark berry flavors, well-integrated wood, and a long, mineral-driven finish. Drink now. **92 pts. RP, 92 pts. ST.**

Stylistically, owner and winemaker Mark Aubert's Pinot Noirs are big, bold, and highly expressive.

The **2010 Aubert UV Vineyard** is bold and intense, initially tight but unfolding with layers of dark-skinned fruit, licorice, and mineral-driven depth. On the palate, it's balanced with vibrant acidity, velvety tannins, and layered flavors of ripe purple fruit, red and black licorice finishing with lingering spice. Drink now. **93 pts. RP, 93 pts. WS.**

The **2010 Aubert Reuling Vineyard** bursts with vibrant layers of dark red cherries, wild berries, licorice, and exotic spices, wrapped in floral and minty undertones. Its rich, textured palate builds effortlessly, showcasing depth, energy, and a long, mineral-driven finish with persistent tannins. Drink now. **94 pts. RP, 93 pts. WS.**

The **2015 Aubert Sonoma Coast** opens gradually revealing layers of wild berry and raspberry intertwined with leather and a rich earthiness. The palate feel is big, round, and fruit-forward, culminating in a balanced and lingering finish. Drink now. **93 pts. WS.**

The **2015 Aubert UV-SL Vineyard** is a bold and concentrated wine, offering layers of ripe red and black berries, accented by cedar, sandalwood, and a hint of white pepper. On the palate, the full-bodied richness is balanced by fine tannins, bright acidity, and juicy and savory flavors leading to a long finish with lingering savory intensity. Drink now-2032. **97 pts. JS, 93 pts. RP, 93 pts. V, 93 pts. WS.**





## LOT 5 MONTELENA ESTATE CABERNET VERTICAL

2015-2019, 2021 Château Montelena, Estate Cabernet, Calistoga (6 Bottles)

Value \$950-\$1,400

Donated by Craig Schwartz & Elizabeth Barry

Over four decades, **Château Montelena** has stayed near the top of ranking scales and remains a legend with its long-lived Cabernets. Named after Mount St. Helena and still using the medieval style stone winery and caves, their eight blocks of Cabernet, totaling 95 acres, produce the vertical here.

**2015** brought a smaller crop of high quality and flavor maturity vibrant cassis, plenty of black fruit jam notes with hints of cedar, ginger and cocoa ride on a firm frame and a long youthful finish. Drink now-2050. **97 pts. JD, 96 pts. V, 95 pts. RP.**

No Petit Verdot was used in the **2016**, leading to a lighter color. But the opulent nose shows the red berry characteristics of this vintage while coffee bean, star anise, fresh blueberry, and cinnamon ride the finish. Drink now-2035. **94 pts. V, 92 pts. JD.**

An opulent and vibrant vintage, **2017** shows layer after layer of raspberry jam, strawberry, cocoa, and clove. The finish is long, with mouth-coating tannins, balanced acidity, and delicate notes of vanilla and mint that are extraordinarily complex. Drink 2024-2040. **93 pts. V, 91 pts. D.**

Elegant structure for extended aging defines the **2018**. Fresh and lively, but still tightly wound notes of abundant dark fruit, cocoa, espresso bean and earth ride a medium body to a finish that is persistent in length and depth. Drink 2025-2040. **96 pts. V, 94 pts. WA, 93 pts. D.**

The **2019** is quite extroverted compared to previous vintages. Red fruits appear on the nose, joined by hints of dark chocolate. Medium to full-bodied with silky tannins that wrap around a core of dark fruit, chocolate, lavender, spice and leather flavors. Give this vintage some time to soften. Drink 2025-2045. **99 pts. D, 96 pts. WA, 96 pts. V.**

**With no 2020 vintage** made for the Montelena Estate wine, the **2021** came back strong with complex aromatics on the nose. Medium-bodied, the powerful tannins balance well with the racy acidity and dark fruit and mocha flavors. And the finish doesn't quit. Drink now-2045. **98 pts. D, 96 pts. WA**



## LOT 6 A RARE COLLECTION OF ICONIC CABERNET CLASSICS

2006 Futo, Futo Estate, Bordeaux Red Blend, Oakville	(4 Bottles)
2010 Futo, OV, Bordeaux Red Blend, Oakville	(4 Bottles)
2017 Beaulieu Vineyard, Georges de Latour Private Reserve, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley	(2 Bottles)
2018 Beaulieu Vineyard, Georges de Latour Private Reserve, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley	(2 Bottles)
2019 Beaulieu Vineyard, Georges de Latour Private Reserve, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley	(2 Bottles)
2019 Beaulieu Vineyard, Madame de Latour, Bordeaux Red Blend, Rutherford, CA	
(15 Bottles Total)	

Value \$2,800-\$4,000

Donated by Dr. Jonathan & Cara Burke,  
Helen & Bill Stimson

Indulge in an extraordinary lineup of Napa Valley's most coveted wines, featuring the legendary Georges de Latour Private Reserve, including the **"2019 World Wine of the Year,"** alongside the exclusive Futo Estate Red and Futo OV. With 100-point and near-perfect scores, this collection represents the pinnacle of craftsmanship, history, and terroir from the famed Rutherford to the prestigious Oakville AVAs.

When a wine reminds Robert Parker of Screaming Eagle, heed his words. The **2006 Futo Estate Red** is a "powerful yet elegant wine, reminiscent of Screaming Eagle in its purity". It offers complex layers of black raspberry, cassis, dark chocolate, and tobacco, with well-integrated tannins and a lively freshness that balances its richness. Drink now - 2030. **98 pts. V, 97 pts. RP, 94 pts. ST, 93 pts. WS**

A "Second" wine that outshines many First labels, the **2010 Futo OV Red Blend** is a powerful yet refined Napa Valley wine. Rich and concentrated, the palate unfolds with layers of black raspberry, roasted coffee, and graphite, complemented by subtle floral and mineral undertones. With impressive depth and complexity, this is far from a typical second wine, delivering a long, mineral-driven finish with hints of cedar, mocha, and exotic spice. Drink now - 2030. **94 pts. V, 93 pts. RP, 92 pts. WS**

The flagship **2017 Georges de Latour** is comprised of 97% Cabernet and 3% Petit Verdot and could be one of the most balanced Reserves since Beaulieu Vineyard legend Andre Tchelistcheff's last vintage in 1973. This wine's medium to full-bodied palate delivers with fragrant red and black fruit, framed by plush tannins and oodles of freshness, finishing long and perfumed. Enjoy now - 2040. **97 pts. JS, 96 pts. D, 94 pts. WA**

All the wine critics agree - the **2018 Georges de Latour**, 93% Cabernet with some Petit Verdot & Malbec, is fabulous. The complex nose starts with scents of black & blue fruit, followed by hints of tobacco, spice and a brief waft of menthol. Flavors of blackcurrants, tobacco, and oak hit the palate with full-bodied richness, flawless balance, and a long and earthy finish. Drink now - 2046. **98 pts. JS, 98 pts. V, 97 pts. JD, 96pts. WE, 96 pts. D, 96 pts. WA.**

The **2019 Georges de Latour** is James Suckling's 2022 #1 World Wine of the Year!! Winemaker Trevor Durling created an exceptional nose that releases aromas of dark fruit, chocolate, tobacco, and loamy earth. A full-bodied wine with perfectly balanced fine tannins and acidity, the palate exhibits a whole range of savory and earthy notes lend complexity to this powerhouse. This 2019 will evolve for decades but enjoy now-2040+. 100 pts. **JS, 97 pts. JD, 97 pts. V, 97 pts. D, 97 pts. WE.**

Sourced from the highly acclaimed Meteor Vineyard in the Coombsville, the **2019 Madame de Latour** is a 71%/29% Cabernet Sauvignon/Malbec blend that showcases a powerful nose layered with dark fruit and rose petals. Velvety, fine-grained tannins weave seamlessly with fresh acidity to produce a balanced wine with flavors of red fruit and smoky spice. The energetic finish is lengthy. Drink now - 2034. **96 pts. V, 94 pts. JS, 92 pts. WS**

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## LOT 7 LUXURY TRIP TO LOS CABOS

7-night stay at The Westin Los Cabos Resort Villas

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## LOT 8 CMWA 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION LOT

2006 Château Angelus, Premier Grand Cru Classé A, St. Emilion (1.5L)  
2006 Château Pape Clement, Grand Cru Classe de Graves, Blanc, Pessac-Leognan  
2006 Château Pontet-Canet, 5th Growth, Pauillac  
2006 Château de Beaucastel, Blanc, Châteauneuf du Pape  
2006 Château de Beaucastel, Rouge, Châteauneuf du Pape  
2006 d'Arenberg, The Dead Arm, Shiraz, McLaren Vale  
2006 Joseph Phelps, Insignia, Napa Valley

(7 Bottles Total)

Value \$1,860- \$2,600 Donated by Kathy and Dan Dugan, Peter Thomson

The angels are singing with this **2006 Angelus**. This blend of 50% Merlot, 47% Cabernet Franc, and 3% Cabernet Sauvignon is a beautifully shaped wine. The Merlot and Cabernet Franc both add complex aromas and flavors of dark fruits, pepper, dried flowers, followed by hints of tobacco, barbecue smoke, and graphite. Full-bodied with great balance of velvety tannins and zesty acid balance, the finish is smooth. Drink now - 2032. **95 pts. RP, 95 pts. WE, 94 pts. D, 93 pts. ST, 93 pts. V, 93 pts. WS**

Robert Parker calls the **2006 Pape Clement Blanc**, "Arguably the dry white wine of the vintage ...an extraordinary wine with the texture of a grand cru white, Burgundy". The nose is complex with stone and tropical fruit aromas over a background of honey, toasted nut, and vanilla. In the mouth, the texture is creamy with flavors of citrus and orchard fruits with a slight mineral touch. This is too good to wait, drink now. **98 pts. RP, 94 pts. WS**

Like its neighbor Mouton-Rothschild, the **2006 Pontet-Canet** conveys a powerful impression. The nose reveals sweet dark fruits, graphite, and a hint of earth. The palate texture is full, rich, and silky, with a solid core of fruit, sneaky pepper, and a long finish. Drink now-2035. **95 pts. D, 94 pts. RP, 94 pts. V, 93 pts. JS, 93 pts. WS**

The **2006 Beaucastel Blanc** is one of the most prestigious white wines in the region, made primarily from Roussanne, along with small quantities of Grenache Blanc and other Rhône white varieties, and competes with the finest full-throttle, dry whites of France as well as the world. The nose showcases a rich and complex profile with aromas of honey, quince, and floral notes. The palate is full-bodied and creamy, and reveals classic elements citrus fruit, honey, roasted nuts, and truffle flavors, leaving a trail of stony white fruit on the finish. Drink now. **94 pts. RP, 94 pts. WS, 91 pts. ST**

The **2006 Beaucastel Rouge** is your classic Châteauneuf du Pape. The nose opens with bramble and red fruit, followed by a potpourri of dried herbs, pungent flowers, cigar box and just a hint of earth. The texture is medium to full-bodied and silky, with a perfect balance between bright, fresh fruit and savory notes of leather and spice that continues in the long finish. Drink now-2028. **95 pts. RP, 95 pts. V, 95pts. WS, 94 pts. JD, 94 pts. TWI**

D'Arenberg's flagship wine, **2006 The Dead Arm Shiraz** is a wine of exceptional depth and complexity. The nose hits you with intense, bold black fruit with mineral and spice aromas later in time. l'Aréné You name it, the palate has it - initial flavors of ripe dark fruits dominating initially, followed by savory, herbal, and spice-driven nuances, with black pepper, dried herbs, and a touch of minerality in the long finish. Drink now-2036. **95 pts. JH, 95pts. RP, 93 pts. ST, 91 pts. WS**

The big, bold **2006 Insignia** is hitting its peak right now. All juice for this world class proprietary red blend is sourced from the estate's best vineyards in Napa Valley. The nose allures with dark fruit, cocoa, black tea, plus a rocky, flinty minerality. The palate is full-bodied and luxurious, showcasing a core of ripe black fruit balanced by well-integrated tannins and vibrant acidity, including secondary subtle notes of cocoa, tobacco, and vanilla. Drink Now-2033. **94 pts. RP, 94 pts. WE, 92 pts. JS, 92 pts. V**

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## LOT 9 100 POINT MUST-HAVE LOT

2015 Sine Qua Non, 'Trouver l'Aréné', Syrah, Central Coast, CA  
 2019 Domaine Janasse, Cuvée XXL, Châteauneuf-du-Pape  
 2019 Dominus, Bordeaux Red Blend, Napa  
 2020 Château Figeac, Premier Grand Cru Classé (A), St. Emilion  
 2020 Château Montrose, 2nd Growth, Saint-Estephe

(5 Bottles Total)

Value \$1,325 - \$2,050

Donated by Helen & Bill Stimson

**These five wines have a total of seven 100 pt. scores from Robert Parker, James Suckling, Lisa Perrotti-Brown of TWI, and Jeb Dunnuck. Do I need to say more? Well, OK...**

The **2015 Trouver l'Aréne Syrah**, made from Manfred and Elaine Krankl's most famous vineyards (aren't they all?), is California's version of the Rhone Valley Guigal's gold standard Côte Rôtie La Mouline. And this vintage is considered one of the top Syrahs SQN has made. This full-bodied wine is loaded with sensational notes of smoked black fruits with hints of peppery herbs, spice, and violets, and a finish that lasts nearly a minute. Drink now - 2040. **100 pts. JD, 100 pts. RP, 97 pts. V**

The **2019 Janasse** is only the third vintage that Janasse has produced of the **Cuvée XXL**. The previous 2 vintages (2009 and 2016) received 100 pt. ratings, as well. This magic in a glass shows an elegant, pure, balanced profile as well as incredible aromatics of ripe red and black fruits, French herbs, pepper, violets, and other notes of Southern Rhône-like goodness. Only 300 cases were produced of the 2019 - making this one of the most collectible and rare 100-point Châteauneuf-du-Papes anywhere. Drink 2027-2040. **100 pts. JD, 97 pts. V**

Lord of the estate Christian Moueix's Dominus Estate produces one of Napa's cult Cabernets. The vineyard used for the **2019 Dominus** can be traced back to Napa Valley's beginnings, when in 1838 George Yount, (of Yountville) first planted grapevines there. The wine is full-bodied, the palate is jam-packed with black fruit layers, followed by a gorgeous floral and spice, finishing long and mineral laced. The 2019 is a huge wine. You can enjoy now (decant for 1-2 hours), or cellar. Drink now-2040. **100 pts. TWI, 98 pts. WA, 98 pts. JS, 98 pts. V**

The **2020 Figeac** is the finest wine that has been bottled to date at this estate for the last decade. Newly promoted to Premier Grand Cru Classé (A), the very highest rung of Saint-Emilion's hierarchy, this vintage is at peak performance. This equal parts Merlot/ Cab Franc/Cabernet Sauvignon blend is full-bodied, perfectly balanced, and silky smooth. Scents and flavors of red and black fruit are predominant, followed by mineral, earthy, tobacco, and floral elements. Perfect now, it will even get better with more time in the bottle. Drink 2030-2065. **100 pts. WA, 100 pts. JS, 99 pts. TWI, 99 pts. WE, 98 pts. D, 98 pts. JD, 97 pts. V**

The **2020 Château Montrose** is brilliant, one of the estate's finest vintages per the Wine Advocate. The complex nose shows it all - aromas of dark fruit, fragrant flowers, dusty soil, spiced incense, to name a few. Medium to full-bodied, this wine is balanced, and the palate reveals dark fruit, mineral, and savory layers, continuing in the long finish. Will develop with a few more years in the bottle. Drink 2030-2100. **100 pts. WA, 99 pts. JS, 99 pts. TWI, 99 pts. V, 98 pts. D, 98 pts. JD**

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## LOT 10 WINE SPECTATOR'S 2019 TOP 10 WINES

2016 Château Leoville Barton, 2nd Growth, St. Julien  
 2015 Mayacamas Vineyards, Cabernet Sauvignon, Mount Veeder  
 2016 San Giusto a Rentennano, Chianti Classico, Sangiovese, Tuscany  
 2016 Groth, Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve, Oakville, Napa  
 2012 Roederer Estate, L'Ermitage, Chardonnay/Pinot Noir Brut, Anderson Valley  
 2016 Château de Beaucastel, Châteauneuf-du-Pape  
 2016 Ramey, Hyde Vineyard, Chardonnay, Carneros  
 2016 Château Pichon-Longueville Baron, 2nd Growth, Bordeaux, Pauillac  
 2017 Penfolds, RWT Bin 798, Shiraz, Barossa Valley, Australia  
 2016 Viña Almaviva, S.A. Almaviva, Red Bordeaux Blend, Puente Alto, Chile  
 (10 Bottles Total)

Value \$1,500 - \$2,200

Donated by Helen & Bill Stimson

The best of the best from Wine Spectator's 2019 Top 10 wines are already cellar-aged for you to drink now or continue to cellar for years to come. Discover some new favorites from around the world and enjoy the classics! All 95 points or higher (check out the 100 pointer!!).

The #1 Wine of the Year, **2016 Château Léoville Barton**, is a full-bodied, impeccably balanced wine with rich layers of beautiful dark fruit, cedar, spicy oak and an earthy edge and graphite, framed by firm tannins and a long, elegant finish. Drink now - 2060. **97 pts. WS, 97 pts. JS, 97 pts. WA, 96 pts. JD, 96 pts. V**

The #2 **2015, Mayacamas Cabernet Sauvignon** is a bold yet refined expression of Mount Veeder. Its nose bursts with layers of ripe black fruit followed by graphite, tobacco, and exotic spices. The palate delivers a harmonious balance of acidity and firm tannins, complemented by flavors of dark cherry, baking spices, tobacco, and earthy minerality. Drink now - 2040. **97 pts. IWR, 97 pts. V, 96 pts. WS, 95 pts. D, 94 pts. JS**

The #3 **2016 San Giusto a Rentennano Chianti Classico** may be the standout of the vintage, with vibrant red berry aromas, layered with earthy tobacco, dried herbs, and a hint of cedar. The palate's lively acidity and firm tannins frame flavors of plum, crushed flowers, and a touch of spice, leading to a long, expansive aftertaste of fruit, earth, and mineral. Drink now - 2043. **95 pts. WS, 94 pts. JS, 92 pts. RP, 92 pts. V**

The #4 **2016 Groth Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve** opens with intense aromas of blackcurrant, dark cherry, and cedar, complemented by hints of mocha and graphite. On the medium-bodied palate, lush black fruit, silky tannins, and well-integrated oak are harmonious, leading to a long finish with sneaky notes of spice and tobacco. Drink now-2038. **96 pts. WS, 94 pts. WE, 93 pts. JS, 93 pts. V, 92 pts. JD**

The #5 **2012 L'Ermitage Brut** is California Roederer Estate's tête de cuvée. This sparkler has a broad range of complex aromas and flavors, including apple, pear honey, toast, and a hint of lemon that ride a supple texture and crisp acidity culminating in a long, elegant finish. Open this next time you have oysters, creamy risottos, or soft cheeses. Drink now-2030. **97 pts. WE, 95 pts. WS, 95 pts. WA**

The #6 **2016 Château de Beaucastel CDP** is a stunning example of what Châteauneuf-du-Pape can achieve at its finest. The full-bodied wine, with silky tannins and vibrant acidity, provides impeccable structure with layers of red and dark fruit unwinding slowly into red licorice, warm stone and singed mesquite, and cedar. Drink now - 2040. **99 pts. JS, 97 pts. RP, 97 pts. WS, 96 pts. D, 96 pts. JD**

The #7 **2016 Ramey Chardonnay**, from the famous Hyde Vineyard in Carneros, showcases a complex array of aromas: orchard and citrus fruits, with subtle notes of honey, toasted hazelnuts, and wet stone. The palate is medium to full-bodied with bright, crisp acidity and aroma-matching flavor layers flooding the mouth. Drink now-2026. **95 pts. WE, 95 pts. WS, 94 pts. JD, 94 pts. V, 93 pts. WA**

Some critics say the #8 **2016 Château Pichon-Longueville Baron** could eventually go down as one the greatest wines ever from this legendary Château. This beauty is a full-bodied, elegant wine with rich layers of black berry and purple fruit, accented by notes of cedar, graphite, and a touch of violet. Its velvety tannins and vibrant acidity lead to a long, mineral-driven finish, showcasing both power and finesse. Drink now-2057. **100 pts. D, 99 pts. IWR, 98 pts. TWI, 97 pts. JD, 97 pts. RP, 96 pts. WS**

The #9 **2017 Penfolds Shiraz RWT** offers luscious aromas and flavors of spiced dark summer berries, dried spices, and vanilla seamlessly balanced by hints of licorice, tobacco, and savory beef. With its full body, velvety texture, silky tannins, and long, elegant finish, it's both bold and beautifully structured. Drink now-2040. **98 pts. JH, 96 pts. D, 95 pts. JS, 96 pts. WS, 95 pts. WA**

The #10 **2016 Viña Almaviva**, a partnership between Baron Philippe de Rothschild and Chile's Concha y Toro, is a full-bodied wine exhibiting a silky texture with fine-grained tannins and balanced acidity. Flavors mirror the nose, featuring a core of black fruit, complemented by chocolate, licorice, and a savory herbal note. Drink now-2030. **95+ pts. WA, 95 pts. WS, 94 pts. JS**



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## LOT 11 SOLAIA – A SUPER TUSCAN LEGEND

2010 Marchesi Antinori, Solaia, Toscana IGT, Tuscany

(6 Bottles)

Value \$2,400-\$3,360

Donated by Harry's Savoy Grill

The Antinori family has been producing wine for over 600 years, established in 1385, making them one of the oldest winemaking dynasties in the world. In 1978, with the very best grapes from their very best vineyard, **Solaia** was born, becoming Piero Antinori's pioneering (and Italian wine-law breaking) Cabernet-based Super Tuscan wine. Solaia has become one of the most celebrated and sought-after wines from Italy, known for its complexity, aging potential, and consistent high quality.

The **2010 Antinori Solaia** is a stunning expression of the iconic Super Tuscan blend, balancing the power of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon with the vibrancy of 20% Sangiovese and the finesse of 5% Cabernet Franc. The nose is rich with dark berries, cassis, violets, graphite, and cedar, complemented by notes of tobacco and dark chocolate. On the palate, it is full-bodied with velvety tannins, vibrant acidity, and layers of blackcurrant, plum, licorice, and espresso. The finish is long and elegant, with lingering spice and minerality. Splurge and pair this wine with a rich truffle risotto. Although still considered young, drink now-2040. **98 pts. V, 98 pts. D, 98 pts. JS, 97 pts. RP, 97 pts. WE**



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## LOT 12 GRAND CRU WHITES FROM BURGUNDY'S BEST VINEYARDS

2015 Philippe Colin, Grand Cru Chevalier-Montrachet, Chardonnay, Burgundy  
2017 J. Drouhin, Marquis de Laguiche, Grand Cru Montrachet, Chardonnay,  
Burgundy  
2018 Coche-Dury, Meursault, Chardonnay, Burgundy  
2020 Meo-Camuzet, Grand Cru Corton-Charlemagne, Chardonnay, Burgundy  
(4 Bottles Total)

Value \$2,600-\$3,100

Donated by Bill Galbraith

The **2015 Philippe Colin** is from Chevalier-Montrachet, classified as a Grand Cru vineyard, and is one of the most prestigious sites known for producing some of the world's finest white wines. This wine is intensely aromatic, offering a bouquet of citrus fruits like lemon zest and pomelo, white flowers, and ripe orchard fruits. The palate is full-bodied, refined, and balanced, and the flavors mirror the nose. The finish is impressively long, leaving lingering flavors of citrus zest, a whisper of oak spice, and crystalline minerality. Drink now-2035. **96 pts. RP, 95 pts. V, 95 pts. WS**

The **2017 Marquis de Laguiche** hails from one of Burgundy's most prestigious vineyards, Montrachet, dating back to the 14th century. The aromatic profile is exceptionally complex, revealing layers of crushed wet limestone, Granny Smith apples, shaved almonds and light orange. On the palate, the wine is opulent and full-bodied, with a silky texture and remarkable depth. The flavors mirror the nose, underscored by a savory minerality. This bottle deserves to be opened with seared scallops, lobster in a creamy sauce, or roasted poultry with truffle accents. Drink 2027-2065. **98 pts. V, 98 pts. JS, 95 pts. WA, 95 pts. D**

The **2018 Coche-Dury** is made by one of the most revered and sought-after producers in Burgundy, renowned for its exceptional white wines. The bouquet is vibrant and complex, with aromas of ripe peach, citrus zest, hazelnut, and a touch of flint. On the palate, the medium to full-bodied wine showcases flavors of pear, lemon curd, and subtle smokiness. The wine finishes long and mineral-driven, with a silky texture and refreshing acidity. Drink now-2050. **92 pts. WA, 92 pts. BH**

From one of Burgundy's most famous white wine appellations, the **2020 Meo-Camuzet** is a wine of unparalleled finesse and depth. On the nose, it reveals an expressive bouquet of ripe orchard fruits mingled with layers of citrus zest, and crushed stones followed by hints of white flowers and a hint of smoky minerality. The palate is rich and full-bodied and balances opulent fruit flavors of lemon curd and ripe peach with seamlessly integrated minerality and a touch of oak. Only four barrels were produced! Drink now - 2038. **93 pts. WA, 93 pts. BH, 92 pts. V**



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(7 Bottles, 2 with stained labels)

Value \$5,000-\$7,000

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From a vintage many consider inferior, the **Lafite** shines with its generous nose of cassis, black cherries, cedar and tobacco leaf. Never one to be defined as powerful, it offers elegant and refined notes of cedar, black fruits, gravelly soil, and fresh herbs leading to a medium body and a balanced finish. 67% Cabernet, 33% Merlot. Drink now-2050. **97 pts. JS, 96 pts. WA, 96 pts. D, 93 pts. WS**

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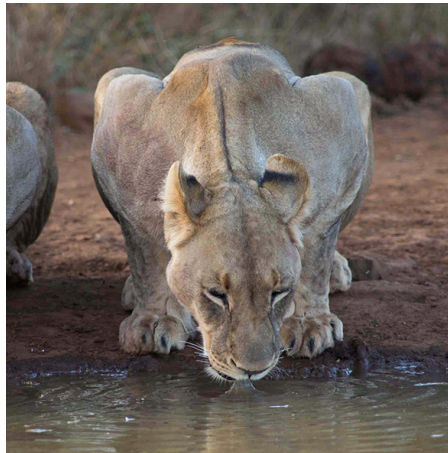
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#### LOT 15 CHÂTEAU DE POMMARD PRIVATE TASTING PLUS WINE!

Private Wine Tasting of Château de Pommard Clos Marey-Monge Wines for 15  
 2014 Château de Pommard, Clos Marey-Monge, Simone, Pommard, Burgundy  
 2013-2015 Château de Pommard, Clos Marey-Monge,  
 Monopole, Pommard, Burgundy (3 Bottles)  
 (4 Bottles Total)

Value \$3,900-\$4,250

Donated by Grace DeCoske Château de Pommard  
 and Peter Thomson

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Founded in 1726, Château de Pommard has had only five owners. In 2014, Silicon Valley software tycoon Michael Baum became its fifth owner – and first American to own a wine-producing Château in Burgundy. And what a Château! Pommard's 20-hectare (49 acres) monopole Clos Marey-Monge Vineyard is the largest vineyard in the Cote d'Or owned by a single family.

The **2014 Simone** is Pommard's crème de la crème, its rarest cuvee, its soul of the Domaine. The nose is a complex perfume displaying raspberry, plum, spice, forest floor and floral notes. The palate shows velvet tannins balanced with fresh acidity with flavors mirroring the nose. Only 1,800 bottles produced and sold by invitation only, this may be your only chance to taste a Simone. Drink now-2044.

**93 pts. Andreas Larsson**

The Clos Marey-Monge Monopoles consist of grapes from seven distinct terroirs, all within the 50-acre walled-in vineyard. The **2013 Monopole** showcases the finesse and complexity. The nose opens with red berry aromas interwoven with earthy notes of forest floor, dried herbs, and subtle hints of rose petals. On the palate, the wine is vibrant and well-structured, with silky tannins and bright acidity. The palate, medium-bodied with silky tannins and bright acidity, reveals layers of red and black fruit, sweet spices, and a hint of truffle. Ready to drink now-2028.

The **2014 Monopole** delivers an unusual and delightful combination of red berry tones, together with very meaty, umami-filled notes of forest-floor, mushroom, and dried game meat. A long complex finish delivers layers of flavors from citrus peel to floral vanilla beans. Drink now-2032. **91 pts. JS**

The **2015 Monopole** is an excellent example of the vintage. The complex nose is dominated by black fruit and spice, with rich soil, oak, and vanilla. Medium to full-bodied, smooth tannins and balanced acidity lead to flavors of ripe red fruits, spice, smoke, and earth notes. Some minerality sneaks out on the long finish. Drink now-2045. **95 pts. JS, 92 pts. D**

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## LOT 16 SIP, SAVOR AND RELAX BOURBONS

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**Old Forester Birthday Bourbon, Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey**  
 (2 Bottles Total)

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The aroma is rich and complex, with notes of dark cherries, toasted oak, vanilla, and leather. The palate is full-bodied, with a mix of dried fruit, honey, caramel, and toasted nuts. The finish is long and warm.

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The **Old Forester Birthday Bourbon** is a highly sought-after annual release from Old Forester. This special release honors the birthday of George Garvin Brown, the founder of Brown-Forman and the innovator of bottled (rather than barreled) bourbon sales. The Birthday Bourbon is meant to embody the best of Old Forester, and for that reason clings to the regular mash bill of 72% corn, 18% rye, and 10% malted barley. The 103 barrels used to make this year's Birthday Bourbon are aged 12 years or more, landing at 96 proof.

The aroma is classic – caramel and toasted oak with accents of apricot, complemented by rich spice cake and vanilla with undertones of orange peel and chocolate. Sweet toffee and crème brûlée jump out on the front of the palate followed by baking spices and molasses. And the finish is a warm and long and flavorful mix of tobacco, vanilla, and spiced oak. You're going to want another sip!!

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## LOT 18 20-YEAR PONTET-CANET BORDEAUX VERTICAL

2000-2019 Château Pontet-Canet, 5th Growth, Pauillac

(20 Bottles Total)

Value \$2,700-\$4,900

Donated by Kathy & Dan Dugan

In honor of the Cellar Masters Wine Auction's 20th Anniversary, we present this 20-year vertical collection of Pontet-Canet. Alfred Tesseron, owner of Pontet-Canet, is referred to in France as "Monsieur Bonsai," the perfectionist. Biodynamically farming his hectares just south of Mouton, his wines deliver far above their 5th-growth classification! You won't find a collection like this anywhere but here tonight!

The **2000** vintage is typical of an old-school Pauillac, full bodied and powerful, yet refined. Still intense with complex classic flavors of dark fruit, game, smoke, and truffle. Drink now-2030. **95 pts. D, 94 pts. JS, 93 pts. ST, 92 pts. RP, 92 pts. WS**

You'll enjoy this **2001** Pauillac, which offers a still-juicy mix of dark fruit flavors, followed by mouth-watering notes of tobacco and iron, with hints of cedar and truffle on the finish. Drink now. **92 pts. JS, 92 pts. WS.**

The nose on the **2002** is lighter than surrounding vintages, but surprisingly still youthful with black fruit and menthol. The palate is still bold with plum, cedar, and licorice flavors. Drink now. **92 pts. WS, 91 pts. ST, 90 pts. V, 88 pts. RP.**

From a **2024** tasting by Lisa Perrotti-Brown (TWI), the 2003 "bursts with crème de cassis, blueberry compote, and licorice notes, followed by hints of graphite, lavender, cardamom, and tobacco," and has a long & fruity finish. Wine Spectator's #39 wine on the 2006 Top 100. Drink now-2029. **96 pts. TWI, 95 pts. RP, 94 pts. V, 93 pts. JS, 93 pts. WS.**

The **2004**, the first vintage using biodynamic techniques on its Merlot, has a vibrant nose, is medium-bodied, and opens with flavors of mint and dark fruit. Wine Spectator's #34 wine on the 2007 Top 100 list. Drink now-2040. **93 pts. WS, 93 pts. WE, 92 pts. RP, 92 pts. V, 91 pts. JS**

"Just about pure perfection in a glass", "still youthful" (Jeb Dunnuck, 2021), the **2005** is a full-bodied wine with classic Pauillac aromas and flavors of pure dark fruit, graphite, licorice, spice, and tobacco. Wine Spectator's #7 wine on the 2008 Top 10 list. Drink now-2050. **98 pts. JD, 97 pts. RP, 96 pts. V, 96 pts., WS, 95 pts. ST.**

Parker thinks the **2006** is a 1st growth level effort, with a full body, lightly toasted black fruit, cedar and dried orange peel. Drink now-2035. **95 pts. D, 94 pts. RP, 94 pts. V, 93 pts. JS, 93 pts. WS**

The **2007** was a tough vintage. Wine Spectator calls this a beauty, with lavish red and black fruit riding a full body to an opulent finish. Drink now-2030. **95 pts. JS, 92 pts. V, 92 pts. JD, 91 pts. RP, 90 pts. WS.**

The **2008** is a candidate for "wine of the vintage". Quite dense, full bodied, with a tremendous nose leading to fig, plum, and roasted cedar flavors that are rich and fresh. Another 1st growth effort. Drink now - 2046. **96 pts. RP, 96 pts. JD, 95 pts. D, 94 pts. JS, 94 pts. ST, 92 pts. V, 92 pts. WS.**

The **2009** is full bodied, rich, spicy and decadent in the mouth. This huge wine shows stunning espresso, fig and black forest cake in layer after layer unfolding in your mouth. The long finish has a velvety frame and freshness Drink now-2065. **100 pts. RP, 100 pts. JD, 100 pts. TWI, 100 pts. WE, 98 pts. JS, 96 pts. WS.**

The **2010** is another monster! Big, broad and powerfully rendered, the explosive nose leads to an enormous core of black fruits, licorice, espresso, exotic spices and earthy nuances. With epic length and depth. Drink now-2070. **100 pts. RP, 100 pts. JS, 98 pts. JD, 97 pts. WS. 95 pts. WS.**

The **2011** cuts a broad swath with exuberant notes of red currant, crushed plum, warm cassis, and blackberry pie. Medium to full bodied, this finishes long with a compelling lift. Drink now-2040. **96 pts. WE, 95 pts. JS, 93 pts. RP, 93 pts. D, 93 pts. TWI, 92 pts. WS.**

The **2012** has a profound nose leading to broad and fleshy fruit. Medium-bodied raspberry, dried cherries, and earthy mineral notes lead to a lingering finish. Drink now-2041. **93 pts. RP, 93 pts. JS, 93 pts. D, 92 pts. WS.**

The **2013** is medium bodied, elegantly styled and wonderfully refreshing in the mouth. A very distinctive wine with red and black fruits leading to a sneakily long finish. Drink now-2034. **93 pts. WS, 93 pts. JS, 92 pts. RP, 92 pts. D.**

The **2014** has a serious Pauillac nose leading to a mouth-filling swallow of black and blue fruits, anise and menthol riding a rock-solid frame of grainy tannins to a long, exotic spice laced finish. Drink now - 2050. **98 pts. JS, 96 pts. JD, 96 pts. TWI, 95 pts. WA, 93 pts. WS.**

The **2015** vintage of Pontet-Canet offers a harmonious blend of deep purple and black fruit, layered with hints of graphite, cedar, and velvety tannins, culminating in a long, elegant finish. Will power ahead for decades. The best vintage since 2009 & 2010. Drink now-2050. **98 pts. JS, 97 pts. V, 97 pts. WA, 97 pts. TWI, 95 pts. JD. 95 pts. D, 94 pts. WS.**

The **2016** vintage has been called a combination of the outstanding 2010 and 2015 vintages. This 100-pointer is another full-bodied beauty, rich and fruity yet properly balanced by a magnificent structure. Drink now-2060. **100 pts. WE, 99 pts., V, 99 pts. TWI, 98+ pts. WA, 98 pts. JD, 98 pts. D, 97 pts. JS.**

A gorgeous Pauillac, the **2017** has a perfume intensity of floral and red fruit top notes that is remarkable. This medium-bodied wine is firm with super silky tannins at the same time and a core of black fruit and hints of pencil shavings. Drink now-2048. **96 pts. WE, 96 pts. WA, 96 pts. JS, 95 pts. V, 94 pts. WS.**

The **2018** is a full-bodied wine with off-the-charts richness, phenomenal balance, and head-spinning intensity with loads of blue and black fruits, damp earth, tobacco, candied violets, and graphite-laced aromas and flavors. Drink now-2050. **98 pts. WA, 98 pts. V, 98 pts. WE, 98 pts. JS, 97 pts. JD, 97 pts. TWI**

The **2019** bursts out of the glass with gorgeous aromas of spices, dried flowers, and red fruits. Full-bodied and well-balanced on the palate, the flavors are complex and fruit-forward with spice and smoked earth. Drink now-2045. **100 pts. F, 99 pts. WA, 99 pts. JS, 99 pts. TWI, 98 pts. D, 98 pts. WE, 96 pts. V.**

*Cheers!*

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**LOT 19 FOUR 1<sup>ST</sup> GROWTHS IN ONE LOT**

1952 Château Latour, 1st Growth, Pauillac

1955 Château Margaux, 1st Growth, Margaux

1955 Château Haut-Brion, 1st Growth, Pessac-Léognan

1966 Château Lafite Rothschild, 1st Growth, Pauillac

(4 Bottles Total)

Value \$3,700-\$6,600

Donated by Mike & Cindy Barko

For connoisseurs of mature Bordeaux, here is the Holy Grail! The **1952 Latour**, tasted in 2009, was filled with truffles, spicy black fruit, and leather on the nose. With a big mouthfeel leading to a textured, long, syrupy, austere finish only found in mature wines, not much should have changed. **92 pts. WCI, 88 pts. WS**

Jeff Leve of Wine Cellar Insider said in 2022, "The **1955 Château Margaux** is soft, silky, and elegant." The fruit has started to fade, but it has not disappeared, so today you find more secondary notes in the nose and on the palate, which delivers its last remnants of vibrant red fruits, spice, and herbs, with tobacco leaf and cedar on the finish. **90 pts. WCI**

A quintessential example of what great aged Bordeaux is about, the **1955 Château Haut-Brion** has a complex bouquet of red berries, cedarwood, and cigar wrapper wafting in the nose. Lifted, elegant, refined, silky notes of tobacco, tar, earth and red fruits are mind-blowing in every direction. (2020 tasting) Supremely elegant and harmonious, you can drink now-2030. **98 pts. WCI, 96 pts. RP, 90 pts. WS.**

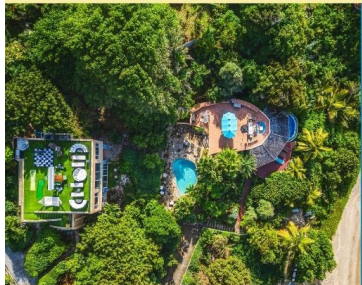
A classic-style claret, the **1966 Lafite** is charming, not weighty. It provides aromatic complexity of cedar, tobacco, and dried rose. Red berry fruit, chocolate, and dried plums ride a medium body that is refined and reserved. (2024 tasting, WCI) Decant. Drink now-2030. **92 pts. Falstaff, 90 pts. WCI**

**The perfect lot to learn about mature Bordeaux. Or get a birthday bottle!**



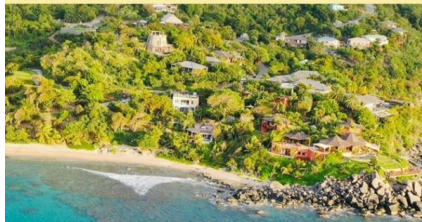


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## LOT 20 HEAVEN ON EARTH - BVI VIRGIN GORDA PARADISE

7 nights at Heaven on Earth luxury beachfront villa at Nail Bay Estates, Virgin Gorda, BVI for 6-8 people

Value \$5,500

Donated by Ajit Mathew George

With the street address of 1 Paradise Lane, the villas truly live up to their name. Located within Nail Bay Estates, a luxurious 148-acre former sugar plantation, nestled below Gorda Peak National Park.

Heaven on Earth is comprised of 2 villas – **1 Paradise Lane** (sleeps 4-6) on the upper floor of the main building and is best known for the spectacular views it commands from its massive bay windows and rooftop deck. **Sunset Watch Poolside Villa** (sleeps 2) is the lower floor below 1 Paradise Lane and offers a romantic setting and a large sundeck within a lush tropical garden near a private, sparkling, turquoise pool. You can even provision your gourmet kitchen on each floor ahead of time with food, beer, and wine.

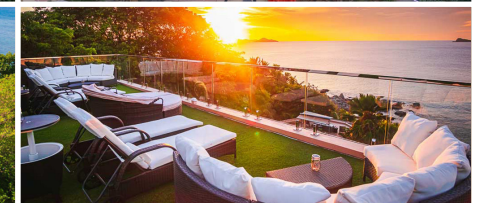
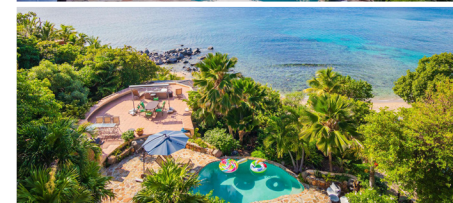
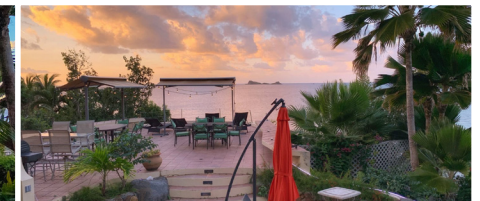
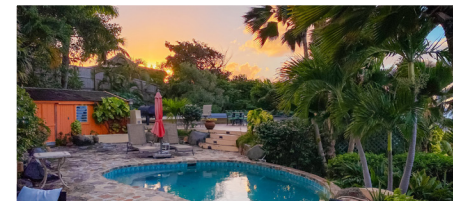
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## LOT 21 PREMIER 2015 BURGUNDY: A COLLECTOR'S DREAM

2015 Domaine Henri Gouges, Clos des Porrets, 1er Cru Monopole, Nuit St. Georges (2 Bottles)

2015 D. Michel Magnien, Les Chaffots, 1er Cru, Morey-Saint-Denis (2 Bottles)

2015 D. Joseph Voillot, Les Fremiets, 1er Cru, Volnay, Burgundy (2 Bottles)

2015 D. Mongeard-Mugneret, Vosnee Romanee, Burgundy

2015 D. Mongeard-Mugneret, Echezeaux Grand Cru, Burgundy

(8 Bottles Total)

Value \$900-\$1,500

Donated by Harry's Savoy Grill

Featuring top vineyards from Burgundy's outstanding 2015 vintage, this auction presents a stellar lineup of critically acclaimed Pinot Noirs. From the legendary Clos des Porrets Saint Georges to the prestigious Echezeaux Grand Cru, these wines offer elegance, depth, and remarkable aging potential.

The **2015 Clos des Porrets Saint Georges**, listed in Wine Spectator's top 100 wines in 2018, has a superb bouquet, combining red and black fruit, and bitter chocolate, underpinned by complex soil. On the palate, the wine is full-bodied with silky tannins and balanced acidity, melding with a core of red and black fruit, bitter chocolate, spice, and a complex base of earth. The finish lasts and lasts. Drink now-2050. **95 pts. WS, 93 pts. RP, 92 pts. JD**

The warm and dry 2015 was a very good vintage for Burgundy, as shown by the **Les Chaffots** premier cru. The nose opens with an intense bouquet of red and black fruit interwoven with floral notes and subtle hints of forest floor. The palate shows a medium-bodied wine with silky tannins and fresh acidity, and good depth of red and dark fruit with earthy undertones of truffle, spice, and crushed stone. Drink now-2035. **93 pts. V, 91 pts. D**

Another perfect example of the elegant and expressive **2015** vintage, the **Les Fremiets** opens with aromas of ripe red fruit, dried flowers, accented by subtle spice and earth. The palate is silky with vibrant acidity, fine tannins, and a mineral-driven finish. It's drinking beautifully now (with decanting) but will evolve gracefully over the next decade. Drink now-2038. **93 pts. WS, 93 pts., RP, 93 pts. D**

The **Vosne-Romanée** showcases classic Vosne spice and finesse. The nose bursts with wonderful ripe red berry aromatic complexity mixed with sweet spicy notes. On the palate, it is medium-bodied with silky tannins and a vibrant acidity that carries flavors of dark berries, spice, and earthy undertones. The finish is long with lingering notes of spice and minerality. Drink now-2034. **91 pts. BH**

From the world-famous Burgundy vineyard, the **Echezeaux Grand Cru** is a rich and seductive Pinot Noir, bursting with big-bodied aromas and flavors of ripe black cherries and a wide range of spice elements, layered with earthy truffle undertones. The palate is nicely balanced with refined tannins and vibrant acidity, and a long finish of tangy fruit and mineral elements. Drink now-2040. **93 pts. ST, 93 pts. BH**





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## LOT 22 FIVE MUST HAVE ITALIANS FOR YOUR CELLAR

2003 Emidio Pepe, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo  
2006 Stella di Campalto, San Guiseppe, BDM Riserva  
2009 Poderi Aldo Conterno, Bussia, Barolo, DOCG  
2011 Il Marroneto, Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG  
2020 Marchese Antinori, Tignanello, Toscana IGT, Tuscany (3L Bottle)  
(5 Bottles Total)

Value \$1,780-\$2,320

Donated by Ed & Elyse Reznick,  
Susan Teiser & Patrick Giacomini

You can impress any of your wine buddies with this lot! Start with a bomb, the **2003 Pepe**, one of Abruzzo’s reference point producers. Ripe and aromatic, with black fruit, tar, leather, and roasted espresso notes riding a concentrated frame. Exceptionally balanced, with a long finish, this will drink well to 2028. **94 pts. RP, 93 pts. WS.**

After reviving the San Giuseppe Winery after 50 years of sleep, **2006 Stella di Campalto** vinifies all 6 vineyards separately, making lovely Sangiovese! Tobacco, plums and dark cherry notes grow in the glass, balanced and weighty. The compelling finish is energetic with a closing blast of fruit. Drink now - 2026. **96 pts. RP, 92 pts. Falstaff, 17.5 pts. JR.**

Considered the best Barolo producer, **Aldo Conterno’s 2009** is magnificent. The bold bouquet leads to powerful notes of dried cherry, Indian spice, licorice and tobacco. Drink now. **93 pts. RP, 92 pts. WS, 17 pts. JR.**

Beautifully polished and pure, **Il Marroneto 2011** is traditionally styled with ripe wild cherry, cinnamon, tobacco flavors. Elegant, with a firm finish, this will drink well to 2030. **93 pts. RP, 94 pts. WE, 90 pts. WS, 17 pts. JR.**

The original Super Tuscan, **Tignanello 2020** is a stunning, rich and elegant example. Offering layers of ripe red and black fruits, with violet, tobacco and sweet spice. Medium to full-bodied, with silky tannins, structure and balance. Out of 3L Double Magnum, this will drink well past 2045! **97 pts. JS, 96 pts. V, 96 pts. WE, 95 pts. WA.**

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## LOT 23 A TASTE OF NAPA'S LEGACY

2009 Larkmead, Estate, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (6 Bottles)  
2012 Larkmead, Solari, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (2 Bottles)  
2017 Larkmead, LMV Salon, Bordeaux Blend, Napa Valley (4 Bottles)  
(12 Bottles Total)

Value \$1,500-\$2,200

Donated by Dr. Jonathan & Cara Burke

What does Larkmead have in common with Inglenook, Beringer, and Beaulieu? They are considered Napa Valley's four original wineries. The historic Larkmead Estate is one of the oldest family-owned establishments in Napa Valley, originally founded in 1895. These 3 wine offerings show off the variety of Larkmead, all high quality.

The **2009 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon** opens with an enticing bouquet of ripe dark fruit, layered with hints of graphite, cedar, and baking spice. On the palate, it is full-bodied and richly textured, with balanced velvety tannins and acidity supporting the complex flavors of dark chocolate, espresso, and a touch of dried herbs. Drink now-2035. **95 pts. WA, 93 pts. IWC, 90 pts. V.**

From a nearly perfect growing season, the bold and balanced **2012 Solari Cabernet Sauvignon** shows off complex aromas of crème de cassis, licorice, and dark chocolate, with subtle layers of spice, earth, and smoky oak. The palate is full-bodied, with velvety tannins, vibrant acidity, and layers of dark fruit and savory earthiness leading to a long finish. Drink now-2044. **99 pts. JD, 99 pts. RP, 95 pts. JS, 95 pts. WS, 94 pts. V**

The **2017 Larkmead LMV Salon** is an expressive blend of 52% Cabernet Franc and 48% Cabernet Sauvignon, showcasing aromatic layers of red and black fruit alongside floral, herbal, and tobacco notes. On the palate, it is full-bodied and balanced, with refined tannins and vibrant acidity supporting layers of dark fruit, spice, and savory earth. Drink now-2033. **96 pts. JS, 95 pts. WE, 94 pts. IWR, 92 pts. RP, 92 pts. V, 92 pts. WS**





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## LOT 24 DESSERT AND AFTER DINNER RARITIES

2009 Royal Tokaji, Essencia, Tokaji Blend, Tokaji, Hungary (375ml Bottle)

NV Courvoisie, Grande Fine Champagne Cognac

NV Remy Martin, V.S.O.P., Cognac

Hill Thomas & Co., Something Special, Blended Scotch Whisky

(4 Bottles Total)

Value \$2,300-\$3,650

Donated by Kathy & Dan Dugan,  
Heather & Vaughn Hardin

Minute quantities of the luscious – and rare – **Essencia** are produced from the most concentrated, botrytis-affected berries. The 2009 was fermented for eight years, resulting in a wine with two percent alcohol and sugar levels reaching 85 percent upon bottling in 2017. With a deep gold color, complex fruitiness on the nose, the very rich and complex palate shows lots of figs and dates. A creamy texture leads to a long, fresh finish. **Royal Tokaji suggests serving in a crystal spoon! 100 pts. V, 99 pts. JS, 99 pts. WE.**

It is difficult to put a price on this **Courvoisier** from the WWII era. Something so special and so rare shows concentrated flavors of smoky tree nuts, dark fruits and mellow alcohol. It's incredibly smooth on both the nose and the palate. Plan to decant this beauty into a decanter with a top... keep the bottle for show and only bring it out for very good friends!

**Remy Martin** began selling Cognac under his name in 1724. In 1830, the first production of Grande Champagne Cognac was released, and they have been going strong ever since. This bottle has been determined to be from the late 1930's or early 1940's.

**Something Special** is a truly distinctive blend. **Hill Thompson & Co.** started distilling the special bottling in 1912 using the finest grain and malt whiskies, primarily from Speyside. The smoky notes are concentrated yet mellow and incredibly smooth. This bottle is estimated to be around 85 years old.

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## LOT 25 MARGAUX MAGIC: 1988 & 1989 BORDEAUX ROYALTY

1988 Château Margaux, 1<sup>st</sup> Growth, Margaux

(3 Bottles)

1989 Château Margaux, 1<sup>st</sup> Growth, Margaux

(5 Bottles, with 1 stained label)

(8 Bottles Total)

Value \$5,000-\$7,175

Donated by A Friend of Meals on Wheels Delaware

Indulge in the elegance and complexity of two remarkable vintages from Château Margaux, one of Bordeaux's most prestigious First Growth estates. This extraordinary lot features eight bottles from the celebrated 1988 and 1989 vintages—an exceptional opportunity for collectors and connoisseurs alike. Carefully cellared, this is Margaux magic at its finest.


The **1988 Margaux** is a late bloomer! Potpourri, cedar, blackberry and violets abound in a quintessential Margaux bouquet. Medium bodied and fresh black and red fruits dance on the palate with energy in a 2016 tasting. Drink now-2035.

**95 pts. WS, 94 pts. V, 93 pts. RP, 93 pts. JS.**

You will want to dive into the deep, expansive nose of the **1989**, with its leather, tobacco, and dried herb notes. The fruit is polished, silky and structured with outstanding concentration and old school character. Drink now-2030. **97 pts. WS, 97 pts. D, 92 pts. RP.**







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## LOT 26 KISTLER CHARDONNAY UNCORKED

2006, 2010 Kistler, Dutton Ranch, Chardonnay, RRV (2 bottles 2006, 1 bottle 2010)  
 2007, 2010 Kistler, Hudson Vineyard, Chardonnay, Carneros (2 bottles)  
 2007, 2010 Kistler, Vine Hill Vineyard, Chardonnay, RRV (2 bottles)  
 2008, 2011 Kistler, McCreary Vineyard, Chardonnay, Sonoma (2 bottles)  
 2010 Kistler, Hyde Vineyard, Chardonnay, Carneros  
 2010 Kistler, Stone Flat Vineyard, Parmelee Hill, Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast (2 bottles)  
**(12 Bottles Total)**

Value \$1,300-\$1,400

Donated by Dr. Jonathan & Cara Burke

**Kistler Vineyards**, founded in 1978, is a small family-established and privately owned and operated winery dedicated to the vinification of world-class Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. This is achieved using Old World Burgundian techniques applied to their new world vineyard. Steve and John Kistler make Chardonnays that are sought after, highly regarded, often expensive but worth it.

The **2006 Dutton Ranch** is a structured and vibrant wine, offering a balance of zesty citrus, crisp pear, complemented by toasty hazelnut and floral honey nuances. Its energetic acidity and chalky minerality lend tension and depth. **93 pts. RP.**

The **2010 Dutton Ranch**, more elegant and refined than the 2006, showcases poached pear, floral honey, and bright citrus layered with a distinct saline minerality, with a long, focused finish marked by candied lemon and dusty minerals. **94 pts. RP, 93 pts. ST.**

The lush fruit-driven **2007 Hudson Vineyard** is bursting with layers of soft orchard and tropical fruits, balanced by smoky minerals and citrus zest. Its full-bodied richness leads to a long, spicy, and persistently mineral-driven finish. **96 pts. RP, 94 pts. ST.** The crisper, mineral-driven **2010 Hudson Vineyard** has a sleek yet intense palate that delivers rich notes of apricot, honeydew, and hazelnut, leading to a finish with floral and spice accents. **95 pts. RP, 95 pts. ST, 91 pts. WS.**

The **2007 Vine Hill Vineyard** is a bold and muscular wine. Its dense, fleshy texture is complemented by a silky mouthfeel, with an intriguing interplay of ripe peach, spice, and smoky complexity. **94 pts. RP, 92 pts. ST.** The beautifully balanced and refined **2010 Vine Hill Vineyard** shows vibrant aromas of lemon curd, orange zest, and toasty lees complemented by a deep mineral core. Its silky, precise palate showcases citrus and pear flavors, with hints of spice notes, leading to a long finish. **95 pts. RP, 94 pts. ST.**

The **2008 McCreary Vineyard** is rich, with fresh aromas of stone fruit and crushed rocks reminiscent of grand cru Chablis. Its medium-to-full-bodied palate balances juicy melon and stone fruit flavors with a snappy acidity. **94 pts. RP, 92 pts. WS, 91 pts. ST.** The leaner, more mineral-driven **2011 McCreary Vineyard** is beautifully balanced, showcasing bright citrus, green apple, and wet stone minerality, with hints of hazelnut and almond. Its medium-bodied palate is layered with a long finish marked by floral and spice nuances. **93 pts. RP, 92 pts. ST, 92 pts. V, 91 pts. WS.**

The **2010 Hyde Vineyard** is an energetic wine, featuring vibrant aromas of apricot, orange blossom, and jasmine with a distinct mineral edge. Its palate balances citrus, orchard fruit, and honeysuckle notes with racy acidity, leading to a long, pure finish marked by floral and gingery spice nuances. **95 pts. RP, 95 pts. ST, 93 pts. WS**

The **2010 Stone Flat Vineyard** shows bright citrus aromas layered with hints of graphite and crushed rocks. Its rich yet weightless palate delivers pure orchard fruit and spice, leading to an energetic finish with lingering floral notes. **94 pts. RP, 94 pts. ST, 92 pts. WS**

**All of these delicious Chardonnays are ready to drink now.**



## LOT 27 "JUSTIN" CASE YOU LIKE MORE BIG WINES

2011-2021 Justin, Isosceles Reserve, Bordeaux Red Blend, Paso Robles (11 Bottles)  
 2021 Justin, Isosceles Reserve, Bordeaux Red Blend, Paso Robles (6 Bottles)  
 (17 Bottles Total)

Value \$2,100-\$2,800

Donated by Steve & Jane Goldberg

Justin's flagship wine, the **Isosceles Reserve** is built upon each year's most distinctive barrels from the top lots of each varietal to decide the final blend for this wine. It is predominantly Cabernet blended with Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot aged in 100% French oak.

Coming from a cool vintage, the **2011** vintage is big and rich with ample black currant and berries, leather and spice greet you on the nose, the concentrated palate is focused and straight, should be smooth now. Drink now **90+ pts. RP.**

With the typical ripe fruit, tobacco, and cassis on the nose, the **2012** needs an hour of decanting. Full and dense with 16% ABV leading to a long finish, you can drink now. **91 pts. RP**

No Petit Verdot or Malbec in the **2013**, whose garnet black color and engaging nose of dusty herbs, cedar and loamy earth draw you in. Smooth and silky notes of mulberry and juicy blackberry ride on a full-bodied effort with chewy tannins. Drink now-2030. **91 pts. RP, 90 pts. WS.**

Decant the **2014** to reveal the focused, intense black fruit, licorice, and vanilla notes riding on a delicious, structured frame. Drink now **94 pts. WE.** Up for a big ride??

Decant the **2015** to enjoy the huge body and flavors of black currant, mocha, and licorice riding to a nice long finish. Drink now. **94 pts. WE.**

Blackberry jam and charred toast greet your nose before you savor your first sip in the **2016**. Dark berry, mocha, and loamy earth flavors ride on a dense body with a full finish. Two to three hours in a decanter before dinner are a must. Drink now – 2032. **94 pts. WE.**

Showing a rare mix of intensity, complexity, and balance, the **2017** shows rich, ripe black fruits, cedar, licorice, leather, and mint. Another big boy with alluring aromas, flavors, and textures, this saw 100% French oak for 24 months. Drink now-2035. **93 pts. JS, 93 pts. WE.**

The **2018** vintage brought another big wine, with 15.5% ABV. The typical black fruits follow the thick tears on your glass to a robust structure. Drink now-2035. **93 pts. JS.**

Full-bodied and alcoholic at 16.1%, the **2019** is rich and powerful without losing its grace and elegance. Inviting aromas of ripe dark berries, cassis, chocolate, and walnuts. Full-bodied, succulent and mouth-filling with very fine tannins. Creamy and velvety with a lingering finish. Drink now-2037. **94 pts. JS.**

The **2020** starts with aromas of black fruit, with hints of toasted oak and vanilla followed by dried violet and subtle mint notes after a few swirls. Full-bodied with balanced velvety tannins and acidity. Flavors add herbs, wet earth, and spices, leading to a long finish. Drink 2026-2034. **95 pts. WE, 93 pts. V.**

If you let the **2021** breathe for 1-2 hours, it will knock your socks off, showcasing deep blackcurrant, ripe plum, and dark chocolate, with refined tannins, well-integrated oak, and a long, velvety finish. Drink now with decanting, then cellar the rest for a couple more years. Not yet rated.

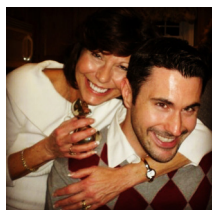
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## LOT 28 ICONIC BORDEAUX FROM BOTH BANKS

1982 Château Gruard-Larose, 2nd Growth, St. Julien

2002 Château Pavie, Premier Grand Cru Classe A, St. Emilion

(4 Bottles)

(5 Bottles Total)

Value \$1,700-\$2,100

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

1982 is considered one of the greatest Bordeaux vintages of all time, and the **1982 Château Gruaud-Larose** shows you why, still garnering 96 points as recently as 2023! This is a powerhouse of wine, exuding first-growth quality with its immense concentration, structure, and complexity. Deeply layered and still remarkably youthful, it offers a brooding mix of blackcurrant, plum, and dark soil tones, intertwined with notes of tobacco, leather, smoked meat, graphite, and wild herbs. The palate is full-bodied and richly textured, with velvety yet firm tannins with a rock-solid core of fruit and a persistent, mineral-laced finish. And this wine is still evolving. Drink now-2045. **96 pts. WA, 96 pts. V, 94 pts. ST, 94 pts. WS**

Château Pavie, elevated to the prestigious Premier Grand Cru Classé "A" status in the 2003 St-Emilion classification, is considered one of Bordeaux's superstars. This recognition cemented its place among Bordeaux's elite, standing alongside legends like Château Ausone and Château Cheval Blanc. One of the standout successes of the vintage, the **2002 Château Pavie** is an impressively structured wine, showcasing a complex bouquet of dark fruits intertwined with notes of cedar, mahogany, mocha, and tobacco. The palate is silky and lush, offering deep flavors of red and black fruits, spice, and minerals, complemented by hints of savory and spice. Well-integrated tannins provide a seamless texture, leading to a persistent, smooth finish. Drink now. **95 pts. JS, 93 pts. RP, 92 pts. V, 91 pts. WS**



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