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ABOUT MEALS ON WHEELS DELAWARE



Pictured from left to right

Back Row: Lanette Taylor-Sherman, Mike Clement, Elizabeth Kipp-Stonebraker, Dale Cochran, Lyndon Yearick, Dan Dugan

Front Row: Scott Baylis, Mary Ellen Hassett, Carol Hunter, Caitlin Custer-Hufe, Debbie Smith

Not Pictured: Kimberly Fonda, Devashish Guha, Tom Hannum, Vaughn Hardin, Ben Muse, Patricia Schulze, Pete Schwartzkopf, Pamela Scott

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.

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

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A WELCOME FROM OUR
2026 BOARD CHAIR

GOOD EVENING, AND WELCOME TO MEALS ON WHEELS DELAWARE'S 21ST ANNUAL 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 2025, more than 900,000 meals on wheels 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

2026 Board Chair / Meals on Wheels Delaware

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A LETTER FROM OUR 2026 WINE AUCTION & DINNER COMMITTEE CHAIRS

GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME TO THE 21ST ANNUAL CELLAR MASTERS' WINE AUCTION & DINNER!

Meals On Wheels Delaware is incredibly thankful for your participation in this special event, especially since many of you support it every year. Because of the overwhelming generosity of all those who make this event happen, last year's event was a resounding success, raising nearly \$360,000! 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. As you flip through this booklet, please take special note of all our Chefs and our auctioneer, Malcolm Barber, who will facilitate our live auction. And, of course, we extend a special thank you to our auction 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 2025, 900,000 meals were delivered to 6,000 seniors statewide who are doing everything they can to maintain their independence. Importantly, 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 and hot, nutritious meals, 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

2026 Co-Chairs, Cellar Masters' Wine Auction & Dinner Committee

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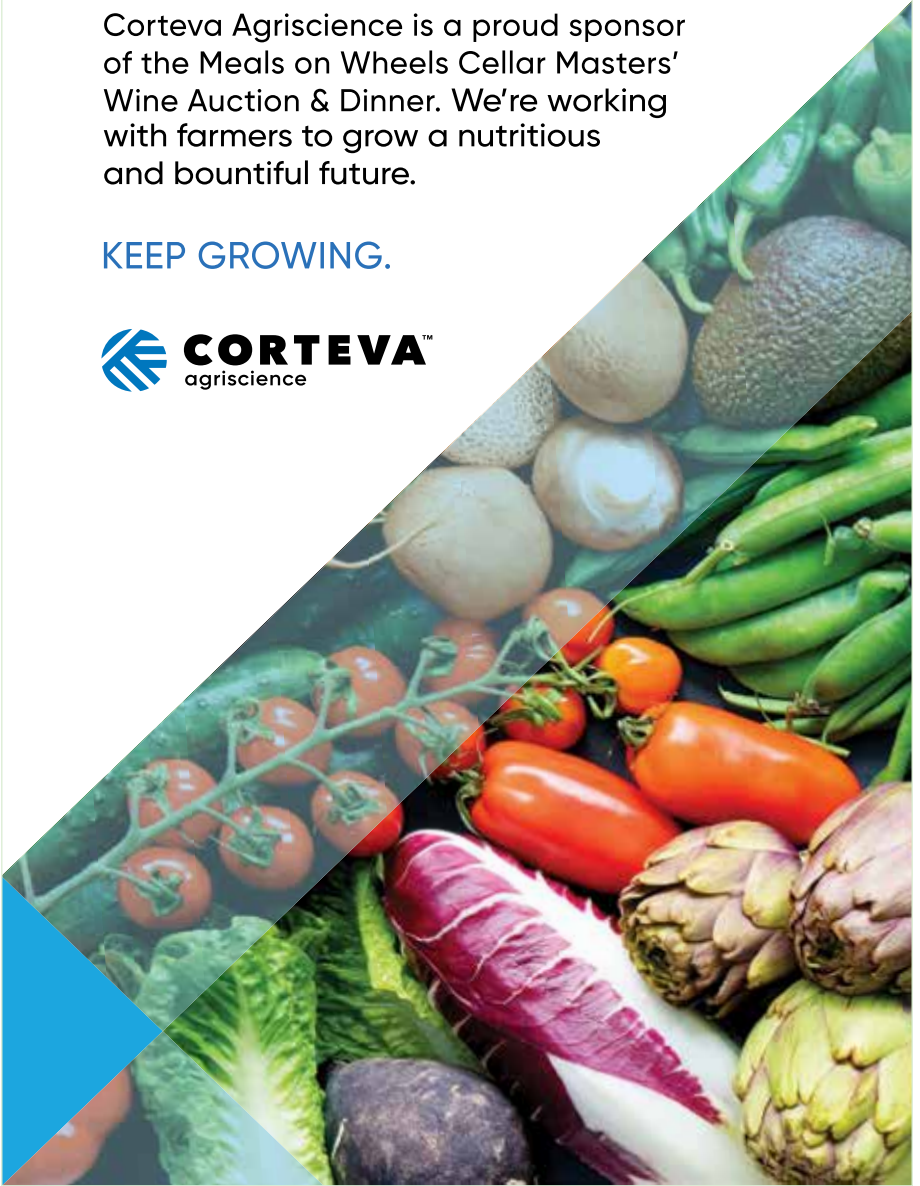
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Thank you all for your incredible dedication and hard work organizing this year's Cellar Masters' Wine Auction & Dinner. Your enthusiasm, creativity, and commitment helped make the evening a truly memorable and successful fundraiser. Because of your efforts, we are able to continue making a meaningful difference in the lives of homebound seniors throughout our community.

A special thank you to our event chairs, Rob Poppiti, Bill Stimson, and Vaughn Hardin. Your leadership, guidance, and unwavering support for Meals on Wheels Delaware have been truly remarkable. The time, energy, and expertise you each brought to this event played an essential role in its success, and we are deeply grateful for all that you do.

We would also like to extend our sincere appreciation to TJ Delle Donne for once again leading the culinary experience for the evening. TJ generously recruits our talented guest chefs each year to prepare the evening's four-course dinner and brings a dedicated team from Johnson & Wales University to support the kitchen. We are grateful to the outstanding JWU team who shared their time and talent: Jeff Alexander, Artie Barrette, Kelly Fernandes, Stacy Mirabello, and Jonathan Poyourow. Their creativity and generosity helped make the dining experience truly exceptional.

To our incredible volunteers who assisted with setup, registration, and cleanup—thank you for stepping in wherever help was needed. Your time and dedication ensure that every detail runs smoothly, and this event simply would not be possible without you.

On behalf of the Meals on Wheels Delaware staff and Board of Directors, thank you for your generosity, dedication, and continued support. We are so fortunate to have such a passionate and hardworking team standing behind this important mission.

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

2026 HONOREE: BILL STIMSON



Meals on Wheels Delaware is proud to recognize **Bill Stimson** as this year's Honoree. Since joining the Cellar Masters' Wine Auction Committee in 2022, Bill has been an integral part of the event's success. His dedication, generosity, and willingness to go above and beyond exemplify the spirit of volunteerism that makes this event so special.

Alongside his wife, Helen, Bill has been a generous supporter of the Cellar Masters' Wine Auction, sponsoring the event for the past eleven years. In addition to his financial support, Bill has taken on one of the most significant behind-the-scenes responsibilities: writing the official program book. This year's fundraiser features 28 live auction packages and more than 30 silent auction packages, all lots were meticulously researched, written, and compiled under Bill's leadership with the support of the committee.

His work did not stop there. Bill, along with his wine mentor Mike Barko, personally reviewed more than 500 donated bottles of wine, thoughtfully curating them into valuable auction lots designed to maximize fundraising for Meals on Wheels Delaware. Their careful research and detailed descriptions ensured each package was presented with accuracy and enthusiasm.

Bill has devoted countless hours to this effort—from generating auction lots and writing package descriptions to soliciting donations and helping organize the wine collection. He approaches every task with a smile, a positive attitude, and an energy that inspires everyone around him.

Beyond attending monthly committee meetings, Bill is deeply hands-on. He actively leverages his relationships and resources to bring in wine donations and support the overall success of the event. His genuine commitment to the financial success of the auction, combined with his organizational skills, enthusiasm, and generosity, has been invaluable.

Most importantly, Bill has a true passion for the mission of Meals on Wheels Delaware. He works tirelessly to help ensure the event raises the maximum funds possible to support the five meal delivery programs that provide meals to more than 4,500 seniors each weekday.

Bill's contributions over the years are nothing short of extraordinary. We are deeply grateful for his leadership, generosity, and dedication.

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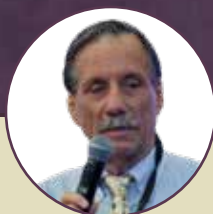
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Thank you to Mike Barko for sharing his enthusiasm for vintage wines with all of us here tonight. Mike's expertise, together with a considerable number of volunteer hours, made it possible for us to bring you a selection of remarkable wines from the Kaufman Family Collection here tonight.



WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE VINTAGE WINES FEATURED TONIGHT

There is no such thing as “objective” wine tasting, only “subjective”, what each person thinks of a wine is important. In practice, the taste, or one’s perception of a wine, can differ depending on the context: the temperature of the wine, the conditions in which the wine has been stored, the cork, the ullage, the food, the ambiance and the company. It is no secret that older wines taste different from newer vintages. That is why we have wine cellars (or should).

Whether or not you have begun expanding your understanding of vintage wines, or an accomplished fan of great winemaking in the traditional style, tonight you have a unique opportunity thanks to Larry and Lynda Kaufman. His relationships with California winemakers in the 1970’s, as well as membership in the Philadelphia Chaine wine group, inspired him to acquire an 1100 bottle collection, the finest which are offered here tonight.

Most of these wines you will never see offered again unless you go to New York. Unlike the adulterated wines released today, these wines were meant for cellaring, and the drinking window is now. They should be opened with a Durand or cork pop, aerated to allow them to come back to life, and savored for the lessons you can learn. Do not expect the deep colored reds, full of fruit and flesh, sweet and easy to taste. Where it is possible we have included recent tasting notes.

Above all, remember this—you are not buying a bottle to resell, you are acquiring a bottle that deserves to be shared with your family and close friends. And most of all, you help support Meals On Wheels Delaware!



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KAUFMAN DEDICATION

With deepest gratitude, we recognize
Larry & Lynn Kaufman for their extraordinary
generosity and enduring support of Meals on Wheels
Delaware. Their gift of fine wine has created a legacy
of compassion, celebration, and community.
In loving memory of Larry.



2025 PROGRAM SUPPORT

In 2025, the number of meals delivered continued to rise. Seniors are living longer and aging in place. Food and medical costs are a challenge for those on a fixed income.

Thanks to your contributions we are proud to be able to provide essentials to keep the nutritious, freshly prepared meals arriving at our neighbor's doors. Eligible seniors who ask for help receive it within a few days.

Over 4,500 home-delivered senior meals are prepared, packaged, and delivered in Delaware each weekday. Last year over 900,000 meals kept seniors healthy at home, where they want to be.

After all meals were covered, other infrastructure needs were met, to keep pace with the increased demand for meals.

A major kitchen improvement at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover was recently completed to serve Kent County. In total, equipment for meal preparation and packaging was provided in seven kitchens with local services.

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

Volunteers bring a smile, personal connection, and a wellness check along with the meal. 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: Susan Dubb, Regina Dodds, Gen Drake, Evena Adams, Anne Love

— MENU —

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DINNER WINES

FIRST COURSE

LA MOTTE VIN DE JOIE ROSE (2024)

Provided by **LabWare**

The wine is a delicate shade of pink. The nose is slightly restrained, but with well-defined melon, grapefruit and nectarine as well as a charming hint of sweet candy floss. The palate has an exceptional velvety feel for a dry wine and offers a pleasing elegance with mineral complexity and a fresh aftertaste of ripe nectarine.

A blend of 64% Grenache (Stellenbosch), 29% Mourvèdre (Franschhoek), 6% Shiraz (Elim) and 1% Cinsault (Franschhoek), the ultimate complexity of the wine can be contributed to the variety of terroir with all three of their main mother rock formations present in the soil types of the different vineyards – decomposed variations of shale, granite and Table Mountain sandstone, all contributing to the ultimate complexity of the wine.

SECOND COURSE

DRY RIESLING (2024)

Provided by **Chateau Ste. Michelle**

A crisp, refreshing Washington wine with 12.5% alcohol and a dry profile. It features aromas of sweet citrus and white peach, offering a balanced, elegant finish. Crafted from 100% Riesling.

THIRD COURSE

GRAND RESERVE CABERNET (2022)

Provided by **Jackson Family Fine Wines**

This Cabernet features flavors of blackberry, blueberry, red and black currants, with fragrances of mocha and nutmeg. Notes of chocolate and toasty vanilla add richness and length, supported by fine-grained tannins and a lengthy finish.

DESSERT COURSE

BOUCHE D'OR (2023)

Provided by **Bouchaine**

Bouche d'Or, literally “mouth of gold”, is an intriguing dessert wine produced from Chardonnay. The Bouche d'Or displays a lush nose of apricots, honeycomb and marzipan that greets the senses and opens to succulent stone fruit and white flower aromatics. While Bouche d'Or may be sweet, it is balanced with bright acidity and crispness.

— MENU —
DINNER

BREAD SERVICE

CHEF JEFF ALEXANDER — JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY

Serving

Herb Focaccia

Focaccia with fresh herbs, sea salt, olive oil, and mozzarella cheese.

FIRST COURSE

CHEF SCOTT LEIBFRIED — FONTANA DI VINO

Serving

Artichoke Soup

Finished with artichoke chips, chives, and Parmesan crema

Paired with

2024 La Motte Vin de Joie Rosé

SECOND COURSE

CHEF ANTONIO WORMLEY — LITTLE CLAM AT WAYFINDER NEWPORT

Serving

Smoked Mussel Escabeche

Shaved vegetables, baby greens, charred pepper aioli

Paired with

2024 Chateau Ste. Michelle Dry Riesling

THIRD COURSE

CHEF DEREK WAGNER — NICKS ON BROADWAY

Serving

Herb-Grilled Beef

Sweet potato purée, kale, mushrooms

Rosemary-anise peppercorn jus

Paired with

2022 Kendall-Jackson Grand Reserve Cabernet

DESSERT COURSE

CHEF STACY MIRABELLO — JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY

Serving

Miele d'Oro

Mascarpone cheesecake with bright orange citrus, golden honey, and crisp honey clusters.

Paired with

Bouchaine Bouche d'Or (2023 Late Harvest Chardonnay)



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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.

CHASE CENTER EXECUTIVE CHEF



MICHAEL DOYLE

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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.

JEFFERY ALEXANDER

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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.

SCOTT LEIBFRIED

Fontana Di Vino
Charlotte, NC



Chef Scott Leibfried is a distinguished culinary professional with over two decades of experience in fine dining, foodservice innovation, television production, and restaurant entrepreneurship. He has held prominent leadership positions at Compass Group North America and Santa Monica Seafood, co-developed a hospitality venue with Mick Fleetwood in Maui, Hawaii, gained

recognition through his appearances on Gordon Ramsay's television programs and recently inaugurated Fontana Di Vino, a contemporary Italian restaurant concept in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Chef Leibfried continues to drive innovation and excellence in the American dining landscape through his vision for culinary experience.

STACY MIRABELLO M.A., CEPC

Associate Professor | College of Food
Innovation and Technology
JWU Providence Campus



My journey with food began at a young age, cooking alongside my grandmother, and has since evolved into a lifelong commitment. Over the years, I've refined my skills in fine dining kitchens across the U.S. and Europe, specializing as a pastry chef. A pivotal moment in my career came during my time at The Waterside Inn in England, a three-Michelin-star restaurant, where I expanded my expertise beyond pastry to include fish fabrication,

whole animal butchery, and, most significantly, a profound understanding of the true value of food—the artistry, the respect for its origins, and the power it has to bring people together.

This deepened respect for food led me to shift my focus toward cooking as a means of fostering health, wellness, and environmental stewardship. In 2017, I furthered my knowledge by enrolling in the Gastronomy program at Boston University, concentrating on food policy and nutrition.

After earning my master's degree, I transitioned into an Associate Professor at the College of Food Innovation and Technology at Johnson & Wales University in Rhode Island. Here, I have the privilege of mentoring future nutritionists and dietitians, sharing my expertise in culinary nutrition and the importance of sustainability.

Degrees and Certifications:

MLA, Gastronomy, Boston University, MA, 2019

BS Food Service Entrepreneurship, Johnson & Wales University, Providence, RI, 2005

AS Baking & Pastry Arts, Johnson & Wales University, Providence, RI, 2003

Certified World's Chefs Culinary Educator, World's Association of Chef Societies

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DEREK WAGNER

**Nick's on Broadway
Providence, RI**



Derek Wagner opened Nick's on Broadway in Providence, Rhode Island in 2002, when he was just 24 years old. With a focus on seasonally inspired, locally supported, soulfully driven food and sincere service, Nick's quickly grew from a modest 18-seat space to it's current 55-seat acclaimed restaurant.

Wagner has developed and fostered relationships with local growers, producers, farmers, fishermen and artisans. Whatever can't be produced or grown in the on-site gardens at

Nick's, they source carefully, thoughtfully, and locally, whenever possible.

Wagner's passion for food, community, collaboration and a strong desire for his work to have a meaningful impact lead him to join Chefs Collaborative, where he serves on the national board. He has been nominated for The James Beard Rising Star Award twice, been featured on the Food Network and BBC America, and been written about in *Food & Wine*, *Esquire Magazine*, *GQ Magazine*, *Playboy*, *Travel & Leisure*, *Clean Eating Magazine*, *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe*, and *The London Independent*, to name a few. He has also contributed to several books including *Harvest to Heat*, *The Chefs Collaborative Cookbook*, *Eat Shop* and several local Rhode Island cooking and restaurant books. Nick's has been named "One of the World's Best Restaurants" by Fodor's *International Travel Guide*.

ANTONIO WORMLEY

**Wayfinder
Newport, RI**



With over 14 years of culinary experience, a Johnson & Wales University graduate, Antonio has built a career rooted in thoughtful sourcing, technique-driven cooking, and a deep respect for ingredients. After graduating, Antonio assisted in the opening of several restaurants throughout the New England area, gaining hands-on experience in diverse kitchens. In 2018, Antonio stepped

away from the traditional restaurant path to travel across the country with his wife, exploring regional cuisines, local ingredients, and the stories behind the food. Returning to New England in 2023, Antonio worked in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. He is currently the Executive Chef at Little Clam in Newport, Rhode Island, where his cooking pays homage to New England's coastal cuisine reimaged through a global lens. Most recently, Antonio competed on Season 24 of *Hell's Kitchen*, showcasing his skills on a national stage.

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LOT 1 BRAND'S PRITCHARD HILL SHOWCASE

2014 Brand Napa Valley, Cabernet Sauvignon Proprietary Blend, Napa Valley (3 bottles)
2019 Brand Napa Valley, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (1 magnum)
(4 Bottles total)

Value \$1,300 – \$2,450

Donated by Tony and Cheri Sciscione

Brand Napa Valley is a boutique, family-owned winery that sits on a remarkable 110 acre estate on Pritchard Hill, one of Napa's most coveted hillside terroirs known for producing deeply concentrated, age-worthy wines. The winery is known for meticulous, hands-on viticulture, low-yield hillside farming, and extended élevage that can exceed three years from harvest to release. Brand has earned a reputation for powerful yet elegant wines that express the distinctive character of Pritchard Hill terroir.

The **2014 Proprietary Blend** is complex, led by Cabernet Franc, unfolding layers of roasted coffee bean, white chocolate, mocha, pen ink, blackberry, and black currant with floral and spicy accents. Full-bodied and intensely structured, it delivers finely sculpted tannins that frame its dense, soaring aromatics and concentrated dark fruit, without ever feeling heavy. Built for patience, this powerful yet beautifully balanced blend promises decades of evolution, revealing ever-greater depth. Drink now – 2036. **98 pts. RP, 95 pts. V**

The **2019 Cabernet Sauvignon** is an expressive and balanced wine, offering aromas of cassis, blackberry, camphor, cedar, and sweet floral spice. Concentrated yet vibrant, it delivers a sleek, velvety texture with full-bodied richness. Powerful in its youth, this stylish Napa Cabernet promises to gain even greater nuance and complexity with two decades or more of cellaring. Drink now – 2045. **97 pts. V, 96 pts. WA**

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LOT 2 2000 BORDEAUXS

2000 Pavillon, Rouge du Château Margaux, Bordeaux (3 bottles)
2000 Château Ducru-Beaucaillou, 2nd Growth, Saint-Julien (3 bottles)
(6 bottles total)

Value: \$1,400 - \$2,850

Donated by Harry's Savoy Grill

Produced by the legendary First Growth estate Château Margaux in Bordeaux's Margaux appellation, Pavillon Rouge is crafted with the same meticulous vineyard selection as the grand vin, reflecting the estate's hallmark elegance and precision. The **2000 Pavillon** reveals glorious aromas of freshly picked raspberries and black currants layered with cedar, spice box, pressed flowers, and a subtle mineral lift. Now fully mature, it is medium- to full-bodied with supple, superfine tannins supporting ripe black cherry, plum, and cassis flavors accented by hints of white pepper and vanilla. Rich yet poised, it finishes long and polished, offering the depth and finesse of a "super second wine" at its peak.

Drink now. **94 pts. WS, 90 pts. V, 90 pts. RP**

Produced by Château Ducru-Beaucaillou, the historic Second Growth estate in Saint-Julien owned by the Borie family, the wine reflects its famed "beaux cailloux" or beautiful stones, long celebrated for yielding Cabernet-driven wines of depth, structure and aristocratic refinement. The **2000 Ducru-Beaucaillou** opens with flamboyant, mature aromas of cassis, baked black currants, prune, cigar box, new leather, tobacco leaf and exotic spices, layered with hints of mint, eucalyptus and gravelly earth. Medium- to full-bodied, it delivers remarkable freshness and precision, with a core of sweet dark fruit framed by fine-grained, powdery tannins, vibrant acidity and a distinctive mineral backbone that carries through a long, seamless, cocoa-tinged finish. Now entering its sweet spot yet built for decades more, this impeccably balanced Saint-Julien combines power, pedigree and finesse in a truly timeless expression of the 2000 vintage. Drink now – 2040. **96 pts. WA, 96 pts. D, 96 pts. JS, 96 pts. TWI, 94 pts. WS, 93 pts. V**

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LOT 3 EISELE AT ITS FINEST

2018 Eisele Vineyard, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley	(1 magnum)
2018 Eisele Vineyard, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley	(3 bottles)
2020 Eisele Vineyard, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley	(3 bottles)
	(7 bottles total)

Value \$2,500 - \$5,600

Donated by Tony and Cheri Sciscione

From one of Napa Valley's most historic and revered vineyard sites, Eisele Vineyard (originally Araujo Estate) represents the purest expression of terroir-driven Cabernet Sauvignon. First planted in the 1880s and farmed organically and biodynamically, this Calistoga estate is celebrated for its rocky volcanic soils that yield wines of mineral precision, aromatic lift, and extraordinary longevity. Revered by collectors worldwide, Eisele Cabernet is less about flash and more about quiet power—architectural, age-worthy, and profoundly elegant.

The **2018 Cabernet Sauvignon** is a profoundly structured, cellar-worthy wine that marries muscular power with exquisite refinement, opening slowly to reveal layers of warm cassis, blackberry, plum, dark chocolate and crushed rock minerality accented by graphite, violets, tobacco and subtle earth. Full-bodied and tightly wound, it delivers a deep core of black and red fruits framed by firm tannins and vibrant freshness. The finish is extraordinarily long and perfumed, echoing volcanic stone and savory spice, capturing the essence of the vintage.

Drink now – 2058. **99 pts. WA, 99 pts. JS, 99 pts. TWI, 98 pts. JD, 97 pts. WS**

The **2020 Cabernet Sauvignon** is a beautifully pure and vibrant expression of the vintage, offering aromas of black fruit and crushed rock layered with lavender, cinnamon, and fragrant soil. Medium to full-bodied, it balances ripe, juicy black and red fruits with finely grained tannins and remarkable freshness. Still very youthful and produced in limited quantities, it finishes long and perfumed, promising even greater depth and layers with patient cellaring.

Drink now – 2052. **97 pts. WA, 96 pts. TWI**

LOT 4 RHONE ROYALTY: A BEAUCASTEL MASTER CLASS

- 2001 Ch. de Beaucastel, CDP Blend, Châteauneuf du Pape, Rhone Valley
(3 bottles)
- 2004 Ch. de Beaucastel, CDP Blend, Châteauneuf du Pape, Rhone Valley
- 2006 Ch. de Beaucastel, CDP Blend, Châteauneuf du Pape, Rhone Valley
(2 bottles)
- 2007 Ch. de Beaucastel, CDP Blend, Châteauneuf du Pape, Rhone Valley
(2 bottles)
- 2010 Ch. de Beaucastel, CDP Blend, Châteauneuf du Pape, Rhone Valley
- 2015 Ch. de Beaucastel, CDP Blend, Châteauneuf du Pape, Rhone Valley
(2 bottles)
- 2016 Ch. de Beaucastel, CDP Blend, Châteauneuf du Pape, Rhone Valley
(12 bottles total)

Value \$1,400 - \$2,150

Donated by Kathy and Dan Dugan,
Bill Galbraith, Harry's Savoy Grill

Only 2 families have owned Château Beaucastel – Pierre de Beaucastel & Family since 1549 and Pierre Perrin & Family since 1909. It remains one of the great estates of the Rhone Valley. Their Châteauneuf du Pape has been on Wine Spectator's Top 100 List 9 times since 2000, with 3 of the vintages offered below.

Still strikingly youthful, the **2001** reveals dense blackberry, cassis, and dark cherry fruit layered with saddle leather, roasted herbs, and earthy underbrush. Concentrated, it carries fine-grained tannins and savory notes of tobacco, incense, and black tea through a long, classic finish.

Drink now. **96 pts. RP, 96 pts. JD, 96 pts. JS, 93 pts. WS**

The **2004** is a powerful, richly layered wine bursting with raspberry, boysenberry, and dark cherry fruit, accented by licorice and subtle smoky mineral notes. Lush yet firmly structured, it balances purity and depth with fine-grained tannins and vibrant energy. The finish is long, promising continued evolution in the cellar.

Drink now – 2029. **96 pts. WS, 94 pts. RP, 93 pts. JD, 93 pts. V**

The **2006** is your classic Châteauneuf du Pape. The nose opens with bramble and red fruit, followed by pungent flowers, cigar box and just a hint of earth. The texture is medium to full-bodied, with a perfect balance between bright, fresh fruit and savory notes that continues in the long finish.

Drink now - 2028. **95 pts. RP, 95 pts. V, 95 pts. WS, 94 pts. JD, 94 pts. TWI**

A phenomenally dense and powerful wine, the **2007** bursts with blackberry, cassis, fig, and boysenberry layered with truffle, licorice, lavender, roasted meat, and smoky garrigue notes, all wrapped in an inky, Mourvèdre-driven depth. Full-bodied yet remarkably polished, it balances sweet tannin, acidity, and minerality on a long, silky finish. Drink now – 2028. **96 pts. JD, 96 pts. RP, 96 pts. WS, 94 pts. IWC**

The #8 Wine Spectator Top 100 wine of 2013, the **2010** is a tour de force. Meaty, spicy, earthy, peppery red fruits with herbs are all over the place here in the nose and on the palate. The feel on the palate is full-bodied, with tannins that are present, but the overwhelming impression is of elegance. It shows a very long, dry finish with plenty of stony minerality.

Drink now - 2045. **97 pts. D, 96 pts WS, 96 pts JS, 96 pts WE, 95 pts RP.**

The **2015**, Wine Spectator's #18 Top 100 list, surges with boysenberry, blueberry, black cherry, and plum framed by white pepper, violets, garrigue, exotic spice, and hints of saddle leather and Turkish coffee. Full-bodied and opulent yet impeccably balanced, it delivers sweet, ripe tannins and remarkable depth through a long, focused finish built for decades of cellaring.

Drink now - 2035. **97 pts. JS, 97 pts. WS, 96 pts. JD, 96 pts. RP**

Wine Spectator's #6 wine of the year, the **2016** 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**



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LOT 5 ISOSCELES – PASO ROBLES POWERHOUSE

2022 Justin Vineyards & Winery, Isosceles Reserve, Bordeaux Red Blend,
Paso Robles (OWC)

(12 bottles total, 2 original wood cases)

Value \$1,750 - \$2,200

Donated by Steve and 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 Petite Verdot aged in 100% French oak.

The **2022** bursts with complex aromas of blackberry, black currant, sweet tobacco, layered with hints of charred pecan and warm oak spice. Full-bodied and intensely structured, it delivers notes of coffee bean, dark chocolate, graphite and bourbon-like spices carrying through a long, powerful, spice-laced finish.
Drink now with decanting. Not yet rated.

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LOT 6 1961 CLASSIC VINTAGE YIELDS CLASSIC WINE

1961 Château Cheval Blanc, 1er Grand Cru Classé, Saint-Émilion (1 bottle total)

Value \$1,500 - \$2,000

Donated by Ajit Mathew George

Few wines in the world carry the reverence of 1961 Bordeaux, and even fewer achieve the legendary status of Château Cheval Blanc. Born from a dramatically low-yield vintage that produced wines of extraordinary concentration and longevity, the **1961 Cheval Blanc** is widely regarded as one of the greatest Right Bank wines of the 20th century — a benchmark of elegance, power, and history.

At a retrospective tasting in August of 2025 (*Château Cheval Blanc 1915-2014*), The Wine Independent (TWI) described the 1961, "In the beginning it has some hard and metallic notes on the nose but they slowly flesh out and are overtaken by deep fragrances of cacao, chesterfield leather, sweet tobacco and deep, dark rubber-like scents". At a 2024 tasting, Jeff Leve of the Wine Cellar Insider (WCI) noted "The medium-bodied palate is soft, silky, and finesse in style, with a nice sweetness and earthy quality to the fruits on the palate and in the finish."

This bottle, properly cellared and showing natural ullage consistent with its age (below-shoulder fill level), offers a rare opportunity to own and experience a true icon. For collectors and connoisseurs alike, this is more than a bottle of wine — it is a moment in time, a piece of Bordeaux history, and a once-in-a-lifetime tasting experience. Drink now – 2030. **100 pts. D, 98pts. V, 98 pts. TWI, 97 pts. Falstaff, 96 pts. WS, 94 pts WCI, 20/20 pts Jancis Robinson.**

Note: Below-shoulder fill level; light to moderate label soiling consistent with age; original capsule with minor wear; no visible signs of seepage at time of cataloging. This bottle was stored in temperature-controlled conditions, and is offered as-is.

LOT 7 PAPPY PRELUDE: YEAR 10, 12, & 13

Old Rip Van Winkle, Handmade 10-Year-Old, Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
Old Rip Van Winkle, Van Winkle Special Reserve "Lot B" 12 Year Old Kentucky
Straight Bourbon Whiskey
Old Rip Van Winkle, 'Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve' 13 Year Old Kentucky
Straight Rye Whiskey

(3 bottles total)

Value \$2,550 - \$6,500

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This exceptional, and highly sought-after, trio from Pappy Van Winkle brings together the coveted 10, 12, and 13 Year Pappys — a rare opportunity to experience the evolution of one of Kentucky's most legendary wheated bourbons. The Van Winkle legacy dates back to Julian "Pappy" Van Winkle Sr., who began his bourbon career in the late 1800s, pioneering the now-iconic wheated bourbon style that replaces rye with wheat for a softer, richer profile.

The **Old Rip Van Winkle 10 Year Bourbon** (107 proof) is a rich, high-rye, and wheated bourbon characterized by intense caramel, toasted nut, and cherry notes. It offers a robust yet smooth, full-bodied experience with a long, smoky finish featuring baking spices and oak. A "big and bold" bourbon for its age, striking a balance between youthful energy and mature, oak-forward complexity. It is best enjoyed neat or with a single large cube of ice to open up the complex flavors.

The **Van Winkle Special Reserve 12 Year Lot B** (often called Pappy 12) is a highly refined, 90.4-proof wheated bourbon, noted for its balance of maturity and sweetness. It features deep amber color, with prominent notes of caramel, toffee, baking spices, and dried fruits, supported by a smooth, woody, and slightly oak-forward profile. It remains a premier example of a balanced, aged, and, in some reviews, slightly savory, wheated bourbon.

The **Van Winkle Family Reserve Rye 13 Year** is a highly matured, 95.6-proof Kentucky straight rye known for a soft, complex profile. It features rich notes of caramel, dried fruit, cocoa, and baking spices (cinnamon/clove), balanced with mature oak and a long, smooth finish with lingering pepper. It is often described as having a "less herbal" profile than traditional ryes, with a focus on dried fruit and dark sugar notes.

Bill Galbraith

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LOT 8 JUDGMENT OF PARIS - FIVE BOTTLES OF WINE HISTORY

1970 Château Mouton-Rothschild, 2nd Growth, Pauillac	#2 JOP
1970 Château Montrose, 2nd Growth, Saint-Estèphe	#4 JOP
1970 Heitz Cellars, Martha's Vineyard, Cabernet, Napa Valley	#9 JOP
1971 Mayacamas, Cabernet, Napa Mtn., Napa Valley	#7 JOP
(1 750ml bottle, 1 375ml bottle)	
(5 bottles total)	

Value \$2,475-\$3,670

Donated by Kaufman Family Wine Collection

The Judgement of Paris (JOP) was a wine competition to commemorate the U.S. Bicentennial. Organized in Paris on May 24, 1976, by Stephen Spurrier and Patricia Gallagher. The blind tasting by all French judges (except the organizers) was designed to show the superiority of French wine. Here is your opportunity to host a great dinner and take the challenge!

As it seems with all older Bordeaux, everyone has an opinion. Recent tasters have this going to 2035! Earlier tastings show a captivating nose of dark plum and black currant, with a garnet rim appearing. Juicy sweet cedar and citrus notes appear after decanting! The essence of claret, the **Mouton** is refined and voluptuous! **96 pts. WS, 94 pts. V, 93 pts. RP, 3/5 Stars MB.**

At the tasting, **Montrose** would have presented huge tannins, resolved now to provide great structure. Deep in color, with a cedar and leather scent, the medium bodied black fruits are a little dry and loose. **4/5 Stars MB, 87 pts. RP, 87 pts. WS, .**

1970 in California yielded 1/3 the normal crop, thanks to spring frosts and summer heat. Only 866 cases existed of **Heitz Martha's**. With deep color, a typical lovely nose of mint, undergrowth, and cedar, its wonderful lift and elegance would embarrass most clarets from this vintage. **95 pts. RP, 4/5 Stars MB, 89 pts. WS**

Wine Spectator tasting notes from 2023 on the **1971 Mayacamas** - "This is singing! Superfine and silky in feel with sandalwood, currant and green tea notes, leading to a mineral-driven finish that lingers prettily". **95 pts. WS.**

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LOT 9 HEITZ MARTHA'S VINEYARD MAGNUM

1976 Heitz Cellars, Martha's Vineyard, Cabernet, Napa Valley (1 magnum)
(1 magnum bottle total)

Value: \$1,680 - \$2,500

Donated by Kaufman Family Wine Collection

Martha's Vineyard, nestled up against the hills west of Oakville, is perhaps the most famous Cabernet vineyard in America. Since 1966, Tom and Martha May's vineyard has only been vinified and bottled by Joe Heitz. Ranked among the elite of California Cabernet Sauvignons year after year, appreciated for its richness, concentration and age-ability by connoisseurs, here is your chance to have a piece of history.

A great example of classic California Cabernet, tasting notes from 2016 note dark cherries, cocoa powder, mint and subtle tobacco leaf notes in a perfect blend of rusticity with firm, elegant charm. The youthful, intense, focused finish shows a slightly tart, cassis finish. **96 pts. D, 94 pts. WCI, 92 pts. RP, 90 pts. NM, 88 pts. WS.**

LOT 10 CLASSIC ITALIAN REDS

1964 Antonio Vallana e Figlio, Nebbiolo, Campi Raudii, Piedmont, Italy

1971 Bertani, Amarone, Recioto della Valpolicella Classico Superiore,
Veneto, Italy (3 bottles)

1971 Scanavino, Barolo, DOCG, Piedmont, Italy (3 bottles)
(7 bottles total)

Value \$1,320 - \$1,610

Donated by Kaufman Family Wine Collection

The free and easy world of Italian winemaking came to an end in the 1963 adoption of DOC and DOCG categorization in Barolo and other areas. The Piedmont saw outstanding vintages in both 1964 and 1971, so let the Italian wine lover in you go exploring with this excellent lot!

The wines of **Antonio Vallana** are made in the traditional methods established by his son Bernardo over 60 years ago. These long-lived wines are hand-harvested, with a strict sorting regimen, fermented in concrete, then aged in neutral oak. No ratings or tastings available, be the first!

1971 was a great year for **Bertani Amarone**, founded in 1857. Produced by picking select optimally ripe grapes, drying on straw mats in special outhouses, then pressed. The fermentation is stopped early to produce the **Recioto** level presented here. With a deep ruby color, complex, developing flavors with spice and vanilla leading to a sweetness at the table. It acts like your finest vintage port!

Scanavino is a venerable name from another era. His wines still deliver timeless, classic beauty and structure of well-aged Barolo. Decanter declared the 1971 vintage ***** (5/5 stars), and the Barolo's best of the decade with a high level of consistency. Again, no tasting notes as very few importers, except those serving Italian restaurants, were bringing in the wines!

LOT 11 STUNNINGLY BEAUTIFUL LATOUR MAGNUM

1955 Château Latour, 1st Growth, Pauillac (1 magnum)

(1 magnum bottle total)

Value \$3,150 - \$4,400

Donated by Kaufman Family Wine Collection

From a very good but underestimated vintage that continues to show remarkable depth and power due to an impeccable growing season, this longer life magnum should last until 2040! As Michael Broadbent related, "This will go on and on".

Many tasting notes from 2016 and 2018 show a deep garnet color with an amber edge, a sometimes-funky nose that blows off to reveal coffee, chocolate, dark fruit and mushroom aromas. Unanimous appreciation of its full body, soft red-toned fruits, perfectly judged acidity, and an exquisitely structured finish that is long and impressive leads me to believe that whoever takes this home tonight will look forward to a memorable evening. **97 pts. NM, 95 pts. AG, 94 pts. RP, 94 pts. WS, 5/5 Stars MB.**

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LOT 12 NECTAR OF THE GODS CHÂTEAU D'YQUEM

1967 Château d'Yquem, Premier Cru Superior, Sauternes

1970 Château d'Yquem, Premier Cru Superior, Sauternes

1975 Château d'Yquem, Premier Cru Superior, Sauternes

(3 bottles total)

Value \$2,150 - \$3,400

Donated by Kaufman Family Wine Collection

Château d'Yquem has long been recognized as the Queen of Sauternes, mostly due to its perfectionism and attention to detail, such as picking each grape separately versus bunch by bunch at other wineries. Yields amount to about a small glass of wine per vine! It is stored in new French oak for at least three years, and NO ONE is allowed to taste before its release.

Winemaker Peter Luton rightly says the **1967** "people travel the world to taste this wine"! From a legendary vintage, Falstaff tasters in 2023 noted an incredibly deep, opulent and multi-layered wine that is just reaching its zenith. The palate is perfectly balanced for all the complexity, showing typical bourbon vanilla, ripe stone fruits, and sweet caramel.

Drink now - 2050. **100 pts. Falstaff, 99 pts. RP, 99 pts. D, 98 pts. WCI, 98 pts. V.**

While not as stellar, the **1970** offers enticing scents of Crème brûlée, orange rind and mandarin. Tasted in 2023 notes a palate with Seville oranges and dried honey that blossom in the glass. Not as complex as the 1967, you can Drink now - 2040.

97 pts. RP, 92 pts. NM, 92 pts. WCI, 3/5 Stars MB.

Make sure you make the **1975** the last wine on the evening, you serve it as everything else will pale in comparison. Made from highly concentrated grapes it is a real star, with a showstopping bouquet of Seville orange, quince, curry and yuzu. Thick, rich and powerful, the palate of apricot, clementine and Crème brûlée is brilliant. Riding a medium body, with stunning balance leading to a long finish, you can Drink now - 2045.

99 pts. WCI, 98 pts. NM, 95 pts. WS. 93 pts. RP, 5/5 Stars MB.

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LOT 13 CHAPPELLET CAB SUPERSTAR 1974

1974 Chappellet Vineyard, Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

(4 bottles total)

Value \$2,500 - \$4,500

Donated by Kaufman Family Wine Collection

Founded in 1967 on the forested Pritchard Hill east of Rutherford by Donn and Molly Chappellet, they were among the first to blend Merlot into their Cabernet Sauvignon. Despite Wine Spectator's doom and gloom early reviews of this wine, the **1974 Chappellet** outclassed Diamond Creek's Red Rock Terrace and Volcanic Hill in a 2017 tasting!

John Gilman notes it had depth, complexity and breed to burn, a palate that is deep, full and beautifully balanced, leading to a long, complex and vibrant finish. In 2018, Robert Parker notes a pale, brick rim, baked cherry, chocolate and dusty earth aromas, and a medium to full body packed with rich, decadent fruit supported by ripe, plush tannins leading to a long finish. **95 pts. JG, 94 pts. RP.**



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LOT 15 NAPA'S CULT CABERNET KINGS ABREU AND HARLAN

2018 Abreu Vineyard, Madrona Ranch, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley
(3 bottles)

2008 Abreu Vineyard, Rothwell Hyde, Bordeaux Red Blend, St. Helena

2004 Harlan Estate, Bordeaux Red Blend, Napa Valley

(5 bottles total)

Value \$2,600 - \$4,175

Donated by John and Diane Danzeisen,
Harry's Savoy Grill, Tony and Cheri Sciscione

The **2018 Abreu Madrona Ranch** is a flat-out stunner. The nose aromas are layered with ripe black currant, raspberry, plum, and dark chocolate, accented by graphite, tobacco, and mineral notes of stone. The massively concentrated wine glides across the palate with velvety texture and striking finesse, its finely structured tannins supporting remarkable purity of fruit. The finish is nearly infinite—and should evolve beautifully for decades.

Drink now – 2045. **100 pts. WA, 98 pts. JD, 98 pts. V, 98 pts. WS**

Crafted from select barrels of David Abreu's estate vineyards, the **2008 Rothwell Hyde** is a richly layered Bordeaux blend offering aromas of black & blue fruit intertwined with espresso, mocha, graphite, and hints of spice. Medium- to full-bodied, it shows lush tannins that lend a silky, velvet-like texture to its dense dark fruit core, balanced by acidity and subtle herbal nuances. The finish is long and polished, lingering with notes of mocha, cedar, and a touch of smoke.

Drink now. **92 pts. RP**

The **2004 Harlan Estate** is a monumental Napa Valley Cabernet, unfolding with deep aromas of black fruit, cedar, tobacco, and warm stones. Full-bodied and densely layered, it blends voluptuous, finely grained tannins, balancing super-ripe dark fruit, mocha, spice, and mineral nuances. Though already drinking beautifully, its structure, persistence, and first-growth pedigree promise decades of evolution.

Drink now – 2044. **98 pts. RP, 98 pts. WS, 98 pts. WE, 97 pts. IWC, 95 pts. V**

LOT 16 THE KINGS OF RIOJA – SPAIN’S FINEST GRAN RESERVAS

2012 CVNE, ‘Imperial’ Gran Reserva, Tempranillo Blend, Rioja
2015 CVNE, ‘Imperial’ Gran Reserva, Tempranillo Blend, Rioja
2016 CVNE, ‘Imperial’ Gran Reserva, Tempranillo Blend, Rioja
2019 CVNE, Real de Asua, Carramaza Vineyard, Tempranillo, Rioja
2004 La Rioja Alta S.A. Gran Reserva 904, Rioja
2010 La Rioja Alta S.A. Gran Reserva 904, Rioja
2005 La Rioja Alta S.A. Gran Reserva 890, Rioja
2012 La Rioja Alta S.A. Viña Ardanza Reserva, Rioja
2010 Marqués de Murrieta Castillo Ygay Gran Reserva Especial, Rioja
2009 R. López de Heredia Vina Tondonia Reserva, Rioja DOCa
2012 R. López de Heredia Vina Tondonia Reserva, Rioja DOCa

(11 bottles total)

Value \$1,150 - \$1,800

Donated by Kathy and Dan Dugan

The **2012 CVNE “Imperial”** opens with classic Rioja aromas of blackcurrant, black cherry, tobacco, balsamic, and toasted spice, layered with floral notes, mocha, and a subtle smoky mineral edge. Full-bodied yet refined, it delivers plush, fine-grained tannins, vibrant freshness, and a long, spicy finish that balances ripe dark fruit. Drink now – 2032. **95 pts. JS, 95 pts. RP, 94 pts. D, 94 pts. JS, 94 pts. V**

The **2015 CVNE “Imperial”** is a deeply structured and age-worthy Rioja, offering ripe blackberry, black cherry and cassis with cigar wrapper, cedar, and exotic spice. Full-bodied and balanced, its ultra-fine yet firm tannins carry concentrated dark fruit, mineral lift and polished oak through a long finish. Drink now – 2038. **97 pts. JS, 95 pts. V, 94 pts. WS**

The **2016 CVNE “Imperial”** is a commanding Rioja, unveiling layers of cassis, black cherry and plum woven with graphite, cedar, and cracked pepper. Full-bodied and intensely structured, its remarkably fine tannins frame a deep core of dark fruit and spice. The long, polished finish is built for long-term evolution. Drink now – 2035. **98 pts. JS, 95 pts. WA, 94 pts. V, 93 pts. WS**

The **2019 Real de Asúa “Carromaza”** is an expressive Rioja with fragrant aromas of black cherry, raspberry, and cassis layered with hints of dried flowers, rosemary and fresh herbs. The palate is full-bodied, revealing concentrated red and black fruit, licorice, and subtle. The wine finishes long and fresh, balancing power, elegance, and the distinctive character of its single-vineyard Tempranillo origin. Drink now – 2033. **97 pts. JS, 96 pts. WA, 95 pts. D, 92 pts. WS**

The **2004 La Rioja Alta “904”** is a classically styled Rioja, offering aromas of dried red berries, balsamic woods, leather and sweet spice over a base of red fruit. Silky on the palate, its balanced tannins and vibrant acidity carry layers of tobacco, roasted coffee and floral nuance through a long, elegant finish. Drink now. **96 pts. RP, 91 pts. WS**

The **2010 La Rioja Alta “904”** is a benchmark Rioja, layering fresh dark fruits with dried flowers, sandalwood, tobacco and sweet spice. Silky on the palate, its fine tannins and vibrant acidity carry focused red and dark fruit through a long, nuanced finish. Drink now – 2035. **98 pts. JS, 96 pts. RP, 93 pts. D, 91 pts. WS**

The **2005 La Rioja Alta “890”**, #4 *Wine Spectator* Top 100 of 2018, is an old-school Rioja, unfolding layers of dried cherry and wild strawberry with savory notes of mushroom, cigar box, and exotic sweet spices. Its silken yet structured tannins and vibrant acidity hold remarkable concentration and elegance worthy of its iconic status. Drink now – 2035. **98 pts. JS, 97 pts. D, 97 pts. V, 95 pts. WA, 95 pts. WS**

The **2012 La Rioja Alta “Viña Ardanza”** is a benchmark traditional Rioja, with aromas of plum, cherry, and strawberry with orange peel, leather, and hints of mushroom. Velvety on the palate, its resolved tannins and fine chalky texture carry pure red fruit, vanilla and savory earth. The long, finish captures both elegance and classic Rioja character.

Drink now – 2030. **95 pts. JS, 94 pts. WA, 94 pts. D, 93 pts. V**

The **2010 Marqués de Murrieta “Castillo Ygay”** is a majestic Rioja, with aromas of dark fruit with layers of tobacco and exotic spice. Full-bodied and balanced, its vibrant acidity and refined tannins carry remarkable depth and complexity. The finish is powerful.

Drink now – 2040. **99 pts. JS, 97 pts. D, 97 pts. RP, 97 pts. V, 96 pts. WS**

The **2009 R. López de Heredia “Viña Tondonia”** is a classical Rioja, offering vibrant aromas of red fruit and dried flowers layered with cedar, citrus zest and a subtle saline earthiness. Medium- to full-bodied, its integrated tannins and lively acidity hold concentrated red and black fruit through a long, savory, balanced finish.

Drink now – 2029. **97 pts. JS, 93 pts. WS**

The **2012 R. López de Heredia “Viña Tondonia”** offers savory redcurrant, plum and blood orange layered with tobacco, forest floor, cedar, iron and subtle herbal spice. Structured yet impeccably balanced, its polished, chalky tannins and vibrant acidity carry through a long, dry, complex finish.

Drink now – 2035. **96 pts. JS, 95 pts. WA, 95 pts. V**

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LOT 18 FOUR DECADES OF CHÂTEAU LATOUR

1952 Château Latour, 1st Growth, Pauillac

1964 Château Latour, 1st Growth, Pauillac

1975 Château Latour, 1st Growth, Pauillac

1988 Château Latour, 1st Growth, Pauillac

Plus 1 Durand Corkscrew

(4 bottles plus 1 boxed corkscrew total)

Value \$2,290 - \$3,080

Donated by Laura and Brian Jarrett,
Kaufman Family Wine Collection, Peter Thomson

Château Latour is the greatest Bordeaux of them all, with not only a reputation for the longest-lived wines, but also an uncanny ability to make surprisingly splendid wines even in mediocre vintages. This vertical gives you an unprecedented chance to sample its history!

The **1952**, tasted in 2011 by Neal Martin for Robert Parker (**RP**), after aeration shows an aromatic profile of dark fruits and floral rose petals in an old antique vase. The palate is medium-bodied with impressive delineation considering its age. Austere on the finish, but a wonderful femininity shines through. And re-tasted in 2022 by Neal Martin for Vinous (**V**), stated, "After almost 7 decades, the 1952 Latour is still singing". **93 pts. RP, 93 pts. V, 88pts. WS, 3/5 Stars MB.**

The **1964** can be a spectacular wine on its day! The tasting in 2016 reveals a gorgeous bouquet, elegant and refined with black fruit, pinecones and cigar box. A medium bodied palate with perfect acidity but slowly losing its color. Great mouthfeel and finish rival Petrus' 1964. **96 pts. V, 92+ pts. RP, 5/5 Stars MB, 88pts. WS.**

Tasted by Robert Parker in 2019, the **1975** showed a brick color, and a mature nose of tobacco, figs, and fallen leaves. A savory/meaty core rides a medium body that is elegant, refreshing and softly textured with a long, mineral-laced finish. **92 pts. RP, 93 pts. WS, 90 pts. V, 3/5 Stars MB.**

From a 2024 tasting by Neal Martin, for Vinous this time, the **1988** "has a slightly more powerful nose than the Lafite-Rothschild, with hints of black olive, sage and sous-bois infusing the black fruit". He continued, "This is the best bottle of the 1988 that I have tasted". **96 pts. WS, 95 pts. V, 91 pts. RP, 4/5 Stars MB.**

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LOT 19 PAPPY ROYALTY – 15, 20, AND 23 YEAR ICONS

Old Rip Van Winkle, 'Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve'
15 Year Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
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Old Rip Van Winkle, 'Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve'
23 Year Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey

(3 bottles total)

Value \$7,500 - \$20,400

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The **Pappy Van Winkle 15 Year Old** (107 proof) is a highly anticipated, wheated bourbon. The nose is elegant and sweet, featuring caramel corn, creamy vanilla, and toasted oak with hints of dark fruit, leather, and light cinnamon heat. The palate is full-bodied, featuring intense notes of dark chocolate, dried cherry, rich caramel, and toasted almonds. The wheated recipe provides a smooth, sweet base, while the 15-year aging adds deep leather and sophisticated, charred oak notes.

The **Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve 20 Year Old** (90.4 proof) is often considered the flagship of the line for its balance of intense, complex flavors. Characterized by an intense, luxurious profile, featuring rich notes of dried fruits, creamy caramel, and complex oak, it is known for a smooth, velvety mouthfeel with hints of sherry and citrus zest, resulting in a long, elegant finish.

The **Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve 23 Year Old** (95.6 proof) is known as a highly mature "oak bomb" that still manages to maintain balance without becoming overly tannic. Characterized by an intense, oak-forward profile balanced with deep caramel, dried fruits, and spice, its aromas of caramel, leather, and vanilla lead to a rich palate of maple, oak, and cherry, finishing with a long, warming, and dry oaky finish. It is best enjoyed neat to appreciate its complexity.

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LOT 20 SINE QUA NON: THE PERFECT SCORE

2021 Sine Qua Non, Eleven Confessions Vineyard, Syrah, Santa Rita Hills, CA
(3 bottles)

2021 Sine Qua Non, Eleven Confessions Vineyard, Grenache, Santa Rita Hills, CA
(3 bottles)

2013 Sine Qua Non Jusqu'à l'Os Grenache, Santa Rita Hills, CA

2013 Sine Qua Non 'Le Supplement' Syrah, Santa Rita Hills, CA
(8 bottles total)

Value \$3,100 - \$4,900

Donated by Harry's Savoy Grill,
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Manfred Krankl's **Sine Qua Non** has been a cult favorite since its inception in 1994. Small volumes and mailing list only distribution have made his wines treasures to be acquired. Do not let this offering of **all 100 pt. wines** slip through your fingers!

The **2021 "Eleven Confessions Vineyard" Syrah** is a mind-bending, 100-point tour de force, soaring with aromas of ripe black and blue fruit compote, graphite, spring flowers, black pepper, white chocolate, and hints of orange peel. Full-bodied, it delivers stunning purity with a velvety, "Corinthian leather" smoothness, ultra-fine polished tannins, and waves of black fruit, menthol, and eucalyptus. This sensational Syrah is built to evolve beautifully.
Drink now – 2040+. **100 pts. JD, 98 pts. V**

The **2021 "Eleven Confessions Vineyard" Grenache** is a breathtaking masterpiece. Per Jeb Dunnuck, "I would not hesitate to place it among the greatest Grenache-based wines ever produced". It bursts with sweet redcurrants, black cherries, kirsch, Provençal herbs, licorice, lavender, and ground pepper layered over a subtle iron-tinged minerality. It delivers a voluptuous, seamless mouthfeel with ultra-fine tannins, cool-toned freshness, and a sense of weightless transparency built to evolve beautifully.
Drink now – 2042. **100 pts. JD, 98 pts. V**

Both powerful and profoundly elegant, the **2013 "Jusqu'à l'Os"** ("to the bone") **Grenache** is a mesmerizing, 100-point tour de force, radiating vibrant red and black fruits layered with licorice, Asian spice, forest floor, and seductive floral notes. It floods the palate with concentrated dark fruit, savory spice, and velvety tannins that glide effortlessly into a long, mineral-laced finish. This brooding, cellar-worthy Grenache is built to evolve decades.
Drink now – 2035. **100 pts. RP, 98 pts. JD, 96 pts. V**

The **2013 "Le Supplement" Syrah** is a monumental, 100-point California benchmark, showing aromas of blackberry, plum, crème de cassis, bacon fat, sandalwood, black soil, and exotic spice. Full-bodied, it saturates the palate with dense black fruit preserves, smoky meaty nuances, espresso and pepper, wrapped in a creamy, textured core that balances power with remarkable structure. This cellar-worthy Syrah promises even greater complexity with additional time in bottle.
Drink now – 2038. **100 pts. RP, 100 pts. JD, 96 pts. V**



LOT 21 YOUR PRIVATE LAS VEGAS OASIS

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LOT 22 RED, WHITE, & PREMIER CRU BURGUNDY

- 1976 Robert Ampeau & Fils, Les Santenots, Volnay Premier Cru, Burgundy
2005 Thibault Liger-Belair, Les Saint-Georges, Nuits-Saint-Georges
Premier Cru, Burgundy (3 bottles)
2011 Domaine Leflaive, Les Combettes, Puligny-Montrachet,
Premier Cru, Burgundy
(5 bottles total)

Value: \$1,625 - \$2,050

Donated by John and Diane Danzeisen,
Ajit Mathew George, Harry's Savoy Grill

Founded in the early 20th century and long based in Meursault, Robert Ampeau & Fils is renowned for releasing wines only after extended cellar aging, often decades after harvest. This patient, traditional philosophy has earned the reputation of bottlings that evolve slowly and demonstrate extraordinary longevity. The **1976 Les Santenots**, tasted in 2015 by Vinous' Ian D'Agata, remains strikingly youthful, offering bright red cherry and delicate floral aromas layered over hints of spice. On the palate, red cherry and dark berry fruit are wrapped in polished tannins and vibrant acidity, showing remarkable freshness.
Drink now. **91 pts. V**

Domaine Thibault Liger-Belair's estate roots go back to 1720, when Claude Marey, secretary to King Louis XV and mayor of Nuits-Saint-Georges, founded a wine-trading house. The Liger-Belair family took over the historic négociant firm in 1852, and is now being run by a 9th generation Liger-Belair. The **2005 Les Saint-Georges** is a powerful, deeply structured Nuits-Saint-Georges, layered with ripe black cherry and blackberry alongside earthy game, roasted meat, and subtle berry nuances. Still youthful in profile, it reflects the muscle and gravitas of this famed premier cru, bordering on near-grand cru stature in its depth and dimension.
Drink now - 2035. **92 pts. RP, 92 pts. BH, 90 pts. IWC**

Founded in 1717 and long regarded as one of Puligny's benchmark domaines, Domaine Leflaive is celebrated for producing some of Burgundy's most age-worthy and terroir-transparent white wines, including iconic Grand Cru holdings in Montrachet, Chevalier-Montrachet, and Bâtard-Montrachet. The **2011 Les Combettes** is a deeply mineral, youthfully reductive Puligny layered with apple, lime zest, stone fruits, and citrus blossom, all wrapped around a core of saline intensity and subtle oak spice. It offers superb depth and texture, bright acidity, and a powerful, focused finish that is dry, energetic, and built for long evolution in the cellar. Silky but firmly structured, it captures both the finesse and underlying drive that define top Premier Cru Puligny-Montrachet.
Drink now. **93 pts. V, 93 pts. WS, 92 pts. BH**

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LOT 23 THE ART OF THE GOOD LIFE

1971 Dom Ruinart, Blanc de Blancs, Brut Millésime, Champagne
1979 Dom Ruinart, Rose Millésime, Champagne (2 bottles)
1979 G.H. Mumm, Cuvee R. Lalou Prestige, Brut Millésime, Champagne
1998 Piper-Heidsieck Rare Brut Millésime, Champagne (1 magnum)
2012 Piper-Heidsieck Rare Brut Rosé Millésime, Champagne
(6 bottles total)

Value \$2,450 - \$3,400

Donated by Kathy and Dan Dugan,
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There is something special about Champagne - It is a joyful and luxurious wine. It induces a feeling of luxury, of well-being, of gracious living, in the same way dressing up for dinner does. No wine is more a celebration of the "art of good living" than Champagne.

Ruinart was the first Champagne house, founded in 1729 by Nicholas Ruinart. The Dom brand was established in 1959. **1971** was a more than good vintage, yielding wines that are the epitome of elegance. Smoke, tobacco and wild herbs were noted by AG in 2014. A rich, powerful Champagne with plenty of depth.

94 pts. Champagne club, 93 pts. AG, 3/5 Stars MB.

1979 brought a late harvest of fully mature grapes, yet with acidity to provide the zest for life. Anotnio Galloni tasted the **Rose** in 2014, noting flavors that are almost impossibly lifted and refined, weightless and totally polished. Red cherries, flowers, and spices dominate on a wine that was a treat to taste and more importantly- **DRINK! 96 pts. AG, 95 pts. Champagne Club**

G.H. Mumm's deluxe cuvee was launched in 1969 and was named after Renee Lalou who ran the winery until 1973. **MB** tried several bottles, noting "all were pretty good, showing some bottle age but lively enough and all had good length and flavor". **4/5 Stars MB.**

Only made in magnums, the **1998 Piper-Heidsieck Rare**, tasted in 2025 by **JS**, aromas of chalk, minerals, pineapples, and almonds. Intense and fresh pastry and apple flavors ride a full-bodied palate. With fine bubbles, zesty acidity, and a chalky finish, you can Drink now or hold. **98 pts. WS, 97 pts. D, 97 pts. JS, 19/20 Vinum.**

A gorgeous panoply of aromas exude from the **2012 Piper-Heidsieck Rare Rosé**, showing nectarine, ripe raspberry, guava and smoke. Unctuous, with great charm, rounded contours of structure, mouthwatering notes of toast and pastry lead to a plushy, creamy mousse. Drink now - 2040. **97 pts. D, 96 pts. WS, 96 pts. AG, 95 pts. WE.**

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LOT 24 A DECADE OF MONTE BELLO MASTERY

1999-2008 Ridge Vineyards, Monte Bello, Cabernet Sauvignon, Santa Cruz Mountains, CA

(10 bottles total)

Value: \$2,885 - \$4,500

Donated by Michael T. Schubert

Founded in 1962, **Ridge Vineyards** is one of California's most historic and terroir-driven estates. Ridge earned international acclaim when Monte Bello competed in the 1976 Judgment of Paris and later triumphed in the 30-year anniversary tasting, cementing its reputation for extraordinary longevity. Today, Ridge remains a benchmark producer of age-worthy Cabernet blends, with the Monte Bello often called America's First Growth wine.

The **1999 Monte Bello** is a mature, full-bodied, complex Cabernet blend layered with black fruit, cedar, leather, and stony mineral tones, polished into a seamless, tightly knit frame supported by vibrant acidity and a long, stylish finish. Deep yet graceful, it shows impressive concentration and balance, with ripe tannins and savory herbal nuances that promise continued evolution even as it drinks gorgeously today. Drink now - 2032. **94 pts. V, 93 pts. D, 92 pts. WS**

The **2000** is a powerful, brooding Cabernet blend layered with blackberry, cassis, wild plum and black cherry, interwoven with notes of tobacco, grilled meat, iron, and savory herbs. Rich and fleshy yet firmly structured, it carries beautifully formed tannins and vibrant lift, and promises decades more evolution even as it drinks impressively with a decant today. Drink now - 2030. **95 pts. V, 93 pts. D, 92 pts. IWC**

The **2001** is a flamboyant expression of the estate, bursting with expansive blackcurrant, cassis and ripe plum fruit layered with dark chocolate, cigar ash, leather, mint and loamy earth. Full-bodied and voluptuously textured yet impeccably balanced, it marries velvety richness with fine tannins, chalky minerality and bright acidity, finishing long, beautifully poised for continued evolution. Drink now - 2030. **98 pts. JS, 97 pts. RP, 97 pts. V, 97 pts. WE, 95 pts. WS**

The **2002** offers an explosively perfumed bouquet of blackcurrant, cassis and red cherry accented by lavender, crushed flowers, pencil lead and loamy earth, with hints of dark chocolate and spice. Full-bodied and lavish yet remarkably graceful, it delivers a core of succulent fruit layered with mint and tobacco nuances, supported by plush tannins. Now entering a beautiful early plateau of maturity. Drink now - 2038. **98 pts. RP, 97 pts. V, 94 pts. IWC**

The **2003** is intensely aromatic, exposing layers of blackcurrant, blackberry and blueberry intertwined with graphite, cedar, dark chocolate and a hint of licorice and mint. Full-bodied and balanced, it delivers a firm, mineral-driven structure with brisk acidity and chewy tannins that frame its concentrated dark fruit core. It finishes long and refreshing, promising impressive aging potential. Drink now - 2043. **94 pts. RP, 92 pts. V**

The **2004** opens with classic aromas of black fruits layered with savory elements of cedar, cigar box, anise and hints of vanilla and spice. Medium- to full-bodied, it balances lush, creamy dark fruit with fine-grained tannins and bright acidity. Now entering a beautiful early plateau of maturity, it shows fruit and savory complexity and a long, polished finish. Drink now - 2030. **94 pts. JD, 93 pts. IWC, 93 pts. V, 92 pts. RP**

The **2005** opens with layered aromas of cassis, black cherry and currant intertwined with cedar, cigar box, violet and sweet spice, later with hints of dark chocolate and loamy soil. Medium- to full-bodied and deeply concentrated, it balances velvety tannins, bright acidity, and flavorful fruit. It finishes long and focused, with savory nuance to evolve gracefully for decades.

Drink now – 2038. **97 pts. RP, 96 pts. V, 95 pts. IWC**

The **2006** is a brooding and powerfully structured vintage, offering dense aromas of black cherry and crème de cassis layered with pencil lead, lavender, dried herbs, dark chocolate and cigar box. Full-bodied and concentrated, it carries finely knit tannins and a savory grip that frame its rich, late-harvest fruit. It promises exceptional evolution with extended cellaring.

Drink 2027 – 2050. **95 pts. V, 94 pts. D, 94 pts. JD, 94 pts. RP, 93 pts. JS**

The **2007** delivers a complex bouquet of black fruit and ripe plum layered with tobacco leaf, cedar, espresso, truffle, and a touch of smoky spice. Full-bodied yet finely balanced, it combines a generous core of dark fruit with silky, well-integrated tannins, chalky minerality and vibrant acidity. It finishes long and savory, and is built to evolve gracefully.

Drink now – 2037. **95 pts. JS, 95 pts. RP, 94 pts. IWC, 94 pts. V, 92 pts. D**

The **2008** is a concentrated, muscular vintage shaped by drought conditions, offering vivid blackcurrant and plum fruit layered with mint, cedar, anise, truffle and loamy soil nuances. Full-bodied and powerful, it balances sweet dark fruit with a chalky minerality and a softening tannic backbone. It finishes long, savory and stony, promising decades of aging.

Drink now (with a good decant) – 2043. **95 pts. D, 95 pts. RP, 95 pts. V, 95 pts. WS, 93 pts. JS**

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LOT 25 CELLAR TREASURES: VIEUX TÉLÉGRAPHE & THE 100-POINT QUET

- 2007 Mas de Boislauzon, Cuvée du Quet, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Rhone Valley (2 bottles)
2010 Domaine du Vieux Telegraphe, La Crau Vineyard, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Rhone Valley (3 bottles)
2015 Domaine du Vieux Telegraphe La Crau Vineyard, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Rhone Valley (4 bottles)
(9 bottles total)

Value: \$1,135 - \$1,950

Donated by Dr. Jonathan and Cara Burke,
Susan Teiser and Patrick Giacomini

Mas de Boislauzon is a family-owned estate in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, with viticultural roots dating back to the mid-1600s, making it one of the older farming families in the region. The estate is known for crafting a special cuvée called “Cuvée du Quet,” made from some of its oldest Grenache vines, which is often highly rated by critics.

The **2007 “Cuvée du Quet”** is a monumental Châteauneuf-du-Pape, exploding with aromas of black currant, raspberry preserves and crème de cassis layered with licorice, roasted meats, and exotic floral notes. Full-bodied, it delivers remarkable concentration and depth, balanced with ripe Grenache fruit, smoky herbs, and spice unfolding across a velvety palate.

Drink now – 2037. **100pts. RP, 97 pts. JD, 94 pts. V, 94 pts. WS**

Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe is one of Châteauneuf-du-Pape’s most historic and prestigious estates, run by the Brunier family for six generations since the late 19th century. The estate is anchored on the esteemed *La Crau* plateau, where vineyards rooted in stony, heat-retentive soils (galets roulés) impart distinctive minerality and concentration to its wines.

The **2010 La Crau** delivers a powerful expression of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, with dense dark fruit framed by generous, savory spice and Provençal herbs. Full-bodied structure and firm, chewy tannins lend both intensity and longevity, while a vibrant core of black fruit, licorice and earthy garrigue unfolds through a long, resonant finish. Drink now - 2045. **97 pts. D, 97 pts. RP, 96 pts. JD, 96 pts. WS**

The **2015 La Crau** has a complex aromatic nose profile, offering layers of kirsch, black raspberry and cassis, mixed with floral notes, anise, and hints of tobacco. Full-bodied and remarkably composed, it delivers a silky texture balanced by fine tannins and vibrant acidity that carry flavors of kirsch, cassis, spice, and subtle chocolate through the palate. The finish is long, fragrant, and gently spiced, with the depth and composure to age gracefully for decades.

Drink now – 2035. **96 pts. JS, 95 pts. WS, 94 pts. RP, 94 pts. V, 93 pts. JD**

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LOT 26 THE ROYAL INSIGNIA: SIX LEGENDARY VINTAGES

2009 –2014

Joseph Phelps, Insignia, Bordeaux Red Blend, Napa Valley
(6 bottles total)

Value \$1,380 - \$2,275

Donated by Helen and Bill Stimson

Joseph Phelps Insignia is California's first proprietary red Bordeaux-style blend. According to Robert Parker, "Insignia remains one of the world's finest Cabernet Sauvignon-dominated blend".

The **2009** is a blend of 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Petit Verdot and 4% Merlot, and sourced from at least six vineyards scattered from Yountville to St. Helena. The nose and palate display aromas and flavors of dark fruits, spice, and savory elements of crushed rock, tobacco, and cedar. It finishes pure and extremely long. Drink now -2035. **97 pts. WA, 96 pts. WE, 96 pts. WCI, 94 pts. V.**

The **2010** opens with fruit and savory aromas of dark fruit and tobacco, subtle smoke and forest floor. The full-bodied wine displays well-integrated acidity, soft tannins, alcohol and wood on the palate, and flavors of dark fruit, minerals and bitter chocolate flavors. The fruit elements carry over in the long finish. Drink now-2038. **97 pts.WE, 95 pts. WA, 95 pts. V, 94 pts. IWC, 94 pts. WS, 93 pts. JS**

Antonio Galloni of Vinous calls the **2011** "without question, one of the wines of the year". While many struggled with the cooler conditions in 2011, this Insignia absolutely thrived, combining power, balance and structure. This vintage displays incredible depth and concentration with deep layers of dark fruits and currants, but also offers a wonderful sense of freshness from the underlying acidity. Drink now-2031. **96 pts. IWR, 96 pts. WE, 95 pts. VN, 93 pts. D**

The **2012** is a blend of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot and the rest Merlot, Malbec and Cabernet and was aged 24 months in 100% new French oak – Wow!! This produced a complex nose of dark fruit, mineral, floral, and spice notes with matching flavors. For all its power, it surprisingly shows integrated tannins with balance and depth. Drink now - 2041. **97 pts. JD 97 pts. JS, 96 pts. RP, 96 pts. V, 95 pts. WE, 93 pts. WS**

Probably the best of this vertical, the **2013**, Insignia's 40th vintage, should be reaching its full potential right about now. This vintage is full-bodied with fruit-forward flavors with hints of olives and creamy caramel in the mouth. It's remarkably silky for such a big wine. You can enjoy this now or cellar for the grandkids. Drink now - 2071. **98 pts. RP, 98 pts. WE, 97 pts. V, 96 pts. WS, 95 pts. JS, 94 pts. D**

The **2014** is a medium to full bodied wine, but incredibly elegant and fine in the mouth. In the mouth, flavors are decidedly fruit forward with touches of spice, lavender, and mocha. The finish is long and earthy. Drink now - 2035. **97 pts. JS, 97 pts. RP, 96 pts. WE**

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LOT 27 ITALY'S LEGENDARY ICONS

2010 Marchesi Antinori, Tignanello, Toscana IGT, Tuscany (3 bottles)
2015 Marchesi Antinori, Tignanello, Toscana IGT, Tuscany
2015 Castello Romitorio Brunello di Montalcino Riserva, Tuscany
2015 Giuseppe Quintarelli, 'Alzero', Cabernet Blend, Veneto IGT, Italy
2015 Tenuta dell'Ornellaia, "Ornellaia" Bolgheri Superiore, Tuscany
(7 bottles total)

Value \$1,750 - \$3,050

Donated by Bill Galbraith, Harry's Savoy Grill

Marchesi Antinori is one of Italy's most historic and influential wine families, credited with pioneering the Super Tuscan movement and elevating Tignanello into one of Tuscany's most iconic and collectible wines.

The **2010 Tignanello**, a Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon Super Tuscan blend, is a wine of aromatic complexity, weaving together currant, black cherry and plum with balsamic herbs, cedar, and warm stone minerality. The mouthfeel is smooth and balanced with polished tannins and fresh acidity, with flavors of dark berries, spice, and a subtle saline note. Drink now - 2035. **97 pts. D, 96 pts. JS, 96 pts. JD, 95 pts. WE, 94 pts. RP, 92 pts. WS**

The **2015 Tignanello** is a stunningly expressive wine, opening with deep aromas of dark fruit layered with sandalwood, leather, tobacco and sweet floral notes. Full-bodied, it delivers polished tannins and vibrant acidity with flavors of red Sangiovese fruit, graphite and subtle spice. Rich but never heavy, it finishes long. Drink now - 2040. **98 pts. JS, 98 pts. V, 96 pts. RP, 96 pts. WS, 95 pts. WE**

Castello Romitorio, located in northwest Montalcino, is known for crafting elegant, terroir-driven Brunello from soils at higher elevations, producing limited Riserva bottlings only in exceptional vintages. The **Castello Romitorio** offers aromas of bright cherry, blackberry, and rose, accented by cedar, tobacco, crushed rock and subtle savory spice. Full-bodied yet remarkably polished, the palate shows silky, refined tannins, vibrant acidity and a seamless weave of red and dark fruits, minerals and floral tones. It finishes long, leaving lingering impressions of herbs and ripe berry preserves. Drink now - 2045. **98 pts. WS, 96 pts. RP, 96 pts. JS**

Giuseppe Quintarelli is one of Veneto's most revered, tradition-driven estates, famed for meticulous craftsmanship and the Amarone-style appassimento method to create some of Italy's most distinctive and collectible wines. The very rare "**Alzero**" Cabernet blend is intensely aromatic, bursting with blackberries and dark cherries layered with plum, crushed stone, and savory herbs. Velvety and full-bodied, it balances vibrant acidity, dusty tannins and a mineral spine, while notes of cocoa, licorice, and violet add complexity. It finishes long and resonant, leaving impressions of dark fruit and spice. Drink now - 2040. **95 pts. V**

Tenuta dell'Ornellaia is one of Bolgheri's benchmark estates, internationally revered for crafting Bordeaux-inspired Super Tuscans with exceptional aging potential. The "**Ornellaia**" is a magnificently balanced and refined wine, unfolding with aromas of blackberry and raspberry layered with sage and subtle tobacco. Full-bodied, it delivers silky tannins, vibrant acidity and a creamy mid-palate. The finish is long and elegant, with dark berry fruit and a savory, smoky complexity. Drink now - 2040. **98 pts. JS, 98 pts. V, 97 pts. JD, 97 pts. WS**

LOT 28 NINE BOTTLES OF RUTHERFORD BRILLIANCE

2017 Sloan Estate, Proprietary Red Blend, Rutherford, Napa Valley (3 bottles)

2017 Sloan Estate, Asterisk, Bordeaux Red Blend, Rutherford, Napa Valley

(6 bottles)

(9 bottles total)

Value \$2,050 - \$3,800

Donated by Tony and Cheri Sciscione

Sloan Estate Winery is one of Napa Valley's most private and highly regarded producers of Cabernet-blended wines, and is considered a 1B tier cult wine, just below 1A tier Screaming Eagle and Harlan Estate. Its Cabernet-centric wines are crafted by an elite consulting team, including world-renowned vineyard consultant **David Abreu**, instrumental in crafting the site's terroir expression, and consulting oenologist **Michel Rolland**, a globally influential figure in fine wine.

The **Proprietary Red Blend** opens with a bouquet of dark fruit layered with violet, pine, tobacco leaf, scorched earth and exotic spice, evoking a Graves-like sophistication. Full-bodied and polished, it delivers dense black fruit preserves, chocolate and licorice, held by a beautifully integrated tannin structure and a vibrant backbone of freshness. The finish lingers with notes of sandalwood and gravelly earth. Drink now - 2047. **98 pts. JS, 97 pts. JD, 96 pts. WA, 94 pts. V**

The **Asterisk** reveals inviting aromas of crème de cassis, baked plums and mulberries layered with cedar, toasted spice, and mushroom. Medium to full-bodied, it offers mouth-coating black and red fruit preserves with a velvety texture, polished firm tannins balanced by fresh acidity. Juicy yet structured, it finishes with lingering notes of fragrant earth, tea leaf and subtle truffle. Drink now - 2032. **94 pts. JS, 94 pts. JD, 91 pts. WA, 90 pts. V**



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