

SILENT AUCTION

1 - Magnum Château Smith-Haut-Lafitte 2008
estimated value: \$170

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The Cathiards are not able to be with us this year but they send a lovely magnum from the '08 vintage which Robert Parker described as "One of the stars of the vintage, this elegant, smoky wine has hints of barbecue pit intermixed with sweet black currants and cherries. Dark purple and medium to full-bodied, its impressive finesse and wonderful purity make for a surprisingly forward style of Smith-Haut-Lafitte to drink over the next 15 or so years." 92 points

Donated by Château Smith-Haut-Lafitte

Mini Vertical of Dunn Vineyards Howell Mountain
estimated value: \$400

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1 - bottle Dunn Vineyards Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon 2005
1 - bottle Dunn Vineyards Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon 2006
1 - bottle Dunn Vineyards Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon 2007

Randy Dunn is considered one of the great winemakers in California. His Howell Mountain Cabernet is legendary and these are three great vintages for California cabernets.

Donated by James E. Gaby

Collection of Vintage Corkscrews

estimated value: \$200

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Includes clear plexiglass display stands.

Donated by Carol & Larry Gage

1 - Magnum Dominus 1985

estimated value: \$300

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“The 1985 Dominus stands out for its smoky, ripe cassis, earthy nose, sweet, full-bodied, concentrated flavors, and opulently long, chewy finish. It was the most forward, precocious example of this wine I have yet tasted. This bottling exhibited the plush, velvety texture that proprietor Christian Moueix achieves in top Pomerol vintages.” 91 points Robert Parker Lucky for you this collector did all of the hard work by holding for you until it is ready to drink – you have the easy job!

Donated by Henry S. Richardson

Ellen Allen Oxford Clutch

estimated value: \$125

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This is not your average clutch. Named after the charming waterfront town on Maryland’s Eastern Shore, this accessory is just as functional as it is classic. Travel from work to dinner with ease with the Oxford Clutch in Diamondback pattern in Regatta Red.

Donated by Ellen Allen Annapolis

2 - bottles Taylor Fladgate Vintage Port 1992

estimated value: \$500

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100 points from Robert Parker: "Taylor's 1992 Vintage Port is unquestionably the greatest young port I have ever tasted. It represents the essence of what vintage port can achieve. The color is an opaque black/purple, and the nose offers up fabulously intense aromas of minerals, cassis, blackberries, licorice, and spices, as well as extraordinary purity and penetration. Yet this is still an unformed and infantile wine. If Château Latour made a late-harvest Cabernet Sauvignon, I suspect it might smell like this. In the mouth, the wine is out of this world, displaying layer upon layer of concentrated black fruits backed by well-integrated tannin and structure. This is a massive, magnificently rich, full-bodied port that will be far more flattering in its youth than were such Taylors as the 1983, 1977, or 1970. It possesses awesome fruit, marvelous intensity, and lavish opulence, all brilliantly well-delineated by the wine's formidable structure. This monumental 30-50 year port is a must-purchase for port aficionados!"

Donated by Susan & Manfred Arnold

2 - Magnums Beaux Freres 'The Beaux Freres Vineyard' Pinot Noir Ribbon Ridge 2007

estimated value: \$480

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"Beautifully evolved and drinking well now. This wine is always elegant, savory with a sweet core mid palate. The balance and detail on this wine is very much appreciated." -Jeannie Cho Lee, MW

Donated by Jeffrey J. Schragg & Mary Jo George

1 - Double Magnum Château Branaire-Ducru 2003

estimated value: \$500

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Patrick Maroteaux is not with us this year for Heart's Delight but he does send "This fully mature, gorgeous 2003 Branaire Ducru. It possesses silky tannins, lots of cedary, spice box, floral, black cherry, forest floor and velvety leather-like notes, full body, and an opulent, complex yet elegant style. A beauty of complexity, richness and finesse." 94 points - Robert Parker

Donated by Château Branaire-Ducru

Burgundy Connoisseur Dinner for Two at La Mangeoire
in New York on Thursday, May 26th
estimated value: \$990

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Burgundy is a mecca for wine lovers. The complexity of the terroirs and variety of wine making styles can make this amazing region quite daunting. Learn how Burgundy can be enjoyed at many levels-- you don't have to pay a fortune for a single bottle to get a great wine. Not only will this be an evening of absolutely delightful wines but will also be a great introduction to terroir and aged Burgundy from great estates.

Wines will include:

- 1990 Jean Gros Vosne Romanee Clos des Reas
- 1999 Bouchard Bonnes Mares
- 2001 Lambrays Clos des Lambrays
- 1993 B. Clair Chambertin Clos de Beze
- 2009 Drouhin Clos Vougeot
- 2005 Hudelot-Noellat Vosne Romanee Les Beaumonts
- 2002 Groffier Chambolle Musigny Les Sentiers
- 2011 Roumier Chambolle Musigny
- 2009 Fourrier Gevrey Chambertin Aux Echezeaux VV
- 1995 Faiveley Clos des Cortons
- 1995 M. Esmonin Gevrey Chambertin Clos St. Jacques
- 2005 de Montille Volnay Champans
- 2005 Chevillon Nuits St. Georges Les Roncieres
- 2010 Jadot Pommard Rugiens
- 2009 Gouges Nuits St Georges Pruliers

Dinner to be held on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at La Mangeoire in New York

Donated by Truly Hardy and Acker Merrall & Condit

Jace's Italian Horizontal

estimated value: \$455

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- 1 - bottle Brancaia Il Blu IGT Toscana 2004
- 1 - bottle Casanova di Neri Tenuta Nuova Brunello 2004
- 1 - bottle Isole e Olena Cepparello IGT Toscana 2004
- 1 - bottle Pio Cesare Barolo 2004
- 1 - bottle Seghesio Barolo La Villa 2004
- 1 - bottle Valdicava Brunello 2004

2004 was a fabulous vintage in Italy—rated 96 points by Wine Advocate in each of the regions represented in this lot. Even better, the wines are all at or approaching their peak—exactly where you'd want to buy them to drink over the next five years or so. The lot contains a “who's who” of top producers in Tuscany and the Piedmont. Enjoy these beauties over the next few years—or, enjoy them together in a memorable tasting to see how terroir affected the top producers in one superb vintage. If you like great Italian wine—great food-friendly wine—you need this!

Brancaia Il Blu: A blend of 50% sangiovese, 45% merlot and 5% cabernet franc... ”gorgeous, silky...may very well be the finest wine yet from Brancaia.” 94 points, Wine Advocate The Casanova de Neri Tenuta Nuova: “Neri's 204 Brunellos are immensely successful...” “The Tenuta Nuova is impressive...for its textural richness and sheer depth...long, sweet and pure.” 93 points, Wine Advocate The Isole e Olena Cepparello: Paolo de Marchi is one of Italy's most respected winemakers. Galloni said: “The 2004 Cepparello has fleshed out beautifully.” 95 points, Wine Advocate The Pio Cesare Barolo: “Proprietor Pio Boffa has fashioned some of the finest wines of his career with his 2004...the estate's 2004 Barolo is very elegant in this vintage.” 93 points, Wine Advocate The Seghesio Barolo La Villa: “The 2004 Barolo La Villa is notably elegant and restrained... superbly well-balanced.” 92 points, Wine Advocate The Valdicave Brunello: Yet another rave! “The 2004 Brunello di Montalcino is simply beautiful...Valdicave Brunelos age exquisitely.” 94 points, Wine Advocate If you could hop in a time machine and go back to one of the greatest vintages of the last 25 years, this is the six-pack you'd buy!

Donated by Jace Glowa

One-Week Vacation in Sheraton Hacienda Del Mar
Golf & Spa Resort, Los Cabos (January 14-21, 2017)
estimated value: \$3,500

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Enjoy a one-week stay in a deluxe one-bedroom at The Sheraton Hacienda del Mar Resort & Spa of Los Cabos which captures the atmosphere of Old Mexico. You can stroll along its cobblestone lanes and winding paths, stopping to enjoy fountains, restaurants and quaint shops. The resort sits on a private beach amid 28 acres of quiet, lush gardens. Surrounding the resort is the famous Cabo del Sol Ocean Golf Course by Jack Nicklaus. Relax as you lounge by any of four swimming pools or sit on the beach. Enjoy first-class services and amenities and a state-of-the-art fitness center with spa. Available activities include golfing, fishing, horseback riding, boating, shopping, dining, ATV excursions, camel rides, sight seeing, and much more. There is something for everyone from those who enjoy nightlife to history enthusiasts to those who just want a relaxing vacation by the sand.

Valid only during week of January 14-21, 2017.

Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Gil Guarino

1 - bottle Sine Qua Non Five Shooter Syrah 2010
estimated value: \$350

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“The 2010 Syrah Five Shooter is straight up gorgeous. A massive wine that somehow holds everything together, it offers a wild array of cassis, blackberry, white chocolate, underbrush and pepper that flows to a full-bodied, layered Syrah that has masses of fine tannin and enough substance to evolve for decades. Drink 2015-2030.” 98+ points -The Wine Advocate

Donated by Jeffrey J. Schragg & Mary Jo George

12 - bottles Clos Saint-Jean Chateauneuf-du-Pape Vieilles Vignes
2007 in Original Wooden Box
estimated value: \$800

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“The 2007 Chateauneuf du Pape Vieilles Vignes is blockbuster stuff that has overflowing kirsch, blackberry, incense, lavender and Asian spices flowing to a sexy, full-bodied, multidimensional wine that has impeccable balance and knockout length. While I’ve a slight preference for the 2010, the 2007 has fabulous mid-palate density and an incredibly polished mouthfeel that’s hard to resist. It too is drinking well now, but will have 15 to 20 years of overall longevity when all is said and done.” 95 points -The Wine Advocate

Donated by Truly Hardy and Acker Merrall & Condit

30th Anniversary: 1986 was a Terrific Vintage!
estimated value: \$900

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- 1 - bottle Château Pichon Lalande 1986
- 1 - bottle Château Ducru Beaucaillou 1986
- 1 - bottle Château Latour 1986

The Pichon Lalande received 94 points from Robert Parker and 19.5/20 points from Jancis Robinson, Decanter, “Very youthful crimson in colour. A very intense, lead-pencil nose leading to sheer loganberries. Incredible, strong and meaty on the palate. A huge, four-square wine.”

The Ducru-Beaucaillou received 92 points from Robert Parker, “The 1986 Ducru possesses a dark ruby color with purple nuances This is an intensely concentrated Ducru-Beaucaillou with formidable aging potential.” And of the Latour Robert Parker writes, “Tasted from my cellar, the 1986 has consistently been outstanding, falling short of being sublime. The spicy, peppery bouquet reveals aromas of dried herbs and red currant fruit. Medium-bodied, austere, but youthful, vigorous, and concentrated....Anticipated maturity: 2005-2020.”

The 1986 vintage in Bordeaux has always both intrigued and beguiled. Bordeaux is almost never blessed with so many great vintages in a row, and never have so many good vintages coincided with large harvests. Here is your chance to take home some great Bordeaux. Ready to enjoy now!

Donated by Friends of Heart’s Delight

Seven-Day Wine Tour through Germany's Riesling Country

(May 5-11, 2016)

estimated value: \$4,200

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This seven-day tour (May 5-11, 2016) lets you explore the regions that are quintessential to understand Riesling and the concept of terroir: The Rheingau, Mittelrhein, Ahr, Mosel, and Nahe wine regions. You will visit many picturesque wine towns and take a cruise on the romantic Rhine River with its castle- and vine-ribboned bank; the Mosel valley with its dizzying steep vineyards; delving into 2,000 years of history and tasting premium wines at 16 world-class wine estates, such as J.J. Prüm, Leitz, Molitor, Zilliken, and Meyer-Näkel. The tour starts and ends in Frankfurt am Main. You will travel with the husband and wife team Dr. Christian Schiller, wine writer, and Annette Schiller, organizer of wine classes, wine tours, and wine events. Their expert knowledge about German wines and their personal relationships with the wine estate owners and winemakers will give you an unparalleled, personal, and authentic experience and an inside view behind the scenes of premium German wineries.

Spot for 1 person. Flight to and from Frankfurt is not included in the tour. Six nights accommodation, transport in the wine regions, all visits and sightseeing, all wine tastings, and meals are included.

Donated by Ombiasy PR & Wine Tours

Visit Burgundy

estimated value: \$600

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Private tasting and lunch for four at Maison Alex Gambal with Alex Gambal
Alex Gambal's Guest House in Santenay - One Night Stay for Two Couples
Domaine Dublere - Visit and Tasting

Spend a day with Alex Gambal at Maison Alex Gambal, including a tour, tasting and lunch. Spend the night in his guest house in Santenay, the perfect wine village with two very good restaurants, a baker, butcher, convenience store, tabac, a pharmacy and two wine shops. Out the front door are some of the best bike trails in France that can take you north to as far as Gevrey-Chambertin and south as far as Clugny (if you are very athletic!) For those less vigorous or family oriented one can bike along the Burgundy canal or take the vineyard path to Beaune. For hikers one can wander the same paths as the bicycles or discover the hills and paths that can take you into the Haute Cote and also as far north or south as your legs can carry you. At night, and best of all, the fountain in the square will lull you to sleep.

After a great day with Alex you and your guests will retire to Alex Gambal's Guest House in Santenay (one night stay for two couples). It is a cozy place in picturesque Santenay, a perfect wine village, in a newly renovated guest house on the square. Out the front door are some of the best bike trails in France that can take you north to as far as Gevrey-Chambertin and south as far as Clugny, one can bike along the Burgundy canal or take the vineyard path to Beaune. At night, and best of all, the fountain in the square will lull you to sleep.

Next get ready for a visit to Domaine Dublere which was founded in 2003 by the American political journalist Blair Pethel, he is one of the new and rising stars of Burgundy. The first vintage was 2004, and the domaine now makes quite a large a selection of both white and red Burgundies - all of very high quality given the individual appellation. All the wines are very pure, intense, quite light-footed and with a precise and transparent expression of the terroir. Make no mistake - Blair Pethel might be born in the USA, but his wines are more Bourgundian than a lot of the wines produced by otherwise well-known "local" producers in the area.

Restrictions: Expires April 2017; Valid for a mutually agreeable date.

Donated by Alex Gambal and Domaine Dublere

2 - bottles Aubert UV-SL Vineyard Pinot Noir 2009

estimated value: \$300

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96 points from The Wine Advocate! “The 2009 Pinot Noir UV-SL Vineyard is dazzling. It reveals all of the qualities that make Pinot here so compelling. In the 2009, I find expressive aromatics that meld seamlessly into the fruit, not to mention a gracious yet powerful personality. A super-refined finish has the last say in this moving, breathtaking wine. The UV-SL vineyard is just four miles from the Pacific Ocean. There is an energy and vitality in the wine I find totally irresistible. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2020.”

Donated by Jeffrey J. Schragg & Mary Jo George

2012 Napa Cab Lot

estimated value: \$895

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- 1 - bottle Corra Cabernet Sauvignon 2012
- 1 - bottle Delectus Boulder Falls Cabernet Sauvignon 2012
- 1 - bottle Herb Lamb Cabernet Sauvignon 2012
- 1 - bottle Kathryn Hall Cabernet Sauvignon 2012
- 1 - bottle Pahlmeyer Cabernet Sauvignon 2012
- 1 - bottle Quintessa Cabernet Sauvignon 2012
- 1 - bottle Ridge Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

Is it possible to have too much of a good thing? Not in California, where most winemakers report an easy growing season with plenty of high-quality grapes. On the West Coast in 2012, most vintners are reporting the easiest season in years—the winemakers’ job is to not destroy the gift nature gave them. In the first of five 2012 vintage reports, California winegrowers up and down the coast are celebrating a long, sunny year. After two tough harvests, 2012 provided plenty of gorgeous grapes and potentially outstanding wines.

Donated by John Brooks, James Cahill, Scott & Lily Claffee, Carly Maher, Karen Peterson, and David White

1 - bottle Domaine Faiveley Mazis-Chambertin Grand Cru 2005

estimated value: \$200

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93-95 points from Allen Meadows, Burghound, “An interesting if slightly odd nose of reduction and menthol notes added to wild, ripe and layered red berry fruit aromas that complement the gamy and completely backward flavors that are highly complex and possess a firm and mouth coating texture. There is character to burn and I quite like this. In a word, stunning.”

Donated by Joel Kleinman

12 - bottles Labet & Dechelette Chateau de La Tour Clos de Vougeot Vieilles Vignes Grand Cru 2012

estimated value: \$2,600

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This case was purchased directly from the Collection of Francois Labet and is in the original wooden box. Allen Meadows, Burghound awarded it 93-96 points, “Here the nose is similar to the regular cuvée from a compositional standpoint but the fruit is denser and more complex as well. The very concentrated broad-shouldered flavors possess excellent concentration as the copious dry extract both coats the palate and buffers the extremely firm tannic spine on the explosively long but impeccably well-balanced finish.”

Donated by Truly Hardy and Acker Merrall & Condit