

LIVE AUCTION

Take a Bite Out of the Big Apple!

estimated value: \$1,700

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Acela round trip tickets for two to New York City
Sofitel New York - Two Night Weekend Stay
Prune - Dinner for Four
Kat & Theo - Dinner for Two

Ride in class, style and speed to New York City with two Business Class tickets on Amtrak's Acela. When you arrive, check-in to the Sofitel New York for your weekend stay in a classic queen room. The Sofitel is ideally located in midtown Manhattan you are just blocks away from Rockefeller Center, Times Square, Broadway theaters, and the Museum of Modern Art.

Start the weekend off with dinner for four at Prune. We are so excited to welcome Gabrielle Hamilton back for her 8th year participating in Heart's Delight! Frank Bruni wrote in The New York Times in 2005, "She opened Prune in 1999, to cook for [her] neighbors," But her success attracted food lovers from all over the borough, the city and the state, as well as other chefs and food writers. Enchanted, it is easy to see why Prune is so widely and fervently loved. It has mirth to spare, moxie to burn. It listens to its own muse and operates by a credo of whimsical indulgence."

Hopefully you had a chance to meet Chef Paras Shah and try his delicious black pepper chicken wing. He is with us for his first Heart's Delight and we hope it is the first of many. The winning bidder and a friend will be lucky enough to have dinner at the newly opened, Kat & Theo in the Flatiron District. Chef Shah has worked in such esteemed kitchens as Ferran Adrià's world-famous El Bulli in Spain, Per Se and Momofuku Noodle Bar in NYC. At Kat & Theo he features seasonal, New American fare with a focus on Mediterranean flavors.

Restrictions:

Amtrak: Valid for one round trip for two passengers traveling together; Valid April 1, 2016 April 1, 2017; Acela Express travel is not permitted on holidays and weekday departures prior to 8:59 A.M. or between 2:01 P.M. and 5:59 P.M. Amtrak Northeast Regional Service has no departure time restrictions.

Restrictions - Prune and Kat & Theo: Excludes gratuity. Based on availability.

Sofitel New York: Expires April 2017. Blackout dates include October 31, December 1-12, 30 & 31, 2016, Reservations are based on availability.

Donated by Acela, Sofitel New York, Prune and Kat & Theo



S O F I T E L
LUXURY HOTELS



Over the Top Fun, Food and People in Chicago!

estimated value: \$5,500

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American Airlines - Two First Class Tickets
Maple & Ash - Custom Experience for Two
graham elliot bistro - Chef for a Day
Omni Chicago Hotel - Two Night Stay
Skydeck Chicago - Four tickets

We love Chicago and this is going to be an incredible trip! You will head off in style with two first class tickets on American Airlines!

Two night stay at the recently renovated Omni Chicago Hotel. The only all-suite luxury accommodations on Michigan Avenue. It embraces the city's iconic architecture highlights historical elements of Louis Sullivan's intricate sketches, the Chicago School's building materials, and the whimsy of modern sculptures synonymous with Chicago.

We are so happy to welcome back two-Michelin-starred Chef Danny Grant for his second Heart's Delight - he is offering a V.I.P. Chicago dining and drinking experience of a lifetime. So you and a friend will join Danny and James Beard Award-winning sommelier Belinda Chang (the team behind the new and acclaimed restaurant Maple & Ash). The team will scoop you and a guest up at your hotel on the way to the iconic Gold Coast steakhouse Gibson's for their famous hard-shaken dirty Martinis. After cocktails, you'll arrive at Maple & Ash for a champagne and caviar tasting in the wine cellar, followed by a chef's tasting menu in the dining room. After dinner, the next stop is Grant Achatz's The Office, one of the most exclusive and interesting cocktail bars in the world, for a round of expertly crafted drinks. Assuming you've got it in you - the last stop will be a secret after-hours location for Korean food and dancing. The only catch? You have to be able to handle it all! This is surely the most exclusive and VIP way to experience the food and drink of the windy city!

As you do a little sightseeing in Chicago, you will get to visit Skydeck Chicago, from the highest observatory in the United States, the Skydeck still offers the most breathtaking views of Chicago and its four surrounding states.

We are sorry that Graham Elliot couldn't be with us this year but he sends a fun experience - you get to join the graham elliot bistro Team as Chef for a day! After spending the day in the kitchen, you and a guest will be able to enjoy dinner for two with Chef Graham Elliot's tasting menu and wine pairings. With focus on the technique and craft of cooking, graham elliot bistro brings the "perfection of simplicity" to the table.

Restrictions:

American Airlines: Transportation includes two First Class tickets on American Airlines, the official airline of Heart's Delight. Restrictions apply. Book travel arrangements as soon as possible to take advantage of maximum availability. Please provide three months' notice in order to properly plan your trip. Travel is valid through April 2017. Extensions will not be permitted.

Omni Hotels & Resorts: Reservations are required and subject to availability. Blackout dates and other restrictions may apply.

Maple & Ash: Mutually agreeable date.

Graham Elliot Bistro: Excludes gratuity. Not valid on holidays. Expires April 2017

Skydeck Chicago: Expiration March 9, 2017.

Donated by American Airlines, Omni Hotels & Resorts, Maple & Ash, SkyDeck Chicago, and graham elliot bistro

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MAPLE & ASH


graham elliot bistro

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CHICAGO

Champagne Lover's Lot – Grower Champagne Collection + Sabering Lesson + a Saber!

estimated value: \$950

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Grower Champagne Case

Sabering Lesson

Laguiole L'Eclair Champagne Sabre "La Roque"

Ever want to learn how to make the already celebratory occasion of popping a bottle of champagne even more exciting . . . well throw in a saber! Now this is your lucky day as our auction committee chairman, David White, will hold a sabering lesson for you and your friends in your home and teach you how to saber a bottle of Champagne. He will be joined by Brianna Keilar of CNN, who we happen to know besides being CNN's senior political correspondent, is also a fan of sabering!

The lucky winner will also receive a case of grower Champagne which will include: J.L. Vergnon "Confidence" 2008, Nicolas Maillart 'Les Chaillots Gillis' 2004, Agrapart "Mineral" 2006, Ulysse Collin "Les Pierrieres" 2011, Guy Charlemagne Rosé 2002, José Michel & Fils Grand Vintage 2002, Laherte "Les Vignes d'Autrefois" 2008, Christophe Mignon Champagne Brut Nature, 2008 Raphaël & Vincent Bérèche Champagne Côte, 2010 Vouette et Sorbée Champagne Fidèle. Grower Champagnes are defined as those made by récoltants-manipulants – about 2,000 growers who make their own wines as well as selling grapes to the major Champagne houses. As Terry Theise explains, the récoltant manipulants "handcraft their limited quantities of Champagne from individual villages and parcels where the inherent qualities of the vineyards imprint themselves into the wines. These winemakers are brave souls in an industrialized age: growing, crafting and bottling their own Champagne, offering it to the world as their life's work." This is a wonderful opportunity to drink well and support those brave souls!

Once you are skilled at the art of sabering, you will never go back to the traditional way so lucky for you our friends at DC Sharp have donated and hand-sharpened your very own saber for you! You will be the proud owner of a Laguiole L'Eclair Champagne Sabre "La Roque" with a rosewood handle. The blade is made from 440 stainless steel and its back edge is skillfully decorated with indentations and finished with the established bee crest placed at the head of the handle.

Restrictions:

Sabering lesson must be held on a mutually agreeable date and within the DC Metropolitan area. Expires April 2017.

Donated by David White, Darryl Priest, Warren Leonard & Weygandt Wines, Tim O'Rourke, Doug Heye, Scott & Lily Claffee, Isaac James Baker, Brianna Keilar and DC Sharp

2 - Magnums Moët Chandon Dom Pérignon 1985

estimated value: \$2,000

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We'll take any reason to celebrate with these two very rare magnums of '85 Dom Pérignon! They received 96 points from Robert Parker, "Excellent finesse in this wine that is still fresh with lime and citrus, but it also hints at lovely hazelnut, nutmeg and coffee bean notes. A very long orange-peel-scented finish." We appreciate the generous collector who kept them all of these years!

Donated by Henry S. Richardson



We'll Toast to Your Trip to Champagne

estimated value: \$5,500

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Sofitel Hotel Scribe Paris - One Room for Three Night Stay
Paris Wine Company - Wine Bar Tasting Tour in Paris with founder Josh Adler
Champagne - Three Nights for Two Couples
Champagne - Behind-the-Scenes Tours for Two Couples

Your home base for three nights in Paris is the Hotel Scribe Paris, resplendent in the glittering lights of Paris' Opéra district, this luxury 5-star hotel blends rich history and lavish architecture with sleek contemporary design. The Hotel Scribe was the home of the famous Jockey Club, and was where the Lumière brothers invented cinema. Joséphine Baker and many other renowned visitors have enjoyed the luxurious suites. Designed by Jacques Grange, the hotel's elegance and impeccable service makes it a landmark of Parisian luxury.

Explore the City of Lights and adventure out with Josh Adler, Paris Wine Company founder, for a tasting tour of Paris' most interesting natural wine bars. Josh formerly served as the sommelier of Spring restaurant, and specializes in introducing unheralded and often young winemakers to new audiences both in Paris and abroad.

The region of Champagne, located about 100 miles northwest of Paris, is known for the beauty of its countryside and its magnificent sparkling, Champagne, the most prestigious and renown of all French wines. Two lucky couples will spend three nights in the region and will have behind-the-scenes access to champagne cellars and houses throughout the region. Transportation is not included, but guests can easily take a train from Paris to Epernay or Reims. *A votre santé!*

Restrictions:

Sofitel Hotel Scribe Paris: Valid until December 15, 2016

Champagne visits and stay: Does not include airfare or other transportation. Trip must be coordinated on a mutually agreeable date between all guests and Total Wine & More. Lodging is available Monday-Friday, September through June (excludes Christmas/New Year's and Easter holidays). Total Wine & More does not guarantee the availability of particular guest houses.

Donated by Sofitel Hotel Scribe Paris, Paris Wine Company, and Total Wine & More

S O F I T E L
LUXURY HOTELS



Total Wine
& MORE

Château d'Yquem

estimated value: \$1,600

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2 - bottles Château d'Yquem 1990

2 - bottles Château d'Yquem 1996

In honor of Pierre Lurton's visit with us last year we have a lovely lot of liquid gold. The 1990 receives 99 points from Robert Parker, "An extraordinary effort, Yquem's 1990 is a rich and fabulously superb, sweet wine. This wine also possesses lots of elegance and finesse. The wine's medium gold color is accompanied by an exceptionally sweet nose of honeyed tropical fruits, peaches, coconut, and apricots. High quality, subtle toasty oak is well-integrated. The wine is massive on the palate, with layers of intensely ripe botrytis-tinged, exceptionally sweet fruit. Surprisingly well-integrated acidity, and a seamless, full-bodied power and richness have created a wine of remarkable harmony and purity. Certainly it is one of the richest Yquems I have ever tasted, with 50-100 years of potential longevity. An awesome Yquem!" The 1996 d'Yquem received 95 points from Robert Parker, "Light gold with a tight but promising nose of roasted hazelnuts intermixed with creme brulee, vanilla beans, honey, orange marmalade, and peaches."

Donated by Friends of Heart's Delight

Bordeaux & Paris

estimated value: \$7,000

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Two Business Class tickets on American Airlines

Sofitel Paris La Défense - Two Night Stay and Breakfast

Château Beychevelle - One Night Stay, Winemaker Dinner, Visit & Tasting for Two Couples

Château Pontet-Canet - One Night Stay, Dinner, Visit and Tasting for Two

TESSERON Cognac - Lunch and Visit for Two

1 - bottle Tesson Cognac - Lot 53 XO Perfection

VIP Visits, Tours and Tastings with Amazing Châteaux in Bordeaux

Fly in comfort and class to Paris with two Business Class tickets on American Airlines, official airline of Heart's Delight.

The 5-star Sofitel Paris La Défense hotel is a true urban cocoon in the heart of Europe's largest business district, and combines innovation, art and design. This will be your home as you explore Paris for three nights. With décor designed by Jean-Philippe Nuel, you will also find artwork and contemporary paintings by artists Pierre Bonnefille and Rudy Candillon. Enjoy this hotel's convenient location close to the Grande Arche and the Champs-Élysées.

As you make your way to Bordeaux we will make sure you will be taken care of. As a supporter of Heart's Delight, you will receive a warm welcome from our friends in Bordeaux, including the many winemakers and directors who are with us for this year's Heart's Delight. But some kind invitations also came from the châteaux who were not able to join us this year.

We are sorry to miss Philippe Blanc this year but appreciate his invitation to the winning bidder to visit him at Château Beychevelle. They are completing their new cellar and after the 2016 harvest they will welcome four guests for a private visit of their new cellar, a wine tasting and a winemaker dinner. You will be lucky enough to stay the night at this stunning château which was built in 1565. In ancient French, the name Beychevelle meant "lower the sails" which was required by boats as they passed by as a sign of allegiance to the Prime Duke of Epernon, owner of the prestigious estate.

Alfred Tesseron is also not with us this year but he extends an invitation to the winning bidder to visit Château Pontet-Canet for a visit and tasting followed by dinner and an overnight stay at the property. The Château dates back to the beginning of the 18th century and only three families have owned this illustrious property. Alfred Tesseron has been running the estate for the past twenty+ years and his niece, Mélanie Tesseron since 2005. They work their vineyard as if it were a vegetable garden, respecting the natural rhythm of the seasons whilst maximizing the potential of its terroir without the use of pesticides. The vines have benefited from this natural harmony producing wines which display precision, purity and character.

While in Bordeaux you will visit many others, including First Growths such as Château Margaux and Château Haut-Brion. Tour the châteaux, imbibe the world-class wines, indulge in the regional cuisine, and also see what else Bordeaux has to offer.

For a lovely day trip, the Tesseron family has invited you to visit Maison Tesseron where they produce Cognac. Open the door to the Tesseron home in Châteauneuf-sur-Charente and you will discover the family treasure: a unique collection of the finest cognacs. This treasure trove dates back to the 19th century when Abel Tesseron acquired this property and began his collection of rare and priceless cognacs. The tradition continued by Alfred, who is now the third generation. You will be invited in for a lunch at the property. In order to prepare you for your visit you will also receive a bottle of Tesseron Cognac - Lot 53 XO Perfection.

This will be a lovely trip filled with many wonderful memories and many new friends.

Restrictions:

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Sofitel Paris La Defense expires March 31, 2017

Château Beychevelle: Mutually agreeable date. Extended stay possible upon request and subject to fee. Valid October 2016 (post-harvest) through April 2017.

Château Pontet-Canet and Tessonon Cognac: Mutually agreeable date for two guests. Expires April 2017.

Donated by American Airlines, Sofitel Paris La Defense, Château Beychevelle, TESSERON Cognac, Château Pontet-Canet, and Friends of Heart's Delight



CHATEAU BEYCHEVELLE



Tesseron Dynamic Duo

estimated value: \$1,600

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1 - bottle TESSERON Cognac TRÉSOR

1 - Double Magnum Château Pontet-Canet 2001 signed by Alfred Tesson

From the wonderful people at Tesson Cognac and Pontet-Canet we have this terrific lot - perfect for the many members of the Alfred Tesson fan club (and who isn't a fan?)!

The beautiful TESSERON Cognac TRÉSOR has been rated the overall best Cognac of 2015 by Paul Pacult and overall 4th best spirit of 2015 by Paul Pacult. "As with many luxury products, there's Cognac and then, sir, there is Cognac. The Tesson family has been in the Cognac business for over a hundred years, but they've stayed under the radar in the past, as their focus has been supplying the major houses with aged Cognacs to be used in top bottlings (their family cellar contains glass demijohns of spirits going back to the 1880s). They finally launched their own brand in 2003, and just have released a new 'Signature Collection,' which I recently had the opportunity to taste. Admittedly, these Cognacs don't come cheap. On the other hand, they are also extraordinarily good. The Trésor is the pinnacle of the collection (only three thousand bottles were made), Trésor is a blend of Cognacs aged for 50-plus years. Its aroma has a distinctive rancio note, a kind of buttery/nut character that as Tesson says, 'You never find in Cognacs less than two generations old.'" - Ray Isle, Food & Wine

Created at the end of the 19th century by Abel Tesson and continually enriched over the passing years, the collection at the Tesson cognac house is a veritable jewel, unique in the world.

The Pontet-Canet is described by Stephen Tanzer as "Good red-ruby color. Sexy, highly aromatic nose combines black raspberry, licorice, mint, minerals and flowers. Classy, bright Pauillac, with suave dark berry and mineral flavors nicely shaped by firm acidity. Offers early sex appeal but has the structure for a long life in bottle. Finishes with ripe, spreading tannins and excellent grip and length."

Donated by TESSERON Cognac and Friends of Heart's Delight



1 - 6L Ridge Monte Bello Cabernet Sauvignon 1999

estimated value: \$2,000

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Our friends from Ridge Vineyards were not able to join us this year but they sent this very large bottle in their place – the equivalent to 8 regular bottles! This wine is brilliant! It is a big bottle and a big wine, ripe and rich, with concentrated currant, cherry and berry flavors that lead to firm finish. 92 points from the Wine Spectator, “A wine of great balance, finesse and grace. Well-focused, the ripe, tart, rich blackberry and currant fruit is intense yet elegant, picking up earth, mineral and sage notes, and finishing with fine, well-integrated tannins. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot.”

RIDGE
VINEYARDS

Donated by Ridge Vineyards

Head Out to Napa & Sonoma and Visit Where the Magic Happens!

estimated value: \$4,500

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American Airlines - Two First Class Tickets
Flowers Vineyards & Winery - Visit and Tasting for Four
Jordan Vineyard & Winery - Overnight Stay for Two in Estate Suite, Tour & Tasting
1 - bottle Jordan Winery Chardonnay, Russian River Valley 2013
1 - bottle Jordan Winery Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley 2011
Failla Wines - Cave Tour and Tasting for Four
Colgin Cellars - Tour & Tasting for Four
PRESS Restaurant - Tasting Menu for Two
Hall Wines - Tasting for Four
Delectus Vineyard & Winery - Spend a Day with the Winemaker for Four
Chappellet Vineyard - Signature, Private, Tour and Tasting for Four
Neyer Vineyards - Tour, Tasting and Two Bottles of Neyers Napa Cabernet Sauvignon 2012
Mumm Napa - Tasting for Two

Greg Miller is the Estate Director of Flowers Vineyard & Winery and he is here with us tonight for his first Heart's Delight we hope you had a chance to try his wine. He will welcome you for a unique private tasting experience for four people on the far Sonoma coast tour and tasting back in Sonoma which is very special because Flowers is not open to the public. Perched on top of soaring coastal ridges that border the Pacific Ocean, Flowers' estate vineyards were some of the first planted on the “extreme” Sonoma Coast. Even the drive to Flowers is pretty as you arrive at this stunning Sonoma Coast property, nestled in beautiful mountains and off a winding, wooded road.

Ready for an exquisite getaway at Jordan Vineyard & Winery? You and a guest will enjoy an overnight stay in an Estate Suite at the winery in Healdsburg. You will also get a tour of the winery and grounds as well as a tasting of most current release Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon and Estate Grown Extra Virgin Olive Oil. And you will have a bottle of their Russian River Valley Chardonnay 2012 and a bottle of their 2011 Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. Since 1976, the Jordan family has been heralded for its elegant wines, culinary excellence and gracious hospitality. Jordan Vineyard & Winery lies tucked into the hills of Alexander Valley in Sonoma County, where the iconic Jordan chateau, inspired by the great estates of France overlooks 1,400 acres of rolling hills and vineyards with three quarters of the land dedicated to natural habitat. Today second-generation vintner John Jordan continues to build upon the legacy of his parents, preserving the timeless winemaking qualities of balance, finesse, and food affinity.

After 5 years of creating cult-worthy Zinfandel for Turley Wine Cellars, winemaker Ehren Jordan & co-owner Anne-Marie Failla launched Pinot powerhouse Failla Winery. You and three guests will be able to enjoy a seated tasting of five wines in Failla's Cave Hospitality Area and they will take you on a walking tour of the property and their 15,000 square foot cave.

"The beautiful Colgin Vineyards and Winery, high on a mountain top overlooking Lake Hennessey, are planted at elevations of 900-1300 feet. They are about as close to a viticultural nirvana as I have ever seen." - Robert Parker You and 3 guests will enjoy an extensive tour of this private, state-of-the-art winery that features classical design coupled with contemporary technology. The inspiring views and exquisite wines will create a lasting impression of the world-renowned Colgin Cellars.

You are bound to be hungry and you will enjoy a chef's tasting menu for two at PRESS Restaurant, which celebrates the famous red wines of the Napa Valley with the finest prime dry-aged beef grilled over almond and cherry wood, wood-fired rotisserie chicken, and locally raised lamb and pork.

Enjoy an appellation exploration tasting for four at HALL Rutherford Winery. This is a one-of-a-kind wine tasting of their most limited-production wines showcasing the impact of terroir, climate, and elevation. Everything other than the appellation is constant - the vintage, winemaking team, winemaking approach, technology in the vineyard and cellar. This intimate tour discusses the vineyards and production process while guests get a peek at the renowned 100-point Sacrashe Vineyard. All wines are carefully paired with small bites from acclaimed local chefs.

At Delectus Vineyard & Winery, you and three guests are invited to spend a day with their winemaker, Gerhard Reisacher. You'll meet Gerhard at the winery in the morning to barrel taste in the cellar followed by lunch, tour and private tasting with Gerhard at their Estate in Knights Valley. On this day you will have a rare and intimate Delectus experience that few others have had.

At Chappellet, you and three guests will discover Pritchard Hill's terroir and the role it plays in producing Chappellet's world-class wines. You will sample limited-production wines in their iconic pyramid, tour the historic facility and, if weather permits, walk in the vineyard and see for yourself the stunning natural beauty of Pritchard Hill.

Neyers Vineyards, founded in 2000, is located on a short gravel road just off of Sage Canyon Road about 10-15 minutes from the Napa Valley floor. The owners, Barbara and Bruce Nyers, have been affiliated with the wine industry in various degrees for many years. Bruce is a wine distributor and he and Barbara worked several harvests in the early 1970s at Mayacamas. A visit here is very personable and often includes a chat with Barbara. Tasting is either inside their tiny tasting room or if the weather permits outside under a trellis. This is a quiet part of Napa County – seemingly far removed from the traffic that often tangles Highway 29 and at times the Silverado Trail. You will receive two bottles of their Neyers Napa Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 at the end of the tour.

Time for a little sparkling with a visit to Mumm Napa. Their roots can be traced back to GH Mumm, the leading international champagne brand in France. Established in California in the late 1970s, Mumm Napa follows traditional wine making techniques of its French heritage to create the finest, hand-crafted sparkling wines. With the Patio and Tasting Salon you enjoy table service outside on the patio or taste in our salon. Each offers stunning views of the surrounding Rutherford Vineyards in Napa Valley.

Restrictions:

Flowers Vineyard and Winery: Mutually agreeable date. Expires March 13, 2017.

Jordan Vineyard and Winery: Expires March 31, 2017. Subject to availability November-March, Monday-Friday (excluding holidays). No children or pets.

Colgin Cellars: Please make request at least 8 weeks in advance of desired date; dates must be mutually agreed upon, Monday-Thursday. All guests must be 21 years of age or older.

Press Napa Valley: Alcohol not included. Expires March 12, 2017.

Delectus: Date must be agreed upon in advance; weather must be permitting.

Donated by American Airlines, Flowers Vineyards & Winery, Jordan Vineyard and Winery, Failla Wines, Colgin Cellars, Press Napa Valley, Hall Wines, Delectus Vineyard & Winery, Chappellet Vineyard, Neyers Vineyards, Mumm Napa

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MUMM NAPA
NAPA VALLEY

Rhys Vineyards - Unique Collection of Magnum, Bottle & Half Bottle of this Cult Classic

estimated value: \$1,300

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- 1 - Magnum Rhys Vineyards Bearwallow Pinot Noir 2013
- 1 - bottle Rhys Vineyards Bearwallow Pinot Noir 2013
- 1 - 375ml Rhys Vineyards Bearwallow Pinot Noir 2013
- 1 - Magnum Rhys Vineyards Alpine Vineyard Pinot Noir 2013
- 1 - bottle Rhys Vineyards Alpine Vineyard Pinot Noir 2013
- 1 - 375ml Rhys Vineyards Alpine Vineyard Pinot Noir 2013
- 1 - Magnum Rhys Vineyards Horseshoe Pinot Noir 2013
- 1 - bottle Rhys Vineyards Horseshoe Pinot Noir 2013
- 1 - 375ml bottle Rhys Vineyards Horseshoe Pinot Noir 2013

Rhys
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Vineyards

These are the “pinch-me brilliant wines” of Rhys Vineyards and they are only sold via mailing list which is full – so this might be your best chance to get your hands on some!

Rhys is a classic case of one man’s obsession run splendidly amok: Kevin Harvey. The biggest problem with the Rhys wines is that so little is made. Grand cru Burgundy is a high level to try to emulate. But Mr. Harvey is a man with a mission, and the means and determination to get there.

“The 2013 Pinot Noir Bearwallow Vineyard is as sexy and fruit driven as the wines from this estate get. Giving up tons of strawberries, blueberries, crushed violets and assorted floral notes, it’s upfront and layered on the palate, with plenty of fruit, good concentration and a big finish. Shining for its mouth filling fruit and texture, it’s still far from blowsy or soft, and should evolve nicely.” - 93 points Wine Advocate

“The 2013 Pinot Noir Alpine Vineyard has a touch of darker fruit in its strawberry, cassis, dusty soil and earthy bouquet. This flows to a beautifully textured, seamless Pinot Noir that has sound underlying structure, medium plus-bodied richness and a great finish. Possessing both fruit and structure, it should be accessible for all of its life.” - 94 points Wine Advocate

“Not made since 2006 and described by Kevin as the ultimate expression of the vineyard, the 2013 Pinot Noir Alpine Hillside Vineyard was a cellar selection (done blind) that ended up coming all from the same block of steep, east-facing vines. It has an almost Horseshoe like level of minerality in its gunpowder, flinty minerality, dusty soil, dried roses, and sweet red fruit aromas and flavors. Fresh, vibrant and weightless, yet with rocking depth and texture, it’s a serious wine that tastes like the Alpine Vineyard Pinot Noir on steroids. It has more fruit and depth than the straight Alpine release, so it’s actually more enjoyable today, yet will age even better.” - 96+ points Wine Advocate

Donated by Rhys Vineyards

Chile & Argentina Adventure – Salud!

estimated value: \$6,500

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American Airlines - Two Business Class Tickets

Sofitel Buenos Aires Arroyo - One Night Stay

DiamAndes Grand Tour, Special Tasting and Lunch with the Winemaker

Park Hyatt Mendoza - One Night Stay

Cheval des Andes - Grand Cru of Argentina - Vertical Tasting at the Vineyard Lounge

Terrazas de los Andes Winery - Visit and Degustation Pairing Menu at the Terrazas House

Catena Zapata Winery - Visit and Tapas Lunch

The Aubrey Santiago - Two Night Stay, Breakfast, Afternoon Tea

Lapostolle Winery - Tour and Tasting

Veramonte Winery - VIP Tour, Tasting and Lunch

Cousiño Macul Visit and Tasting

We toast to your trip to Chile and Argentina. Fly to Buenos Aires Business Class on American Airlines, official airline of Heart’s Delight.

There, you’ll enjoy a one-night stay at the Sofitel Buenos Aires. This 1920s-era Art Deco skyscraper proves the perfect vantage from which to observe the vibrant culture and rich history of Argentina’s much-loved capital. It has been named Condé Nast Traveler “Readers’ Choice Award Top 15 hotels in South America” in 2009, Forbes Traveler “The World’s Very Best Hotels and Resorts” in 2008, and Conde Nast Traveler Gold List “World’s Best Places to Stay” in 2008.

You are off to Mendoza where you will be picked up and brought to DiamAndes. In 2005 the Bonnie Family, longtime friends of Heart's Delight and owners of Château Malartic-Lagravière, decided to search for new horizons in the world of wine. The winery's award-winning architectural design blends harmoniously into the stunning Andean scenery. DiamAndes winery is part of the Clos de los Siete, a vineyard of 850 hectares with 5 partner wineries and vineyards. You will experience a complete tour of Clos de los Siete with the possibility of visiting the other wineries, then a Grand Tour of the Bodega DiamAndes from vineyard to the cellar with a special tasting with the winemaker. Next, with the winemaker, enjoy a wonderful four course lunch expertly paired with DiamAndes wines in the owner's home. You will be able to customize your afternoon activities which could include horseback riding to discover the 850 hectare vineyard, a Blend Class at the "DiamAndes Academy," a bike tour, massages, or even yoga. They will return you to Mendoza in a private car - what a day!

After such a great day you will rest your head at the five star, Park Hyatt Mendoza Hotel Casino & Spa, with its beautifully restored 19th-century Spanish colonial façade. The Park Hyatt Mendoza is located in the center of the city in front of the Plaza Independencia and it boasts stunning views of the Andes.

You will be refreshed for more fun. Your next visit is another French connection in Mendoza, Cheval des Andes, which was founded in 1999 and is a joint winemaking venture of Terrazas de los Andes, a subsidiary of Moët Hennessy in Argentina, and Cheval Blanc. Our friends at Cheval des Andes, including our old friend Jean-Guillaume Prats have offered a visit at Cheval des Andes and a Vertical Tasting at the Cheval Lounge. You will enjoy a tasting of the Cheval des Andes wines which are a blend of Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes from the "Las Compuertas" vineyards near Mendoza, in the Cordilleras, or foothills, of the Andes.

In the heart of Perdriel, at the foot of the impressive Andes mountain range, Bodega Terrazas de los Andes invites you to enjoy a unique experience. Guided tours of their more than 100-year-old Spanish-style winery will reveal all the secrets of the winemaking process to you. The tour finishes with an exclusive tasting. You will also be treated to a wonderful Degustation Pairing Menu at Terrazas House with cuisine rooted in traditional cooking from Mendoza, where, the outstanding chefs of Terrazas, artists of exquisite culinary adventures, create dishes prepared with local, fresh ingredients. Whether just picked from the kitchen garden or sourced from the region, these ingredients imbue the gourmet cuisine with aromas, textures and flavors that set off their wines perfectly. Matches made in heaven.

Then take a visit to Bodega Catena Zapata which is a family-owned winery credited with putting Argentinean wines and high altitude malbec on the world map. You will enjoy a VIP tour and then a tapas lunch at the winery. The Catena family began making wine in Mendoza in 1902. Nicolas Catena, third generation family vintner, was one of the first to see the potential of Mendoza's mountain vineyards for producing high quality malbec. In 1994, he became the first Argentine to export a world-class bottling of malbec under the Catena label. Nicolas is joined by his daughter, Dr. Laura Catena, in their relentless pursuit of world-class quality from the family's high altitude vineyards.

Next you're off to Chile for some more beautiful sights and of course wine! The Aubrey is Santiago's first true boutique hotel and is truly a distinctive urban retreat. It opened in 2010 and is Australian/English owned and operated, perfectly situated in Bellavista. Providencia, next to the Park Metropolitano and the San Cerro Cristobal. You will enjoy two nights in one of 15 beautifully appointed en-suite bedrooms, each with a unique character and most with balconies and terraces. The old Mission style outdoor patio terraces with medieval stone water arches provide for an outdoor oasis, overlooked by exotic landscaped gardens, where for much of the year you can enjoy alfresco dining or unwind and relax to the peaceful sounds of the cascading water arches.

The French are interested in Chile as well and next you will be welcomed at Lapostolle's Apalta Winery for a tour of the winery and vineyards then a tasting at the picturesque Apalta Vineyards in Colchagua. Lapostolle is French in essence and Chilean by birth. The Marnier Lapostolle family, founders and owners of the world-renowned Grand Marnier liqueur, is known for producing spirits and liqueurs but has also been involved in winemaking for generations.

You're in for another VIP visit at Veramonte which is a striking, modern facility designed by one of Chile's leading architects, Jorge Swinburn. It houses the latest technology in gravity-based fermentors, ultra-modern stainless steel tanks and high efficiency bottling lines. Built for small-lot wine production, the facility ensures that individual vineyard blocks can be fermented and aged separately prior to final blending - allowing winemaking to create authentic, vineyard expressive wines.

Your trip isn't complete without visiting Cousiño Macul. Founded in 1856, it is the only winery in Chile amongst those established in the 19th century that continues in the hands of the original founding family. The company remains 100% under family control, producing limited quantities of fine wines. What a great trip!

Restrictions:

American Airlines: Transportation includes two Business Class tickets on American Airlines, the official airline of Heart's Delight. Based on availability. Book travel arrangements as soon as possible to take advantage of maximum availability. Please provide three months' notice in order to properly plan your trip. Travel is valid through April 2017. Extensions will not be permitted.

Visits, tastings and tours: Subject to availability and expire April 2017

The Aubrey Santiago: Standard Double room. Expires March 12, 2017. Not valid 18 December until January 2.

Donated by American Airlines, Bodega DiamAndes, Cheval des Andes, Terras de los Andes, Catena Zapata, The Aubrey Santiago, and Friends of Heart's Delight



1 - bottle Screaming Eagle 1999 from the Cellar of Mark Kuller
estimated value: \$2,500

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Many of you knew Mark Kuller and his larger-than-life personality and love of good food and drink. Mark sadly passed away in October of 2014. He was a great friend of Heart's Delight and involved from the very first year. This former tax attorney gave us some of the best restaurants in DC including Proof, Estadio and Doi Moi. He was also an incredible collector with exceptional taste and his family has generously donated a bottle from his cellar for tonight's auction. Very fitting that the donation is the over-the-top cult classic, Screaming Eagle. These are rarely up for sale and this 1999 vintage received 97 points from Robert Parker, who called it "profound" and described it as, "opulent, dense, and rich, with exceptional purity, a viscous texture, and impressive underlying tannin that frames its large but elegant personality. Not surprisingly, this is a candidate for the wine of the vintage."

Donated by The Kuller Family

Scotland – Golf Fantasy in the Homeland!

estimated value: \$4,000

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The Renaissance Club – Three Nights for Two and Breakfast

The Renaissance Club – Three Days of Golf for Two

Inverness Palace Hotel & Spa – Two Night Stay

Royal Dornoch – One Day of Golf and Dinner for Two

Castle Stuart – One Day of Golf

A golf dream come true? No, a golf fantasy come true! This package includes accommodations and golf at one of the most desirable locations in Scotland: East Lothian along the Firth of Forth along Scotland's Golf Coast. Enjoy three days of golf and three nights of luxurious accommodations (breakfast included) in golf's homeland.

The Renaissance Club (TRC) in Dirleton near Edinburgh is rapidly becoming one of Scotland's most desirable golf destinations. The Club nestles on 300 acres of the famous golfing coastline of the Firth of Forth. TRC is surrounded by great golf courses, starting with the world famous Muirfield golf course owned by the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers (HCEG), the North Berwick West Links and the Glen, the courses at Gullane 1, 2, and 3, Kilspindie and the Archerfield Club. TRC is located on the Archerfield Estate, a famous and historic property that includes an old manor home from the 17th century. At your discretion, you'll be accompanied on one round of golf by one of the club pros, Russell Smith, Head Pro, or Jerry Sarvadi, General Partner.

You'll then enjoy two nights at the Inverness Palace Hotel & Spa, Scotland. Nestled on the banks of the River Ness, opposite Inverness Castle, the Inverness Palace Hotel & Spa is just a few steps from Inverness city centre. Dating back to the 1890's, the Palace Hotel Inverness combines the best of the past with the contemporary style of the present with elegant interiors, lovely bedrooms and the only Inverness river side hotel with a superb Leisure Club & Spa (including a lovely pool!). You are just a short walk along the River Ness to the bustling shops, Inverness Castle, Eden Court Theatre and excellent local restaurants.

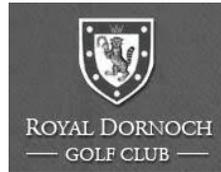
While you are at the Palace in Inverness, Neil Hampton will welcome you to Royal Dornoch for a day's golf and dinner, just 40 minutes by car from Inverness. But that won't be the end of golf in the highlands. Courtesy of Ian and Linda Henderson, of North Berwick, East Lothian, Fraser Cromarty will welcome you to Nairn Golf Club, just 18 miles from Inverness.

And finally, Stuart McColm, Director of Golf at Castle Stuart, will also welcome you for a round. Castle Stuart was the site of the Scottish Open for several years the last time for the first half of Phil Mickelson's back-to-back victories followed by his memorable victory at Muirfield in the Open Championship.

Restrictions:

All stays are based on availability and are subject to change. Includes accommodations, golf, and breakfast. The successful bidder is responsible for all transportation, taxes, and gratuities.

Donated by David and Suzanne Sarvadi



Quilceda Creek Vertical

estimated value: \$1,300

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- 1 - bottle Quilceda Creek Cabernet Sauvignon 2005
- 1 - bottle Quilceda Creek Cabernet Sauvignon 2004
- 1 - bottle Quilceda Creek Cabernet Sauvignon 2003
- 1 - bottle Quilceda Creek Cabernet Sauvignon 2002
- 1 - bottle Quilceda Creek Cabernet Sauvignon 2001

No Washington winery commands more attention from wine collectors than Quilceda Creek, with repeated 100-point scores and subsequent appreciating bottle value. Since 1978, the Alex Golitzin and his son Paul have been lauded for their flagship Cabernet Sauvignon, which is elevated by the Bordelais practice of declassification of up to one third of production into a second label each year. The fruit for their 4,000-case production is sourced from the finest vineyards on the far side of the Cascade Mountains, and the Golitzins are meticulous in their oversight of the viticultural practices. Driven to produce the greatest wine possible, Alex and Paul “know what they want in a wine and what to do to get it.”

The average score for these five wines is 99 points – Robert Parker scored the 2005 and 2003 100 points.

Donated by Jeffrey J. Schragg & Mary Jo George

Heart's Delight Committee Lot

estimated value: \$2,335

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Our Heart's Delight Committee consists of wonderful volunteers who all have an interest in wine and bring their unique perspectives and experiences to the table. This 25-bottle lot includes some of their favorite bottles and why they selected them. It is a very special lot and we are so thankful for their support in so many ways.

Erich Broksas

1 - bottle Reynolds Family Winery Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2007

I love the story of this Napa winery on the Silverado Trail. Reynolds specializes in Cabernet Sauvignon sourced from their property. The beautiful reserve label has an actual press flower from the vineyard. Enjoy.

John Brooks

1 - bottle Delectus Bear Crossing Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

In 2012, I spent late summer and fall in Napa with my friend Gerhard Reisacher as a "harvest intern" at Delectus. So I helped make this big, bold cab... and I'm proud of it.

James Cahill

1 - bottle Domaine de Pignan Chateauneuf-du-Pape 2010

I chose this wine because 2010 was a rock star vintage in the Southern Rhone and this de Pignan is no exception. This easy drinker is a traditional and beautiful cdp with a supple textured finish.

Molly Christhilf

1 - bottle Paul Bara Grand Rosé Brut NV

Scott & Lily Claffee

1 - bottle Bilancia La Collina Syrah, Hawke's Bay, New Zealand 2005

Every year we contribute a bottle of wine either personally brought back from, or otherwise inspired by, a trip we have taken to a particular wine country. This bottle comes from perhaps our favorite such trip, one we took to New Zealand in 2014. Bilancia is the private label wine of Warren Gibson, the acclaimed winemaker of Trinity Hill in Hawkes Bay. We visited the more famous winery and tasted with Warren, and when we were up on the top of the hill looking over the surrounding vineyards, we pointed at one particularly well-placed site and asked what it was. "Well, that's my vineyard," he replied. We had to seek it out ourselves later. "La Collina" means "the hill," and it is a steep, cool site planted to Syrah and Viognier, which are often co-fermented together in a classic Northern Rhone approach. We think you will enjoy this balanced take on an old world style from one of the new world's leading personalities.

James Colbert

1 - bottle Robert Craig Mount Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

James E. Gaby

1 - bottle Pierre Bouree Fils Gevrey-Chambertin Clos de la Justice Monopole 1988

When I first started to seriously taste wines in the late 70s in Boston, one of the first Burgundy Domaines I tasted was that of Pierre Bouree Fils, brought into the United States by the legendary importer, Fred Ek. This Gevrey-Chambertin is by a vineyard completely owned by Pierre Bouree Fils (thus it is a Monopole).

Jace Glowa

1 - bottle Araujo Estate Syrah Eisele Vineyard 1998

This 1998 Araujo Estate Syrah Eisele Vineyard is from a top vineyard and a prominent Napa Estate. It continues to benefit from age, with only slightly faded hints of pepper, earth, and dark fruit on the palate and violets and meat on the nose. I love it when big becomes elegant.

Susan Grais

1 - bottle Merryvale Merlot 2007

Merryvale is a wonderful winery that is well known, but maintains the approachability and friendliness of less famous wineries. In addition to wonderful merlot, the winery periodically produces a 100% petite verdot. Their wines are classic and memorable - a perennial favorite.

Gil Guarino

1 - bottle Châteaux Calon-Ségur Marquis de Calon 1995

One of my favorites from St. Estephe.

Doug Heye

1 - bottle Venica & Venica Ronco delle Cime Friulano 2014

My favorite wine from my favorite Italian winery-- a single hillside vineyard friulano, a grape indigenous to Italy's Friuli region. Open now or hold for a few years.

Marc Hodies

1 - bottle Williams Selyem Weir Vineyard Pinot Noir 2010

With legendary winemaker Bob Cabral now retired, each consumed pre-2015 vintage Williams Selyem bottle increases the enjoyment of the next one. Here is a 2010 to enjoy while still at its peak.

Dan Horowitz

1 - bottle Adelaida Version Red Reserve 2013

A terrific GSM blend, but mostly syrah. It's from an amazing little winery in Paso Robles known for their Rhone varietals. Beautiful stop if you are driving south on the 101 from SF.

Conrad Kenley

1 - bottle Delectus Sacrashe Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2004

This is a lovely expression of what Rutherford Valley can produce.

Joel Kleinman

1 - bottle Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande 1989

I've always loved the matriarical heritage of la Comtesse and my chateau tour was the most interesting I've enjoyed because it included the barrel room tasting and the lab. From a case I bought on release, it has only gotten better.

Max Kuller

1 - 375ml Château d'Yquem 2003

In honor of my dad (from his cellar) because it was his one of his true favorites and I suspect the lot needs something sweet!!

Arthur Kuo

1 - bottle Charles Heidsieck "Blanc des Millénaires" 1995

Because it's a yummy bottle from a underrated house that deserves to be drunk.

Tom Madrecki

1 - bottle Wurtz Geyerscheiss Riesling 2006

Because it's weird.

Maureen Nelson

1 - bottle Trimbach Cuvée Frédéric Émile Riesling 2004

Year in, year out, this is my go-to dry white wine and the 2004 is just entering its wide window of good drinking!

Aaron Nix-Gomez

1 - bottle Mr. Madison's Madeira

On the evening that the British torched the White House during the War of 1812, the British officers first drank President James Madison's "super fine" Madeira. This commemorative bottle is a reproduction of what was drunk that night.

Karen Peterson

1 - bottle Paloma Vineyards Merlot 2010

We discovered this vintner when WS announced the 2003 wine of the year as the 2001 vintage. But we got on the mailing list because we love the people. This Merlot is consistently well balanced - an excellent value in Napa!

Eric Platt

1 - bottle Brittan Vineyards Syrah 2009

My first visit to Oregon wine country culminated in discovering this small production wine at The Winemakers Studio. What a gem and only 30 cases produced.

Darryl Priest

1 - Magnum Bereche et Fils Campania Remensis Extra Brut Rosé Champagne NV

Nobody drinks enough champagne and one should celebrate life.

Jeffrey Schragg

1 - bottle Quintessa 1999

David White

1 - bottle Pierre Gimonnet et Fils Cuvee Special Club Champagne 2006

The Gimonnets have been growing grapes in Champagne since 1750 and making wine since 1935. When I visited Champagne for the first time, Didier Gimonnet emerged from his vineyard covered in mud, and quickly disappeared to change. We then tasted through his full lineup and chatted in his living room, where he remembers playing on the floor as a toddler while his dad was out tending to the vines. This was the Champagne I was hoping to find. I went to Champagne to seek out winegrowers like Didier Gimonnet -- authentic, mud-on-the-boots farmers who believe that great wines should be a unique representation of the vineyards in which they're grown. The "Special Club" is Gimonnet's top cuvée.

Heart's Delight Bordeaux Collection

estimated value: \$2,000

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This is your chance to get your hands on 24 bottles from the 2013 vintage and select earlier vintages. This is a unique collection of the wines that were tasted earlier today with our friends from Bordeaux. We invited all of the winemakers to bring an older vintage of their choosing (in addition to the 2013 vintage) and discuss both during the tasting. The high bidder on this lot will be the lucky benefactor of some great surprises from the generous winemakers.