A special collection of large format wines from the winemakers. Lots 1 through 13 – representing some of the best of Bordeaux – the bottles are straight from the Châteaux, donated by the winemakers here tonight and just for you. Representatives from the Châteaux will personalize the bottles for the successful bidder and each lucky winner will have his or her photo taken with the vintner for a complete once-in-a-lifetime experience!

**Double Magnum Château Malartic-Lagravière blanc 2010**

**Double Magnum Château Malartic-Lagravière rouge 2005**

estimated value: $800

Château Malartic-Lagravière has been supporting and participating in Heart’s Delight for the past 14 years! We have had the pleasure of having the children with us for the past few years but this year we are honored to welcome back Michèle & Alfred-Alexandre Bonnie! 2017 marks the twentieth anniversary of the family’s ownership of the property. Since the spectacular metamorphosis carried out by Alfred and Michèle when they arrived in February 1997, Château Malartic-Lagravière has flourished under the management of their children Véronique and Jean-Jacques, accompanied by their respective spouses Bruno and Séverine.

Château Malartic-Lagravière is one of only six châteaux that are classified for both its red and white wines and we are delighted to have these two terrific examples. The 2010 Blanc is “A spectacular blend of 85% Sauvignon Blanc and 15% Semillon offers lots of honeyed melons, tropical fruit and subtle oak. Brilliant!” 93 points – Robert Parker The 2005 Rouge has “Gorgeously pure blueberry and blackberry fruit along with some notes of cassis, charcoal and licorice jump from the glass of this inky purple wine. An absolutely fabulous success for Malartic Lagravière, this full-bodied wine has sweet tannin, and is complex and long. Bravo!” 95 points – Robert Parker
Double Magnum Château Lascombes 2004
estimated value: $450

Karine Barbier is back again for her second Heart’s Delight and has donated another delightful double magnum! “Another brilliant effort from this estate, the 2004 Lascombes (a blend of 50% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 5% Petit Verdot) exhibits a deep blue/purple hue along with a sweet perfume of blueberries, black raspberries, cherries, incense, smoke, and spring flowers. While opulent, underneath the full-bodied richness of fruit and depth is a structured wine. As it sits in the glass, an espresso roast character (no doubt from new oak) also emerges. Enjoy this pure, structured, fleshy beauty between 2010-2025.” 93 points - Robert Parker

Imperial Château Guiraud 2013
Imperial Château Lafon-Rochet 2008
estimated value: $1,200

This very large and very impressive bottle is the equivalent of 8 regular bottles. It is brought to us by Xavier Planty, the dashing and debonair owner of Château Guiraud. Château Guiraud has been represented at every Heart’s Delight since the beginning and this year we are lucky to have Xavier’s wife, Aude joining us for her first Heart’s Delight. “Intensely perfumed and aromatic, the 2013 Guiraud is strikingly beautiful. Orange blossoms, mint, honey, crème brûlée are some of the many notes that that take shape in the glass. The 2013 is exotic, perfumed and tropical, but not at all heavy. What a beautiful wine this is.” 91-94 points - Antonio Galloni.

Lucas Leclercq is back for his third Heart’s Delight and brings this grand bottle with him – equivalent to 8 bottles. “Dark tannins provide the structured for the Cabernet Sauvignon black currant flavors. It has power—this is a big and solid wine, given tension by tannins.” 90 points - Wine Enthusiast

Double Magnum Château Troplong Mondot 1999
estimated value: $500

We are so happy to welcome back Troplong Mondot for their third Heart’s Delight but this time is extra special since Myriam Ruer is accompanied by owner, Xavier Pariente who is attending Heart’s Delight for the first time – welcome! “Elegant vanilla, black cherry, and smoky notes emerge from this textured, medium-bodied 1999. It has a dense ruby/purple color as well as an enormous, concentrated, finesse-styled personality... it is a beautifully symmetrical, pure, ripe, well-balanced Troplong Mondot.” – Robert Parker
This is Sophie Schÿler’s second Heart’s Delight and she very kindly brought with her a Jeroboam from the sensational 2000 vintage! “The renaissance of Kirwan, with the consultancy of Michel Rolland, continues with this ripe, forward, concentrated wine. The tannins are sweet and soft, with a solid, chunky structure that promises a long life. The finish displays balanced new wood flavors and a smooth polish.” 94 points from Wine Enthusiast.

We are delighted to welcome Wilfrid Groizard for his first visit to Heart’s Delight! We certainly welcome this generous jeroboam from the great 2005 vintage. Owned by the Kressman family since the late 1800’s, Château Latour-Martillac is one of the most recognizable chateaux in Bordeaux. James Suckling gives this 2005 a rating of 93 points and writes, there are : “aromas of crushed berries, flowers and stones. It’s very ripe and rich. Yet it remains fresh. It’s full-bodied, with silky tannins and a crisp finish. It needs another year or two to soften but it’s already gorgeous to drink.”

What a great year when we have two Cathiards with us – welcome back to Florence and Daniel, owners of Smith Haut Lafitte. They brought with them a double magnum from 1990, “Plum, berry and mineral aromas. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins, firm acidity and a medium finish.” 90 points – The Wine Spectator.

It is such a pleasure to welcome back Bérénice Lurton to Heart’s Delight. This lovely bottle received 96 points from the Wine Spectator’s James Suckling. “Loads of honey, maple syrup, dried apricot and spice. Full-bodied, medium-sweet, with a refined, spicy character. Pretty wine. Masses of botrytis. This is refined and long, a racy wine compared with the power and muscle of so many others. Beauty among the beasts.”
It is always wonderful when Philippe Blanc is able to join us and he brings with him this lovely five liter bottle of 2009. “The finest Beychevelle since the 2003 and probably since the 1982, Beychevelle’s 2009 is opaque purple in color, with a beautiful, floral nose intermixed with black currant fruit, licorice, cedar wood and Christmas fruitcake. Full-bodied yet still elegant and pure, this wine has velvety tannins, a broad, savory mouthfeel, and a very long finish. There is plenty of tannin behind the extravagant fruit, glycerin and texture of this wine, but it is largely concealed. This wine could actually turn out to be even better than my relatively conservative tasting note. Anticipated maturity: 2020-2042.” 93 points! – Wine Advocate

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**Double Magnum Château Cos d’Estournel 2000**

estimated value: $1,200

This is Dimitri Augenblick’s second Heart’s Delight and we are so happy that he is able to join us again. This rare double magnum was rated 96 points Neal Martin’s Wine Journal: “Tasted blind at Bordeaux Index’s 2000 tasting in London. This is a fantastic Cos d’Estournel that I was unsure about out of barrel, but is now blossoming with age. It is adorned with a lovely nose: blackberry, wild hedgerow, espresso, a touch of chocolate and sandalwood. Very fine definition and vigour. The palate is full-bodied with ripe tannins, superb symmetrical structure, dense, obdurate black fruits, a saline note, very well balanced, very focused, broadening out nicely towards the ravishing, supple finish. Excellent. Drink 2015-2040”

**Imperial Château Montrose 2009**

estimated value: $3,000

We are so happy to welcome back Hervé Berland again this year for his second Heart’s Delight as the managing director of Château Montrose and he makes quite an impression with this 2009 Imperial (equivalent of 8 bottles), which was awarded 100 points from Robert Parker!

“Winemaker Jean Bernard Delmas’ goal was to find perfect equilibrium between freshness and concentration, given its incredible opulence and the voluptuous character this vintage offered. That’s what this wine has in abundance. With an astounding dense purple color, the wine has velvety, sweet tannins, and an extremely open-knit and opulent blueberry, blackberry and creme de cassis nose. There is scorched earth, vanilla and, again, telltale licorice and spice. It is unctuously textured – thicker and juicier than the 2010 and more forward.” Outstanding!
We are honored to welcome Philippe Sereys de Rothschild, owner of Mouton Rothschild, for his first Heart’s Delight along with Philippe Dhalluin, estate director for his third visit.

“As I predicted in my first report on the millennium vintage (April, 2001), Philippine de Rothschild could be expected to do something special with her presentation of 2000. She has exceeded everyone’s expectations with a work of art. Those who have seen the extraordinary packaging of the 2000 Mouton Rothschild must certainly realize this is a brilliant achievement. The bottle is extraordinary, and likely to have nearly as much value empty as full! Her genius is obvious, but it’s what’s inside that counts!... Of course, one can’t drink the glass, but this is a top-flight Mouton Rothschild, eclipsed only by the 2006 and 2009. A rich, tannic, earthy style, with loads of creme de cassis and floral notes, the final blend of 86% Cabernet Sauvignon and 14% Merlot is a full-bodied wine with plenty of coffee, earth, chocolatey notes, and still plenty of tannin to resolve. I gave it an anticipated maturity range of 2015-2050 back in 2003, and that looks on target.” 97 points – Robert Parker

Jeroboam Château Mouton Rothschild 2000
estimated value: $11,000

100 points from a legendary vintage and the best news is that our generous donor did the waiting for you so this is ready to drink... or continue to cellar for the next 30+ years!

“This wine remains one of the legends of Bordeaux. The creme de cassis, underlying floral note, full-bodied power, extraordinary purity, multilayered texture, and finish of over a minute are a showcase for what this Chateau accomplished in 1982. The wine is still amazingly youthful, vibrant, and pure. It appears capable of remaining fruity and vibrant in 2082! Thank God it is beginning to budge, as I would like to drink most of my supply before I kick the bucket. This is a great, still youthful wine, and, on occasion, one does understand the hierarchy of Bordeaux chateaux when you see the complexity and brilliance of this first-growth. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2050+” 100 points - Robert Parker

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12 - bottles Château Montrose 1989
(in original wooden box)
estimated value: $4,200

“This was not in the tasting at the chateau, but I opened two bottles on my return home, because this is another near-perfect wine from Montrose. It is an unusual two-grade blend of 70% Cabernet Sauvignon and 30% Merlot. The wine emerged from another very hot, sunny, dry growing season, with early, generous flowering. Harvest in Montrose took place between September 11 and 28. The wine has never had any issues with brett, making it a somewhat safer selection than the more irregular 1990. Like a tortoise, the 1989 has finally begun to rival and possibly eclipse its long-time younger sibling, the 1990. The wine is absolutely spectacular and in auction sells for a much lower premium than the 1990. That should change. This is a magnificent Montrose, showing notes of loamy soil undertones, intermixed with forest floor, blueberry and blackberry liqueur and spring flowers. It has a full-bodied, intense, concentrated mouthfeel that is every bit as majestic as the 1990, but possibly slightly fresher and more delineated. This great wine should drink well for another 40-50 years.” 98+ points - Robert Parker

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A Toast to Amazing Bordeaux and Paris!
estimated value: $10,000

Two Business Class Tickets on American Airlines
Le Bristol Paris - Two Night Stay
Château Mouton Rothschild – Visit and Dinner with the Family
Cordeillan Bages – One Night Stay for Two Couples
Château Clerc Milon – Private Dinner for Six
Château Lascombes - Private Tasting, Dinner and Overnight Stay

We have a feeling you will raise your glass a lot on this trip! Fly in comfort and class to Paris with two Business Class tickets on American Airlines, the official airline of Heart’s Delight.

Le Bristol Paris is a unique place for its exemplary service and refinement. Located on the elegant rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré, in the heart of the city’s arts and fashion district, the hotel has welcomed guests since 1925. It features renovated rooms and suites that are decorated in 18th century French-style.

The you are off to Bordeaux to spend time with many of the friends of Heart’s Delight! We begin with this evening’s guest of honor, Château Mouton Rothschild who has generously invited the winning bidders to visit them. Once you have seen the state of the art facility and the museum of wine in art you are invited to join the family for dinner at the Château. One of Bordeaux’s first-growth jewels, this estate is located in the village of Pauillac with 203 acres of vineyards on the slopes of the Gironde in the Medoc.

You will sleep well in the beautiful four-star Relais & Châteaux hotel, Cordeillan-Bages. In the right wing of the 17th-century chartreuse, the hotel exudes an aura of timeless calm, with its residents’ lounges, terraces surrounding pine trees and verbena shrubs, library and 25-meter heated outdoor pool.

Since 1970, Baron Philippe de Rothschild S.A has owned Château Clerc Milon and in 2007 renovated the Left Bank estate constructing a new wine making facility all based on a green philosophy. You will get to visit the facility and also enjoy a private dinner at the Clerc Milon.

You will be welcomed at the ivy-laden Château Lascombes for a visit, dinner and overnight stay. Lascombes underwent major renovations over a decade ago, following new ownership that placed Mr. Befve in charge. No tour would be complete without a visit to the cellar, where bottles all the way back to the 19th century are found.
In addition to those listed you will enjoy the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to taste at some of the world's most famous châteaux, including many of our friends here tonight.

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 a minimum of three months’ notice in order to properly plan your trip. Travel is valid through June 2018. Extensions will not be permitted.


Château Visits – Mutually agreeable dates. Three months notice.

Donated by American Airlines, Official Airline of Heart’s Delight, Le Bristol Paris, Château Mouton Rothschild, Château Clerc Milon, and Château Lascombes
12 - bottles Château Cos d’Estournel 1982  
(in original wooden box)  
estimated value: $4,000  
A spectacular performance for this wine, Cos d’Estournel’s 1982 exhibits a dark ruby/purple color with light pink at the rim. Sweet aromas of jammy black fruits intermixed with roasted espresso and vanillin jump from the glass of this young, concentrated, full-bodied, succulent effort. An opulent texture, low acidity, and splendidly pure, concentrated, blackberry and cassis fruit suggest this 1982 can be drunk now. An awesome wine!” 96 points – Robert Parker  
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**Donated by Friends of Heart’s Delight**

6 - bottles Château Mouton Rothschild 2014  
(in original wooden box)  
estimated value: $2,400  
In honor of our guest of honor, we are happy to offer the current release from Château Mouton Rothschild, “This captures the pure essence of Cabernet Sauvignon, with a racy core of red and black currant fruit. The finish has terrific delineation, with a mouthwatering edge despite clearly abundant tannins. The focus on purity in this wine is what’s most impressive over the last several vintages.” 95-98 points – Wine Spectator  
**Donated by Gail Bassin**
South Africa Adventure – Cape Town and Winelands
estimated value: $18,000

Business Class Airfare for Two
Sofitel London St James - Two Night Stay in a Superior Room
One&Only Cape Town – Two Nights in Dom Perignon Suite for Two
Nobu 7 course Omakase menu paired with Dom Pérignon Blanc P2 1998 for two
Village at Spier Hotel – Four Night Stay for Two Couples
Cape Town Peninsula Tour and Cape Winelands – 2 day tour from Cape Fusion Tours
The Last Word Constantia – two nights
The Last Word Franschhoek – two nights
Nederburg experience (with one of the winemakers) plus lunch at The Red Table, Paarl
Private James Sedgwick Distillery, Private Whisky Pairing and Tour in Wellington
Plaisir de Merle private tasting and cellar tour with winemaker, Niel Bester
Dinner and overnight accommodation as the Manor House at Plaisir de Merle
Jordan Wine Estate - Exclusive Vineyards and Cellar Experience for Four
Reverie Social Table - Five Course Wine Pairing in Cape Town

Travel in luxury with two Business Class Tickets. You will begin your trip in London with
a two night stay in a superior room at the Sofitel London St James. At the intersection of
past and present stands Sofitel London St James, a striking, luxurious five-star London hotel
embraced in rich history. Your stay also includes breakfast for two in the Balcon.

We are thrilled to offer our first trip to South Africa. There is absolutely no doubt
South Africa is blessed with spectacular natural beauty, a fantastic climate and
diversely interesting regions with diverse cultures. Geographically South Africa boasts
an unspoiled coastline stretching more than 1,740 miles, dramatic mountains and
escarpments, extensive bushveld, subtropical forest and outstanding wetlands.

One&Only Cape Town is a destination unto itself – an urban chic waterfront resort
providing an unprecedented level of luxury in South Africa. In the heart of the
picturesque Victoria and Alfred Waterfront with captivating views of the Table Mountain.
You will enjoy two nights in the Dom Perignon Suite and breakfast at Reuben’s from
South Africa’s culinary star, Reuben Riffel. In co-creation with the world’s most revered
champagne house, One&Only Cape Town launched the first ever Champagne Suite by
Dom Pérignon in Africa – a truly exclusive suite with a truly unique experience. Guests
enjoying the exceptional two-night experience are invited to immerse themselves in a
myriad of carefully curated Dom Pérignon encounters not only in the plush suite itself
but throughout the award winning resort, beginning as it ends, on a perfect champagne
note, with a chilled bottle of Dom Pérignon 2006 and oysters on arrival. A brilliantly paired Omakase menu at the hotel’s iconic Nobu restaurant has also been created exclusively for guests staying at the Dom Pérignon Suite. Nobu’s newly appointed Head Chef, Harold Hurtada, has designed a menu to perfectly illustrate the harmony between his exceptional cuisine and Dom Pérignon Blanc P2 1998, one of the most revered champagnes in the world. As part of the suite offering Dom Pérignon and One&Only Cape Town have taken laidback luxury to a whole new level. Guests can lounge in effortless style around the largest infinity pool in the southern hemisphere, on an exquisite designer daybed whilst sipping on a perfectly chilled glass of Dom Pérignon Rosé 2004 as they enjoy paired pool side tapas. The ultimate in sophistication and tranquility.

An enchanting Cape African experience awaits you at historic Spier in the heart of the Stellenbosch winelands. Two couples will enjoy four nights in two luxury rooms in the Village at Spier Hotel. During your stay, you will receive VIP treatment, including a private cellar tour and wine tasting with Spier’s cellarmaster. When not on the vineyard, enjoy scenic strolls through Spier resort or venture into Cape Town and explore what the historic city has to offer. The four-star Spier Hotel in the Stellenbosch Winelands has 1100 hectares of pastoral pastures, leafy vineyards and spectacular scenery at its doorstep, and guests are invited to get lost in the bucolic beauty of the grounds. Visitors will also encounter a scattering of old gabled Cape Dutch-style buildings, including the Manor House and South Africa’s first dated wine cellar (1767), that have been beautifully preserved. The hotel itself, though erected much more recently in 2000, was also built to reflect a slice of the Cape’s diverse heritage. The 153 tastefully appointed rooms are found in a cluster of colourful, flat-roofed buildings that are reminiscent of homes in the historic Bo-Kaap and arranged in the style of a little village to, as General Manager Joep Schoof says, “recreate the intimate and relaxed atmosphere of a small town where pedestrians have right of way.”

You will have plenty to do and in good hands with our new friend Pam McOnie, owner of Cape Fusion Tours. She will take you on a Peninsual tour in the Cape Town Region and two days of wine touring in the Cape Winelands. You begin with a journey through this beautiful mountainous region and to explore the history, wine and architecture of the region. Then your interests will shape the rest of your time together. Stellenbosch is South Africa’s 2nd oldest town; it boasts oak tree lined streets and gorgeous white houses from both the Dutch and English periods. This region is renowned as their best red wine region in the country or you might visit Franschhoek or Paarl.

You will also get a special visit of The Wines of Jordan in Stellenbosch with a tour
of the vineyards in an open safari-style game viewing Land Rover, with stops to experience the spectacular views of False and Table Bays. Guests will experience the terroir and geology of the estate whilst tasting a selection wines in the sustainably grown vineyards.

With the expertise of Livingstone Safaris, you will walk in the footsteps of famous explorer and Scottish missionary Dr David Livingstone, intrepid traveler through the African continent. They have arranged for you to stay for two nights at The Last Word Constantia Hotel. A five star experience in Cape Town with arresting vistas of the Constantia valley. Welcomed seclusion is provided by a sunken pool. The hotel’s luscious garden, designed to capture a small piece of this region’s natural grandeur. It’s the five star of luxury escapes.

Then you travel to The Last Word Franschhoek where French Provençal living awaits at this five star hotel. Eight superior double rooms and two pool suites provide guests with private retreats, complemented by elegantly designed public areas including a pool and courtyard. A blissful existence. Reflecting nuances of Cape Huguenot heritage, The Last Word Franschhoek has been a consecutive finalist in the World Travel Awards for South Africa’s Leading Boutique Hotel. This is South Africa’s epicurean capital. Its valley, steeped in the rich tradition of wine-making exemplifies this region’s heritage as the French corner of the Cape. Horseback wine tours, gourmet dining at some of South Africa’s top restaurants, exploring the region’s French heritage – unforgettable memories are waiting to be made.

Distell is a great company rooted in South Africa and includes an impressive brand portfolio. They have generously donated to this lovely South African trip beginning with a tasting and tour at Nederburg. Nederburg in Paarl is one of South Africa’s most awarded wineries with a prize-winning pedigree that stems from a culture of innovation and disciplined attention to detail. This is followed by lunch at The Red Table at Nederburg. Nestled beneath the majestic Drakenstein Mountains in the lovely Manor House, The Red Table restaurant spills out onto the terrace against the backdrop of the beautiful vineyard.

For a slight departure from the wonderful South African wineries, you will visit The James Sedgwick Distillery in Wellington which is proud to be the only commercial whisky distillery in Africa and home to the internationally award-winning range of Three Ships and Bain’s Cape Mountain Whisky. Your visit will demonstrate the process and include an exclusive tasting of three whiskies paired with five dishes to complement the aromas found within the whiskies.

Next you are off to Plaisir de Merle in Paarl, an historic wine farm established in
1693 where verdant vineyards, towering ragged mountains and crisp white architecture add to the wine drinking experience. After your private tasting and cellar tour with Niel Bester, the winemaker at Plaisir de Merle, you will be their guest for dinner as well as an overnight in the Manor House on the estate and breakfast the next morning too! Distell will be hosting you for the day and providing transportation for all of the exciting stops on today’s journey.

One of your nights in Cape Town you will have to make time for Reverie Social Table for a five course wine pairing dinner. With a focus on social dining, chef Julia Hattingh welcomes guests to sit around her 18 seat table as she prepares a contemporary-style meal influenced by her travels and the myriad of cultures represented by her hometown of Cape Town.

Restrictions:
Sofitel London St James.: Expires May 13, 2018. Subject to availability.
Village at Spier Hotel: Not available for Christmas and Easter holidays. Three months' notice required. All travelers must be 21 or older. Week days only.
The Last Word Constantia and The Last Word Franschhoek: Valid June - August 2017 or June - August 2018
Distell: valid for four guests. Reservation needs to be made at least two months prior to travel. Subject to availability. Difficult to book between 16 December to 16 January.
Jordan Wine Estate: Expires May 31, 2018
Reverie Social Table: Expires May 1, 2018

Donated by Brian Kearney, David Marventano, Mitch Bainwol, Sofitel London St James, One&Only Cape Town, Total Wine & More, Cape Fusion Tours, Livingstone Safaris, Distell, Jordan Wine Estate, Reverie Social Table
Imperial Château Pavie 2005
estimated value: $5,000

“Gérard Perse believes this is the greatest Pavie he’s made to date, although certainly I would argue that list includes the 2000, as well as the 2009 and 2010, among his superstars. This wine, which I had both in the 2005 horizontal report in the Wine Advocate, and at a mini-vertical with Perse at the restaurant Maison Boulud in Montreal, looks to be a 75- to 100-year wine. Dense, opaque purple to the rim, with a gorgeously promising nose of blackberries, cassis, graphite and cedar wood just beginning to emerge, it tastes more like a three-year-old than wine that is already a decade old. This beauty is intense and full-bodied, with magnificent concentration, a majestic mouthfeel and a total seamless integration of tannin, wood, alcohol, etc. Beautifully rich, full and multidimensional, this is a tour de force in winemaking and certainly one of the top dozen or so 2005 Bordeaux. Forget it for another 3-5 years and drink it over the following 50-100 years!” 100 points - Robert Parker

Donated by Friends of Heart’s Delight

Grand Cru Burgundy!
estimated value: $2,300

1 - bottle Domaine Dugat-Py Mazis-Chambertin Grand Cru 2008
1 - bottle Joseph Drouhin Clos Saint-Denis Grand Cru 2005
1 - bottle Domaine Château De La Tour Clos Vougeot Vieilles Vignes Grand Cru 2006
1 - bottle Louis Jadot Chapelle-Chambertin Grand Cru 2002
1 - bottle Prince Florent de Merode Corton Les Bressandes Grand Cru 1998
1 - bottle Prince Florent de Merode Corton Les Bressandes Grand Cru 2008
1 - bottle Hospices de Beaune Corton-Cuvée Docteur Peste Faiveley 2006
1 - bottle Domaine Faiveley Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru 2002
1 - bottle Louis Latour Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2010
1 - bottle Domaine Bruno Clavelier Le Rognet Corton Grand Cru 2012
1 - bottle Domaine Arlaud Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru 2005
1 - bottle Domaine Arnoux-Lachaux Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru 2008
1 - bottle Maison Ilan Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru Aux Charmes Haute 2009

Only 32 vineyards in Burgundy are given the highest rank of Grand Cru – this amounts to only 1% of all the vineyards. These are truly the cream of the crop. Here is a baker’s dozen (13 bottles) of great Grand Cru wines from some of the most highly regarded producers!

Donated by Doug Heye, Tim O’Rourke, Arthur Kuo, James Gaby, Joel Kleinman, Steven Sumberg, Maureen Nelson, MacArthur Beverages, Liz Arky and Lily & Scott Claffee
Beautiful Burgundy
estimated value: $8,500

Two Business Class tickets on American Airlines
Hôtel Prince de Galles, Paris - one night stay
La Scène – Dinner for Two at the Michelin starred restaurant in Paris
Candelaria - VIP experience Paris After-Hours Bar Crawl
Domaine Matrot in Meursault – Visit & Lunch at Le Chevreuil with owner
Domaine Henri Gouges in Nuits St Georges and one night stay in Beaune
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
Maison Louis Jadot – Private Tour, Tasting, Lunch and Overnight for Two in Beaune
Domaine Dublère – Visit and Tasting
Maison Joseph Drouhin – Private Tour and Tasting in Historic Cellars & Lunch in Beaune
Domaine Christian Moreau – Visit
Domaine Gautheron Alain at Cyril - Visit

Fly in style to Paris with two Business Class tickets on American Airlines, the official airline of Heart’s Delight.

In Paris you will spend the night at Hôtel Prince de Galles, a legendary jewel of the Parisian Art Deco movement. Since its inception in 1928, the 5-star Prince de Galles has stood out as a beacon of sophistication and grace in Paris. The hotel is located on Avenue George V, a 5-minute walk from the Champs Elysées and Avenue Montaigne, as well as some of the most celebrated landmarks including the Arc de Triomphe and the Eiffel Tower.

While at the Hôtel Prince de Galles you will be treated to dinner for two at their gastronomic restaurant La Scène. Stéphanie Le Quellec, one of the most promising talents in the French culinary world, was awarded a Michelin star in 2014.

We have a special tour for the night owls. Brittini Rae is head bartender at Candelaria in Paris will be your host for the after-hours bar crawl. A true hidden gem, Candelaria is a popular bar and offers some of the best cocktails in Paris.

Then you are off to explore Burgundy. Burgundy holds the allure of many centuries of winemaking tradition and the complexity and diversity of wines made here. Thousands of years and thousands of winegrowers make Burgundy one of the most exciting places in the world to go wine tasting.
Our good friend Danny Haas and his company, Vineyard Brands have arranged for you to visit Domaine Matrot in Meursault, which has been a family estate for six generations in the heart of the Côte de Beaune and famous for its great white wines and its subtle, tender and elegant reds. You and a guest will join the owners of Matrot for lunch at their restaurant Le Chevreuil which serves market cuisine as well as traditional Burgundy dishes. We understand that Mother Daugier’s hot terrine has been a speciality since 1872.

After lunch Danny will arrange for an appointment at Domaine Henri Gouges in Nuits St Georges. Domaine Henri Gouges is, in many minds, the top grower of Nuits Saint-Georges. The Gouges family has been vineyard proprietors in Nuits for generations and proprietors of the current domaine since 1919. Today, Henri Gouges’ two grandsons, Christian and Pierre, carry on the traditions of the family, which has been estate-bottling for fifty years. Vineyard Brands will also treat you to a night in Beane so you can rest up for another exciting day.

Spend a day with longtime supporter, Alex Gambal at Maison Alex Gambal, including a tour, tasting and lunch for four. Because of his passion for Burgundy, Alex Gambal left the world of real estate to explore this fascinating region with all its complexity. After attending the viticultural school in Beaune, he created Maison Alex Gambal in 1997 with the goal to express character, terroir and purity of each wine. Maison Alex Gambal now produces 60,000 bottles per year which can be found on tables in twenty countries.

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 Burgundian than a lot of the wines produced by otherwise well-known “local” producers in the area.
Next stop is Maison Louis Jadot where you will be treated to a private tour and
tasting in addition to a lunch at the Maison which was founded in 1859 by the man
whose name it bears, Louis Henry Denis Jadot. The first of his family arrived in Beaune
from Belgium in 1794 and soon began purchasing Premier and Grand Cru vineyards.
Maison Louis Jadot’s principles of vinification focus on the purest expression of each
wine’s terroir, taking the lightest possible hand in winemaking and a restrained use
of oak maturation. Jadot’s winemaking team, now led by Technical Director Frédéric
Barnier, has maintained a balance of tradition and technology in winemaking that allows
Jadot's wines to express the subtle differences between terroirs that are the essence of
fine Burgundy. Your generous hosts at Maison Jadot have also included one night stay
in Beaune for two in their package.

We can also include some other of your favorites or soon to be favorites depending
upon how many visits you would like to schedule, including a visit at Remoissenet
Pere et Fils, Gros Freres et Soeur in Vosnee Romanée, Domaine Faiveley in Nuit St.
George, etc.

Joseph Drouhin was a daring and enterprising young man who came from the
Chablis region. In 1880 he settled in Beaune and founded his own wine company. His
son Maurice began to establish a vineyard domaine for the House, purchasing land
in some outstanding appellations such as Clos des Mouches and Clos de Vougeot.
Philippe, Véronique, Laurent and Frédéric are in charge now and invite you to visit the
historical cellars and taste their emblematic wines; Beaune 1er cru ‘Clos des Mouches’,
Chassagne-Montrachet 1er cru ‘Morgeot’ Marquis de Laguiche.....etc! They will also
treat you to lunch in Beaune.

The pretty village of Chablis is poised amidst the hillside vineyards that produce its
famous white wine on the banks of the River Serein and protected, perhaps from an ill
wind, by the massive, round, turreted towers of the Porte Noël gateway. While you are
in the neighborhood you will want to visit Chablis and we have two great spots for you
to see Domaine Christian Moreau and Domaine Gautheron Alain at Cyril.

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 June 2018. Extensions will not be permitted.

Hotel Prince de Galles and Dinner at La Scene: Expires May 1, 2018. Subject to availability.
Candelaria after-hours bar crawl subject to availability.
Winery Visits subject to availability, not valid on weekends. Not valid from November 17 - November 20, 2017 - Hospices de Beaune wine auction and the first weekend in April in 2018 for the Festival du Film Policier. Expires May 2018

Wine Brands: Visit, lunch and overnight in Beaune for two people, subject to availability, lunch with owner should be during the week. Not available July-October. Preferred travel time is March and April.

Maison Louis Jadot: visit, lunch and overnight in Beaune for two people. Subject to availability. Expires May 2018

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Eight-Bottle Suite of Bill Harlan’s Wine from 2012

estimated value: $4,000

1 - bottle Harlan Estate 2012
1 - bottle Harlan The Maiden 2012
1 - bottle Bond Estates Melbury 2012
1 - bottle Bond Estates Vecina 2012
1 - bottle Bond Estates St. Eden 2012
1 - bottle Bond Estates Pluribus 2012
1 - bottle Bond Estates Matriarch 2012
1 - bottle Bond Estates Quella 2012

Bill Harlan created one of Napa Valley’s leading cult Cabernets at Harlan Estate in the 1990s and is known for its commitment to creating a wine that is a California “First Growth,” on par with those of the old world. These wines have received great acclaim by reviewers and collectors alike, commanding high prices and a competitive waiting list. Here is your chance to own this magnificent collection!

Donated by Joel Kleinman
A bit of a departure from our regular auction lots but this is the #1 rated Bourbon Whiskey in the world and impossible to find. So this might be the only way to get your hands on a bottle. The 23 year old is a very rare, limited edition bourbon that takes generations of distilling know-how to produce. Only the most careful and expensive distilling method can be used to create a whiskey as special as this one. Pappy Van Winkle himself was a true character. This bourbon, like Pappy, is full of character which makes it a very special whiskey.

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“The 1999 Lafite Rothschild sports an engraved “1999” on the bottle along with an eclipse to mark that significant historical event of August, 1999. It is a quintessential offering from Lafite Rothschild. This prodigious wine is both elegant and intensely flavored, and almost diaphanous in its layers that unfold with no heaviness. An opaque ruby/purple color is accompanied by a complex bouquet of lead pencil, graphite, cedar, creme de cassis, toast, and vanilla. It is medium-bodied, with extravagant layers of richness yet little weight, and a finish that is all sweetness, ripeness, and harmony. This extraordinary Lafite increasingly appears to be a modern day clone of the majestic 1953. A mere one-third of the crop made it into the grand vin! Anticipated maturity: 2007-2030.”

95 points - Robert Parker

Donated by Henry Richardson
Heart’s Delight Collection  
estimated value: $1,800  

The Bordeaux 2014 vintage is ‘one to watch’, says Decanter’s Steven Spurrier. This is your chance to get your hands on 24 bottles from the 2014 vintage and select earlier vintages. This is a unique collection of the wines that will be tasted tomorrow with our friends from Bordeaux. We invited all of the winemakers to bring an older vintage of their choosing (in addition to the 2014 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.

Stand Up for Your Heart!  
Featured Speaker: Colby Groom

In order to continue supporting the initiatives, education, and research supported by the American Heart Association, we ask everyone to “Stand Up for Your Heart” at the close of our live auction to help us meet our goal of $100,000