

12TH ANNUAL HEART'S DELIGHT WINE TASTING & AUCTION

This is a major charitable wine event held in Washington D.C., and it's all for the American Heart Association. It's a four-day celebration of food and wine (the best of California wines — in large format bottles — a major wine auction, Vintner dinners, French wine tasting, and seminars) which raised over a million dollars last May. And in the last dozen years, it has raised more than \$10 million. Major personalities have always dominated their guest list (Florence Pinault-Rogers of Château Latour, Paul Pontallier of Château Margaux, Philippe Dhalluin of Château Mouton Rothschild, Robert Parker). The 2011 guest list was headlined by Prince Robert de Luxembourg and Jean-Philippe Delmas of Château Haut-Brion and Château La Mission Haut-Brion, Jancis Robinson, Master of Wine, and Sotheby's auctioneer Jamie Ritchie, who auctioned a variety of travel destination packages to China, Paris, Bordeaux, Napa, and Oregon. But the auction attention-getters were two Balthazar bottlings (those are 15-bottle equivalents) from the incomparable 2005 vintage of Château Haut-Brion and Château La Mission Haut-Brion: both sold for \$22,500 (which works out roughly to \$1,500 a bottle!) Jancis Robinson conducted a Bordeaux tasting of the 2008 vintage, a most underrated year.



Top right: Honored Guests

Left: Assembled Celebrity Chefs

Left bottom: Jean-Philippe Delmas,
Prince Robert de Luxembourg, and
Auctioneer Jamie Ritchie

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