

# Live Auction



A special collection of large format wines from the winemakers. Lots 1-9 represent 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 winning bidder and each lucky winner will have their photo taken with the vintner for a once-in-a-lifetime experience!

# 1

## Double Magnum Domaine de Chevalier blanc 2014 estimated value: \$700



So lovely to see Hugo Bernard back again! This is his third Heart's Delight, and we hope there are many more to come! Although only about 11% of Bordeaux wine produced is white, Domaine de Chevalier is one of the few Bordeaux estates to have been ranked "classified growth" (cru classé) for both red and white wines in the prized appellation of Pessac-Léognan. This is a very rare 3 Liter of Domaine de Chevalier blanc and it is truly one of the 'best ever' white wines from Bordeaux.

The 3L of Domaine de Chevalier blanc he has with him received 98 points from James Suckling! "This is so solid and structured. It's bigger and better than most 2014s! What a wine. Full body with flavors of stones, dried apples and pears. Goes on for minutes. Yes man! \*Top 100 of 2017\*"

95 points from Decanter, "The palate widens as it opens in the glass, deepening and revealing nectarine and stone fruit flavours. It's an excellent wine in a year that keeps on delivering right through the palate and hangs on for more." – Jane Anson

95 points from Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, "The 2014 Domaine de Chevalier Blanc is a beautiful white Pessac-Léognan...basically a class act that comes strongly recommended."

## 2 Double Magnum Château Rocheyron 2019 estimated value: \$500

CHÂTEAU  
ROCHEYRON



Very exciting to welcome Peter Sisseck for his first Heart's Delight!

The 2019 scored 98 points from Jane Anson, "Dark fruit character with spiced plum and damson, delivered alongside waves of juiciness, spice, saffron, orange peel, primary fruit character and even a touch of baby fat. Opulent yet poised, once it moves into the mid palate the architecture changes and narrows, and in comes the slate scrape of well-handled limestone. This character will rise further over the years to come, and makes it such a fun experience, one to savour and to look forward to tracking over the years if you are able to open several bottles of the same vintage. 30% new oak. First vintage certified with Ecocert organic. Great stuff from Peter Sisseck."

Peter Sisseck's first winemaking job was in Bordeaux – the first barrel sample he ever tasted was of Mouton Rothschild 1982, followed closely by Pichon Lalande in the same vintage. "They were so beautiful. And they became my reference point." Peter Sisseck made what he calls a detour to Spain to run Hacienda Monasterio, and to found Dominio de Pingus, one of Spain's – and the world's – most renowned bodegas. In Château Rocheyron, Saint Emilion Grand Cru, in partnership with wine aficionado Silvio Dentz, Peter has returned to his spiritual home with a unique opportunity to develop his longstanding love for Bordeaux. He makes clear he's an experimenter – Rocheyron is fermented entirely in cement tanks – but he's also convinced that simplicity is best. With Rocheyron he wants to get back to the old ways, but with all the advantages of modern winemaking knowledge. A firm believer that wine is made in the vineyard, this property is being run, in Peter's own words, "like a First Growth" with meticulous attention to detail, rigorous vineyard management and ruthless selection.

### 3 Double Magnum Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste 2005 estimated value: \$700



So excited that Emeline will be with us in person - a pandemic, a broken ankle and she has persevered and we are honored to officially welcome her to Heart's Delight!

"The brilliant 2005 Grand-Puy-Lacoste exhibits classic Pauillac aromas and flavors of creme de cassis along with stony/floral notes. Proprietor Xavier Borie has created a wine that should rival the brilliant 1982, 1990, 1996, and 2000. Full-bodied with sweet tannin and superb length (a 40+ second finish), the purity of this beauty's black currant fruit is something to behold. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2030" 95 points – Robert Parker

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### 4 Imperial Château Lagrange 2008 estimated value: \$1,000



While Château Lagrange has supported Heart's Delight over many years this is Sylvain Menard's first time attending and he brings with him a 6 liter (equivalent of 8 bottles) of the 2008 Lagrange.

Jancis Robinson wrote, "Perfumed and polished on the nose. Very luscious and winning with some fine tannin underneath. Real energy here. A real standout performance by this property."

92 points from Vinous, "It has an intense bouquet with blackberry, bilberry and damp earth aromas that are nicely delineated. The palate is detailed and less stocky than I noticed on a bottle a couple of years ago, perhaps finally managing to muster the grace and elegance that I was looking for. The tannins feel fine and there is impressive precision on the tobacco-infused finish. Excellent."

# 5

## Double Magnum Château Cos d'Estournel 2015 estimated value: \$1,200



We are thrilled to welcome back Cos d'Estournel to Heart's Delight! Estelle Sementery is kindly joining us and brings this lovely 3 liter of 2015 Cos d'Estournel. It received 98 points from James Suckling, "Super aromas of nutmeg, cloves and dried flowers with plums and blackberries. Subtle yet so complex. Full-bodied, tight and integrated with ultra-fine tannins and a beautiful finish. Lasts for minutes. Very, very Cos. Harmony. Texturally marvelous. Drink in 2024."

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate awarded the 2015 95 points, "The 2015 Cos d'Estournel is composed of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23.5% Merlot and 1.5% Cabernet Franc. Deep garnet-purple in color, it offers up black currants, spice cake, warm cherries and plum preserves with touches of chargrill and forest floor. Medium-bodied and very firm with ripe, grainy tannins, it has a good core of earthy fruit, finishing with loads of layers and freshness."

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# 6

## Imperial Château Beychevelle 2016 estimated value: \$1,200



Welcome back to the charming Philippe Blanc, a Heart's Delight favorite! He brings with him a grand format of 2016 Beychevelle. This 6 liter is the equivalent of 8 bottles!

It received 96 points from Jeb Dunnuck, "I was able to taste the 2016 Château Beychevelle on two occasions, and it showed beautifully both times. This is also the first vintage made in the new cellar. Medium to full-bodied, incredibly seamless and elegant on the palate, yet beautifully concentrated, it offers a heavenly perfume of spring flowers, violets, saddle leather, and blueberry and cassis fruit."

95 points from Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, "The 2016 Beychevelle is comprised of 47% Cabernet Sauvignon, 47% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot and 1% Cabernet Franc. Medium to deep garnet-purple colored, it is a little broody to begin, opening slowly to reveal subtle savory notes of dried herbs, charcuterie and black olives before breaking through to a profound core of warm cassis, baked black plums, red currant jelly and candied violets. The palate is medium-bodied and delicately played with a quiet intensity of tightly wound nuances and fantastic freshness, finishing with a lingering savory lift. This latent beauty will require a bit more time than most 2016s, but promises to over-deliver to those prepared to wait."

# 7

## Imperial Château Léoville Poyferré 2003

estimated value: \$2,000



Léoville Poyferré has been a generous support of Heart's Delight over the years and this is Sara Lecompte Cuvelier's first Heart's Delight and we are so appreciative of her kindness to join.

She brings with her an impressive 6 liter bottle which is the equivalent of 8 bottles.

98 points from Robert Parker, "I have had this wine three times out of bottle, rating it 97 once and 98 twice. It is a colossal success and a potential legend in the making. Its saturated, dense inky/blue/purple color offers up notes of crushed rocks, acacia flowers, blueberries, black raspberries, and creme de cassis. A synthesis of power and elegance, this multi-layered wine has spectacular concentration, sweet but high tannin, and low acidity. A stunning effort that showcases this legendary terroir, it is a brilliant, brilliant success. The quintessential Leoville Poyferre? Anticipated maturity: 2009-2030."

# 8

## Double Magnum Château Angélus 2015

estimated value: \$2,000



Welcome to Clément Puech for his first Heart's Delight! We appreciate the continued support of the Boüard family over years. Angélus is truly one of the great estates in Bordeaux and is now ranked a first growth in St. Emilion.

99 points from James Suckling "A great wine with superb concentration and richness. yet it's ever so agile and polished. Spices, blueberries, cinnamon, and dried flowers. Full body and polished and full tannins. Great length. The refinement to the tannins is amazing. Compacted. Essence-like."

97 points from Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, "Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2015 Angélus is a little closed to begin, soon blossoming into a wonderfully fragrant perfume of raspberry preserves, ripe black plums and chocolate-covered cherries with suggestions of Darjeeling tea, candied violets, spice cake and cinnamon stick with a touch of aniseed. Full-bodied, the palate is fabulously opulent, delivering mouth-coating black and red fruit layers with loads of floral sparkles and a seductively velvety texture, finishing with great length and tension."

# 9

## Jeroboam Château Léoville Las Cases 2014

estimated value: \$2,000



*Grand Vin de Léoville*  
*des Marquis de Las Cases*

Heart's Delight has come full circle welcoming back Jean-Guillaume Prats to Heart's Delight. He was with us in the beginning, and we are so thankful that he is sharing the beautiful Léoville Las Cases with everyone tonight! This rare Jero is equivalent to 6 regular bottles.

98 points from James Suckling, "I love the nose of blackberries, blueberries, flowers and citrus. Hints of stones and wet earth. Full body and ultra-fine tannins that are so long and seamless. Incredible length. A wine that you want to drink now."

96 points from Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, "The Château Léoville-Las-Cases 2014 is a blend of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Cabernet Franc and 10% Merlot ... it has an intense, graphite-scented bouquet, one of the most Pauillac-like that I have encountered, extremely precise and perhaps less flamboyant than recent vintages. This is very controlled. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, succinctly pitched acidity and an almost pixelated finish that lingers long and tenderly. I love the elegance here – this is an outstanding wine from Jean-Hubert Delon and his team and dare I say, equal to some of the First Growths."

# 10

## Trip to Bordeaux estimated value: \$12,500



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**Le Bristol Hotel Paris - Two Night Stay**

**Château Beychevelle - Dinner and One Night Stay**

**Château Latour - Visit and Lunch for Six**

**Domaine de Chevalier - Visit and Lunch with Member of the Bernard Family**

**Château Lagrange - Private Tour, Dinner and Two Night Stay**

**Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste - Private Visit and Lunch for Four**

**Château Angelus - Visit and Tasting**

You are off to Paris with 300,000 American Airlines AAdvantage® Miles. Your Parisian adventures will begin with two nights, including American breakfast for two at the five-star Le Bristol Hotel. Since 1925, Le Bristol Paris has been celebrated for its unique definition of luxury, and for offering service of the highest order. The world's most discerning travelers choose Le Bristol for a first-class Parisian experience, and this illustrious palace has become a benchmark for luxury hotels all over the world - lucky you - this will be your "home" for a glorious stay in Paris. You will enjoy Executive double accommodation and American breakfast.

Off to Bordeaux to see your new friends from tonight! As a supporter of Heart's Delight, you will receive a warm welcome in Bordeaux and throughout your visit you will be treated to lunches and VIP tours. Tour the Châteaux, imbibe the world-class wines, indulge in the regional cuisine, and then see what else Bordeaux has to offer. Many of our friends here tonight have extended an invitation for you to come and visit.

Enter the refined elegant world of the little "Versailles of the Médoc" embodying French hospitality and the French "Art of Living". It is impossible to imagine a more perfect representation of a French château than Beychevelle. During your visit, enjoy a trip back in time through the château's three centuries of history, and a guided tour of the new winery whose design in homage to the Duke of Epéron, was inspired by the world of sailing boats. Followed by a tour and private wine tasting; enjoy a gourmet dinner hopefully with Philippe Blanc served in a setting that embodies the art of French hospitality and refinement. And then an overnight for two couples in the beautiful Château, La Table de Beychevelle which was completely redecorated and modernized by interior designer Jacqueline Nau-Royer, who has successfully preserved its 300-year-old character and made it more like a family house than a hotel or guest house.

It is difficult for even the well-traveled to not to feel a sense of awe when first approaching the entrance to Château Latour. The iconic tower – which is the world's most famous dovecote – was built in the 1600s and has seen centuries of fortune and glory, neglect, political uprisings, Two World Wars, and many owners. If the tower could talk, it would have a lifetime's worth of secrets to share. Today, if you stand opposite the tower and gaze at the estuary, then you'll encounter a sea of hallowed vines. Enjoy a visit and tasting plus a lunch for up to six guests. This is an almost unheard of invitation from one of the most exclusive estates in Bordeaux.

The Bernard Family has invited the winning bidder for a private lunch with a member of the family and a tasting at Domaine de Chevalier. The Bernard family purchased the vineyard in 1983, placing Olivier Bernard in charge of the property, he was only 23 years old at the time. Domaine de Chevalier is located in a clearing in the middle of a forest that protects the vines from extremes of temperature. Domaine de Chevalier continues as a family-owned and managed estate. Today, Olivier Bernard and Anne Bernard are joined by their two sons Adrien and Hugo and we are so glad that Hugo is back with us again this year.

Château Lagrange welcomes you for a private tour, tasting plus dinner and a two-night stay at their guest house. There are few estates in Bordeaux that have the 'wow' factor quite like this one. Château Lagrange in St. Julien has 110 hectares of vines which make it the biggest estate in the Médoc. The extremely impressive 17th century château is part of an imposing estate unrivalled in the region for the scale and grandeur of its buildings.

Emeline Borie is also here for her second Heart's Delight but the first time in person! She is generously offering a private visit and lunch for four at Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste, which is one of the oldest properties in the Médoc. The first residence at "Grand-Puy" was built in 1737 and since its acquisition in 1978, François-Xavier Borie has completely renovated the Château and its cellars. This has been a long-term project that uses technical innovation to improve quality and develop a more refined expression of terroir with each passing vintage.

Then over to Saint-Emilion to visit Château Angélus. This beautiful and unique property is rarely open to the public. If you are lucky, you will get to hear the chimes of the Angélus bells. The vineyard is situated in a natural amphitheater overlooked by the three Saint-Emilion churches. The sounds were amplified, and the angelus bells could be heard ringing in the morning, at midday and in the evening. They cadenced the working day in the vineyards and villages, calling the men and women to stop their work for a few minutes and pray. The bell on the Château Angélus label recalls the call to prayer and the moment of devotion.



**Restrictions:**

American Airlines: Subject to the Terms and Conditions of the AAdvantage program found at [www.aa.com/AAdvantage](http://www.aa.com/AAdvantage)

Le Bristol Paris : Expires March 31, 2024. Subject to availability. Blackout dates include May 15-June 30; July 1-9; September 1-30; October 1-29; December 20-31; January 1-2; January 15-26; February 25-March 8. This cannot be combined with another certificate.

Winery visits: Subject to availability and on weekdays only.

**Donated by: Le Bristol Hotel Paris, Château Beychevelle, Château Latour, Domaine de Chevalier, Château Lagrange, Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste, and Château Angélus**

# 11

## **Château Léoville Las Cases Tribute Lot** estimated value: \$5,600

- 1 - bottle Château Léoville Las Cases 2016**
- 1 - bottle Château Léoville Las Cases 2015**
- 1 - Magnum Château Léoville Las Cases 2009**
- 1 - bottle Château Léoville Las Cases 2009**
- 1 - 375ml Château Léoville Las Cases 2006**
- 1 - bottle Château Léoville Las Cases 2005**
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- 1 - bottle Château Léoville Las Cases 1990**
- 1 - bottle Château Léoville Las Cases 1986**
- 1 - bottle Château Léoville Las Cases 1985**
- 1 - bottle Château Léoville Las Cases 1982**

In honor of Château Léoville Las Cases, our very generous donors helped us put together this incredible 13 bottle, one magnum and one half-bottle lot.

This impressive lot has an average score of 96 points from Robert Parker's Wine Advocate. Cheers to an incredible collection from these generous donors!

**Donated by Charles and Sharon Bates, Calvert Woodley Fine Wines & Spirits, Laura & Adam Feinberg, John Gallagher, Joel Kleinman, Scott Perl, Roger B. Schagrin & Hayley M. Jarvi, and Friends of Heart's Delight**

# 12

## A Seat at the Table ... Actually, Two Seats at the 2000 Bordeaux Wine Dinner

estimated value: \$5,000

You and a guest are invited to join Members of the Heart's Delight Auction Committee and their friends at dinner to sample the acclaimed 2000 Bordeaux 'Millennium Vintage.' Wines will include Château Mouton Rothschild, Château Haut Brion, Château Léoville Las Cases, Château Latour, Château Margaux, Château Ducru Beaucaillou, Château Montrose and more! All wines will be 2000 classified growths. Pre-pandemic, this group drank through the 1982 vintage including the first growths and the reports were that it was an 'epic event'.

**Restrictions:** Mutually agreeable date. Dinner to be scheduled Fall 2023 at a DC restaurant suitable for the wines.

**Donated by Charles & Sharon Bates, Joel Kleinman, Laura & Adam Feinberg, and Noah Raizman**



# 13

## 2 - bottles Pétrus 1995 estimated value: \$6,800

According to Robert Parker, "Petrus is easily Pomerol's most important wine, and is one of the most notable estates in Bordeaux. ...it is known for being rich and powerful, with characteristics of chocolate, spice and black fruit. Petrus is one of the world's most collectable and expensive wines."

97 points Vinous, "The 1995 Petrus is one of the finest vintages of the decade, a silver medal behind the brilliant 1998. This bottle might well constitute the best that I have encountered. It has a beautiful, focused nose with hints of game and humidior infusing the black fruit. With aeration more red fruit becomes evident, allied with a touch of roasted chestnut. The palate is supremely well balanced, slightly gamey and with impressive grip. There is a bit of chutzpah about this Petrus, the way in which it fans out towards the finish. You could broach bottles now, although this example suggests that it is going to be very interesting to follow over the next 20 years."

97 points Wine Spectator, "This is like a genie in the bottle. Fascinating yet subtle aromas of blackberry, minerals, fresh flowers and Spanish cedar. Full-bodied, with wonderful layers of ultrafine tannins. It coats your mouth and tantalizes your palate. A gorgeous thing all around."

Robert Parker awarded the 1995 Petrus 96 points. "It is interesting how this wine continues to evolve. This is not a Petrus that can be approached in its youth. The wine exhibits an opaque ruby/purple color, followed by a knock-out nose of pain grille, jammy black fruits, and roasted coffee. On the palate, it possesses teeth-staining extract levels, massive body, and rich, sweet black fruits buttressed by powerful, noticeable tannin. A formidably endowed wine with layers of extract, this is a huge, tannic, monstrous-sized Petrus that will require a minimum of 10 years of cellaring. Forget all the nonsense about Merlot producing sweet, soft, ready to drink wines, because low yielding, old Merlot vines made in the way of Petrus and other top Pomerols frequently possess as much aging potential as any great Cabernet Sauvignon-based wine in the world. Look for the 1995 Petrus to last for 50+ years. Anticipated maturity: 2007-2050.

Pétrus is the undisputed King of Pomerol...and...since 1989 there have been few Bordeaux wines that match this property for its extraordinary combination of power, richness, complexity, and elegance."

**Donated by The Collection of the Late Manfred W. Arnold**

# 14

## Imperial Wine Dinner with Jamie Ritchie

estimated value: \$5,600



1 - Imperial Domaine de Chevalier blanc 2017

1 - Imperial Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande 1988

1 - Imperial Château Nénin 2000

1 - Imperial Château Guiraud 2003

When Jamie Ritchie asks for big bottles for a dinner, he gets Imperials! We will add some wonderful Champagne and you will have an amazing evening!

An Imperial is 6 liters and the equivalent to 8 bottles of wine. This will be a celebration for sure!

**Restrictions:** Mutually agreeable date and location. Expires May 2024.

**Donated by** Château Pichon Comtesse, Château Guiraud, Château Nénin, Friends of Heart's Delight and Jamie Ritchie



# 15

## 1 - bottle Screaming Eagle 2013 ... A Perfect Bottle estimated value: \$4,250

Screaming Eagle is California's original and most sought-after cult wine in the world. Produced in tiny quantities from a small vineyard in Napa's Oakville appellation, it is America's most expensive regularly produced wine.

100 points Jeb Dunnuck, "The grand vin 2013 Screaming Eagle is pure perfection in a glass and has everything you could want from a wine. Possessing a Château Margaux-like perfume of crème de cassis, sandalwood, dried flowers/violets, and graphite, it's full-bodied, beautifully concentrated, ultra-pure, and incredibly elegant, all of which is very much in the style of this iconic estate. There are plenty of tannins on the finish so this will ideally be given another 3-4 years of bottle age, but it should keep for 25-30 years."

100 points James Suckling "The classicism in this wine is second to none. Incredible subtlety. Lovely austerity. Beauty in simplicity. Glorious to taste, yet a wine for decades ahead.'

99 points Decanter "impressive for its complexity, completeness and elegance. Nick Gislason, one of Napa Valley's most thoughtful and compelling personalities, may well be crafting the most successful wines Screaming Eagle has ever produced."

97 points Robert Parker, "As one might expect, the purity of the cassis, which is always a hallmark of this estate and wine, is well-displayed in this beauty. Full-bodied, rich, but perfectly balanced, it's another terrific example of this iconic estate. It should drink well for 30 or more years."

**Donated by Fred and Wendy Salter**

# 16

## Napa Bound!

estimated value: \$10,200



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**Covert Estate - Private Tasting and Lunch at Private Caves**

**La Toque – Chef's Tasting Menu with Wine Pairing for Two**

**Quintessa Estate Experience Tour & Tasting**

**DANA Estates – Three Night Stay for Six at Dana Estates' Private Crystal House, Private Tour & Lunch**

**Rockmere Vineyards – Private Winery Experience**

**Squire Livery – Eight Hour Wine Country Tour for 4-8 People**

**The Madrona Hotel – One night in a Studio King Room**

**Far Niente – VIP Tour and Tasting for Two**

**PlumpJack, CADE and Odette Estate – Private Tour and Tasting**

**Baldacci Family Vineyards – Private Tasting**

**Dariouish Winery – Fine Wine and Artisan Cheese Experience for Four**

**Momento Mori - Tasting for Four**

**Trombetta Family Wines - Pairing and Tasting for Two**

**Frog's Leap Winery – Responsibly Farmed Sustainably Produced Tasting for Four**

**Clos du Val - Hirondelle House tasting experience for Four**

**St. Supéry Estate - Private Tour and Interactive Wine Experience for Four**

You are off to Napa on American Airlines to visit some of our friends you met at Heart's Delight and some new friends.

Covert Estate is one of our new friends this year. They are tucked away on a steep hillside in the heart of Coombsville, Napa Valley; it is a hidden gem for those who discover it. The limited-production wines are made by Julien Fayard, who originated from France and is one of Napa Valley's most respected winemakers producing California wine with French finesse. Out of respect for the beautiful surroundings, the winery is nestled in a hillside cave between the vineyard and an oak grove, and is only visible from a bird's-eye view, perfectly disappearing into the landscape. You and your guests will have the opportunity to enjoy a lunch and tasting in their 12,000 square foot cave.

Heart's Delight Veteran, Chef Ken Frank has been a Napa Valley mainstay ever since he opened this fine-dining lair in the Westin Verasa hotel in 2008. His landmark restaurant, La Toque is the recipient of Wine Spectator's highest honor, The Grand Award, for their wine list and service excellence. The winning bidder will enjoy a Chef's Tasting



*La Joque*

MOMENTO MORI

  
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*Trombetta*  
FAMILY WINES

Menu for two with wine! Pairing wine and food is our passion and their pairings are considered by many to be the ultimate food and wine experience. Our culinary team and Sommeliers taste together daily, constantly exploring, looking for combinations that elevate both the food and wine, creating harmony.

The Quintessa Estate Experience Tour and Tasting for four is a privately hosted experience providing guests with a comprehensive look at the vineyard, winemaking facility and underground caves. This all culminates in a relaxed sit-down to taste the current release and library vintage of Quintessa.

DANA Estates is dedicated to making small lots of truly distinctive world-class, single-vineyard wines. DANA is Sanskrit for "the Spirit of Generosity," and it is in this spirit that we express a profound appreciation for those who have worked the soil before us, as we build on the foundations laid by previous generations of vintners. Enjoy three nights at the exceptional Crystal House, located on the slopes of Howell Mountain with breathtaking, unobstructed views of the Napa Valley. This contemporary home with infinity pool, chef's kitchen, and surrounded by vineyards and olive grove will be a beautiful place to rest and play over the course of your stay. During your time at DANA Estates, you will enjoy a private tour and lunch at the winery, with a curated selection of wines, as well as an immediate place on our mailing list.

Rockmere is a small, family-owned vineyard located in the southeast corner of Napa Valley. Their 5 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon sit on the valley floor at the base of the Vaca Mountains. With cooler temperatures and fog laden mornings, grapes ripen slowly and evenly, allowing the 20+ year old vines to impart subtle, yet complex, flavors. You and 5 guests will experience the process of winemaking while sipping through Rockmere Vineyard's library of wines – 2018 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, 2019 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, and the 2019 Barrel Select '728' Cabernet Sauvignon. You will tour the caves of the custom crush facility to see wine making in action and learn more about the fermentation process and taste the 2022 vintage in barrel.

Squire Livery is the #1 rated Wine Tour Company in Napa. They are a small, very personalized transportation and tour company for Napa and Sonoma. They specialize in intimate tours of wine country and at the local experts they will also be able to help advise you on additional winery visits or restaurants in the area. You are in great hands!

The Madrona Hotel welcomes you for one night at this boutique hotel in Healdsburg. Within the original buildings of the estate, completed in 1881 as a private residence, you will find a number of classically appointed hotel rooms offering stylish accommodations. Rooms in the Mansion sit above the signature restaurant and lounge spaces, many with views of the valley below. The historic nature of the estate lends charming idiosyncrasy



to each space, with no two guest rooms exactly alike.

At Far Niente you are in for a treat with their classic Napa Valley estate wines in one of the most enchanting settings in wine country. Far Niente Winery sits nobly atop a crest in the heart of Oakville, Napa Valley. From beautifully cultivated gardens that reflect a distinctive southern style, to sprawling vineyards, to historic wine caves, you can explore the full splendor of the idyllic Far Niente Winery while enjoying a tasting of our world-renowned Napa Valley wines. Our stunning stone winery, flourishing vineyards and timeless wines are waiting for you.

Private Tour & Tasting at PlumpJack, CADE and Odette Estate. John Conover is not only a Partner in these three incredible wineries, he is a wonderful friend of Heart's Delight, a terrific person and has generously donated these VIP visits. CADE Estate is perched high upon Napa's elusive Howell Mountain, among a dramatic hillside of Manzanita trees. PlumpJack Estate's, perched on top of their little hilltop, shaded under large oak trees with endless Oakville vineyard views.

Baldacci Family Vineyards is a small, family owned and operated, limited production winery located in the Stags Leap District of Napa Valley, California. Their diverse portfolio includes wines from estate vineyards located in three distinct growing regions of the Napa Valley: Calistoga, Stags Leap District and Carneros. The Private Tasting for four will include each of those regions and a tour of the wine cave. The vineyards are Napa Green certified, and the wines reflect this commitment to outstanding land stewardship.

Darioush estate's architecture pays homage to Persepolis, the capital of ancient Persia and walking through the massive pillar-lined entrance to the Darioush Winery is a little intimidating. But you'll get the VIP treatment from the moment you're greeted with warm hospitality by one of the gracious hosts at the door of this impressive estate. Founded in 1997, the magnificent Darioush winery was the vision of Darioush Khaledi, who left his native Iran and a successful engineering career seeking opportunity and freedom in the United States. Darioush, along with winemaker Steve Devitt, saw potential to make world-class Bordeaux wines in the temperate climates of southern Napa Valley and atop Mount Veeder. Together, they crafted balanced wines with complexity, style and character. Early vintages of the flagship Darioush Signature Cabernet Sauvignon were critically acclaimed. You will engage all of the senses in this elevated communal wine pairing experience.

Memento Mori is a limited-production winery that specializes in Cabernet Sauvignon from some of the most internationally acclaimed vineyard sites in Napa Valley. Memento Mori was founded in 2010 by three childhood friends. The name, Memento Mori, is taken from an ancient Latin philosophy that reminds us of our mortality and the

inevitability of death which the founders interpret as “Remember to Live.” The tasting salon evokes the Memento Mori label and its desaturated, modern gothic aesthetic. The brick building dates from the 1920’s and is next to the 1880s wooden Sawyer Tannery building (once the largest tannery west of the Mississippi and where Nappa Leather originated from).

Trombetta Family Wines will host you and a guest for seasonal small bites of food paired with five wines. Trombetta is a heartfelt reflection of the land and community that inspires everything they do. When you open a bottle you will take in this mother-daughter team’s love for this region. You will get to taste the unique character of the Petaluma Gap, Sonoma Mountain, and the Russian River Valley.

Frog’s Leap Winery is hosting a Responsibly Farmed Sustainably Produced Tasting for four. Frog’s Leap is a four decades old family-owned winery, passionate about constantly evolving our winemaking, organic farming practices and sustainable business efforts.

At Clos du Val, you will enjoy a tasting experience at the Hironde House for up to 4 guests at their Napa Valley estate. The Hironde House, named for the migratory swallows that grace the estate, is nestled within our original vineyard site first planted in 1972. Here you’ll enjoy a flight of our current release wines, guided by one of our knowledgeable hosts.

St. Supéry welcomes you for a private tour and an interactive wine experience with the Five Bordeaux Varietals and Your Five Senses tasting.

**Restrictions:**

La Toque: Expires May 20, 2024. No exceptions. Not valid on holidays or special events. Includes service charge and tax. Excludes beverages or optional ‘supplement charge’ items. Maximum value is \$905.11.

Quintessa: By appointment only, Please contact a minimum of 4 weeks in advance.

DANA Estates: Expires May 2024. Certificate is non-transferrable. The date selected shall be mutually agreeable for both parties.

Rockmere Vineyards: Requires minimum 3 week advance booking. Expires May 31, 2024. 9am-3:30pm Monday through Friday (excludes holidays). No participants under 21 years of age. No pets.

Squire Livery: Mutually agreeable date. Blackout months include August, September and October.

Baldacci Family Vineyards: By appointment only and at least three weeks in advance.

Expires December 31, 2024.

The Madrona Hotel: Subject to availability. Expires May 20, 2024. Studio King Room with complimentary tax, and resort fees.

Momento Mori: Subject to availability. Expires May 2024. Not valid during September and October. Visits are by appointment only.

All winery visits are subject to availability and require advance reservations.

**Donated by Covert Estate, La Toque, Quintessa, DANA Estates, Rockmere Vineyards, Squire Livery, Far Niente, The Madrona Hotel, PlumpJack, CADE and Odette Estate, Baldacci Family Vineyards, Darioush Winery, Momento Mori, Trombetta Family Wines, Frog's Leap Winery, Clos du Val, and St. Supéry Estate**

# 17

## Pappy Van Winkle Special Reserve 12 Year

estimated value: \$1,200

Don't miss your opportunity to bring home this elegant and beautifully balanced Bourbon Whiskey. Renowned spirits authority Paul Pacult describes the Special Reserve 12-year as, "a perfect combination of age and proof. The 12 years of aging and medium proof of 90.4 seem to be just right in creating a very pleasant drink of whiskey. This fine bourbon can compete with any excellent cognac as an after-dinner drink." With a Wine Enthusiast rating of 98, this is sure to be the perfect addition to your collection and an excellent bottle to impress your friends.

**Donated by Calvert Woodley Fine Wine & Spirits**



# 18

## **Eight Bottle Suite of Bill Harlan's Wine from 2018**

estimated value: \$6,200

- 1 - bottle Harlan Estate 2018**
- 1 - bottle Harlan The Maiden 2018**
- 1 - bottle Bond Estates Melbury 2018**
- 1 - bottle Bond Estates Vecina 2018**
- 1 - bottle Bond Estates St. Eden 2018**
- 1 - bottle Bond Estates Pluribus 2018**
- 1 - bottle Bond Estates Matriarch 2018**
- 1 - bottle Bond Estates Quella 2018**

Thank you to a generous collector who puts together this wonderful lot each year from his allotment of Bill Harlan's legendary wines.

The Harlan Estate was founded in 1984 by H. William Harlan with the mission to establish one of the finest winegrowing estates in the United States, to transform a virgin hillside into a vineyard producing an American wine that was truly unique. For over three decades, the vision at Harlan wines has been to consistently produce a wine of the highest quality and great longevity - in essence, to create a "First Growth of California." The BOND portfolio includes 5 sought-after wines from 5 different vineyards, nicknamed by Harlan the "grands crus of California."

The 2018's are an amazing vintage for the Harlan which received 97-100 points from the Wine Advocate. "2018 had a certain sense of ease to it," Bill Harlan said as we tasted the barrel sample of the next iteration of this iconic label. "The pace was wonderful." "Mother nature was allowing us an extended runway," winemaker Cory Empting agreed. "We just started picking and couldn't stop."

The average score of this lot is 98 points from the Wine Advocate. 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**

# 19

## Holiday in Spain for Two Couples- ¡Buen viaje!

estimated value: \$5,500



DOMINIO DE PINGUS

**Total Wine**  
& MORE

**Bodegas Pinea - Visit, Barrel Tasting with Winemaker, 4x4 Off Roothing Tour of Estate + Al Fresco Lunch for Four and Hotel Stay at the former palace of the Duke of Lerma for two nights**

**Dominio de Pingus – VIP Visit and Lunch at a Nearby Restaurant**

**Total Wine - Accommodations and Tastings in Rioja for Three Nights**

A very special and rare opportunity to visit the Pinea Winery in Ribera del Duero, Spain - one of the most famous wine producing regions in the World. The winning bidder (group of 4) will have rare and exclusive access to witness why Pinea wines are some of the best in the World. The Pinea Winery is not open to the public, and this lucky group will have an opportunity to meet Pinea's co-founder and winemaking team, barrel taste wines from different sections of the Pinea estate, and enjoy an off-road 4x4 drive to the highest elevation at the Pinea Estate to enjoy an al-fresco lunch surrounded by vineyards. The group will also have access to Pinea's reserve library and the opportunity to acquire past vintages or wines not generally available in the market, including limited editions such as Korde Blanc, Pinea's single barrel "PSOUL" and large formats.

The Pinea winery is located near the town of Guzman in the province of Burgos, about 1 hour, 45 minutes north of Madrid, in the heart of Ribera del Duero, which has been ranked by Wine Spectator as a "top wine region in the World." Visit other wineries, enjoy fabulous local restaurants, visit historic castles and fortresses and wonderful churches and architecture that range from millenary Roman ruins and aqueducts, to medieval monasteries. As part of this package, Pinea will provide Hotel accommodations at nearby hotel, the former palace of the Duke of Lerma, a close advisor and head of taxation for the King of Spain in the 1600's. Based on two rooms, double occupancy.

While Peter Sisseck has returned to his first love, Bordeaux and will present his Château Rocheyron during the Master Class tomorrow, we are thrilled that he is here tonight and able to offer the lucky winning bidder a visit to Dominio de Pingus and lunch at a nearby restaurant. There are many reasons why Pingus is one of Spain's cult wines. It was the first garagiste wine to be made in the country; it became the most expensive Spanish wine overnight and its creator was a Dane who had settled in Ribera del Duero...

We are sure you all know about Dominio de Pingus but the history is fascinating. Peter Sisseck arrived in Castilla-León in the 1980s to become technical director at Hacienda

Monasterio. After successfully managing Hacienda Monasterio for several years, he was increasingly eager to produce a wine of his own. Exploring the region, Sisseck eventually came across an old Tinto Fino (Tempranillo) vineyard in the sub-region of La Horra. He attributes the discovery to “luck and good intuition” but, of course, Sisseck was not going to leave it at that. An extensive study revealed just how glorious the terroir was. “Pingus is produced from vineyards planted on a clay/limestone soil, which is a pretty perfect blend for this harsh climate. They were first planted in 1929 and offer excellent drainage, but the sub-soils also retain water extremely well, essential for the often very dry months of July and August,” he says. The vineyards are now run on biodynamic principles, according to Sisseck.

Sisseck’s connections in Bordeaux, such as négociant and iconoclast garage wine producer Jean-Claude Thunevin, helped to get Parker to taste the first vintage - a mere 12 barrels produced in 1995. The critic gave it 95 points, the highest ever for a Spanish wine until that date. In addition, the boat that transported the first Pingus bottles to the US was shipwrecked, which resulted in super premium prices from the moment it reached the market. Dominio de Pingus has evolved tremendously since those days and we can’t wait for you to see it in person for yourself!

The move on to Rioja where two couples, traveling together, will enjoy a three night, four day stay at the renowned Rioja estate, Eguren Ugarte winery. This is the opportunity of a lifetime to visit this 140-year-old landmark family-owned winery in one of the longest-standing vineyards in all of Europe. During your stay, you will receive VIP Treatment, including one-of-a-kind vineyard and winery tours, a private dinner and wine tasting upon arrival, as well as breakfast. Total Wine & More will also arrange for other VIP wine tastings during your stay. Take your rental car or hire a driver as you travel through the different wine regions in Spain.

**Restrictions:**

Pinea: Mutually agreeable date. They recommend visitors to rent a car and drive from Madrid, but would be happy to arrange round-trip black car transportation from Madrid to the Ribera del Duero (round-trip), at extra cost.

Pingus: Mutually agreeable date

Total Wine: Airfare and transportation not included. You must rent a car or hire a driver. Advance notice is required. Dates are based on availability and must be mutually agreed upon with donor before travel plans are made. All travelers must be 21 or older. Lodging is first come, first served and available Monday-Friday, September through June (excluding the Christmas and Easter holidays), and only available for four individuals (two rooms). No expiration date.

**Donated by Bodegas Pinea, Dominio de Pingus and Total Wine & More**

## **20** **Heart's Delight Bordeaux Collection** estimated value: \$1,900

This is your chance to get your hands on 24 bottles from the 2020 vintage and select earlier vintages. 2020 Vintage is looking good – quality is high although yields are slightly down. 2020 Bordeaux are easy drinking now and will age well for decades. This is a unique collection of wines that will be tasted tomorrow with our friends from Bordeaux. We invited all the winemakers to bring an older vintage of their choosing and discuss both during tomorrow's Master Class with Jane Anson. The high bidder on this lot will be the lucky benefactor of some great surprises from the generous winemakers.

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## **21** **Stand Up for Your Heart!** **Kristen Graves, Featured Speaker**

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.