

# Live Auction



A special collection of large format wines from the winemakers. Lots 1-10 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 2017 estimated value: \$700



Welcome back to Hugo Bernard – we are so thankful for the support of Hugo and the Bernard family over the years!

The philosophy at Domaine de Chevalier is that 90 percent of the work is done in the vineyards and the remaining ten percent is done in the vat room. The estate is surrounded by forests, which protect the precious vines from extreme weather. Many refer to Domaine de Chevalier as a 'secret garden,' hidden in the middle of this heavily wooded area in Graves.

The 2017 blanc received 98 points from James Suckling, "This is really powerful and structured with superb muscle and phenolic tension. Yet, it's formed and polished, layered and dense. Full-bodied, but energetic and focused. Vibrant acidity. Goes on for minutes. Citrus, stone, straw, salt and chalk. Incredible."

## 2 Jeroboam Château Talbot 2015 estimated value: \$700

CHATEAU  
TALBOT

We are excited to welcome back Jean-Paul Bignon to Heart's Delight. It has been over a decade since he joined us last, and we are very happy he is here and brought this lovely jeroboam with him! Jean-Paul and his wife, Nancy Bignon Cordier, their children Philippine, Marguerite and Gustave Bignon all embody the story of Talbot which has a long history of uniting the destiny of a family to that of a vineyard.

Jean-Paul's Jeroboam from 2015 received 94 points from James Suckling, "A big, rich wine for St. Julien with plenty of power and concentration, which enables it to carry plenty of spicy and toasty oak. The tannins need some time to soften, but the elegant finish says that from 2020 this should really impress."

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## 3 Imperial Château Malartic Lagravière 2003 estimated value: \$800



The Bonnie Family has been a longtime supporter of Heart's Delight and it has been fun to see them represented on the Hollywood Red Carpet lately with award winners like Dame Helen Mirren, Ryan Reynolds, Scarlett Johansson, and Charlize Theron. Here is your chance to have your own Hollywood moment!

Thank you to Guillaume Virsolvy for joining us this evening. The 2003 Malartic Lagravière is 6 liters (the equivalent of 8 bottles) and is described as "Plum, cassis, smoked herb, tobacco, and licorice-like scents emerge from the medium dark garnet-tinged 2003. Dry tannins in the finish do not detract from the wine's overall seductive personality." by Robert Parker's Wine Advocate.

# 4

## Imperial Château Brane-Cantenac 2014

estimated value: \$800



We are very excited to welcome back Henri Lurton to Heart's Delight!

If there was one word to describe Château Brane-Cantenac, it would be "meticulous." This Second Growth Château in the Margaux appellation firmly believes in slow, methodical, and continuous experimentation in the vat room. One can clearly see at this estate, complacency is not an option. The wines of Brane-Cantenac are adored because of their highly complex and layered nuances that unfold with time. They are gorgeously textured, and the fruits shine through with confidence as they age. They are softer and more accessible than some of the bolder wines of Pauillac and other Margaux Second Growths. Because of their accessibility and strength, these wines are tremendously versatile. They can be consumed on the younger side or laid down and enjoyed years later.

The 2014 received 95 points "This is a complete wine, full of both tannins and great swathes of ripe fruit. It has a serious side as well in its solid structure and concentration. The juicy blackberry fruits are beginning to calm down and meld into a fine dense wine that will age very well. Drink from 2025." – Wine Enthusiast

Neal Martin wrote in the Wine Advocate, "The 2014 Brane-Cantenac has a very classy bouquet, very well defined with blackberry, cedar and tobacco scents, that trademark graphite scent emerging with a few swirls of the glass. It is exactly what you expect from this Margaux estate. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, well-judged acidity, graphite and cedar towards the linear finish that will clearly need several years to unfold. Classic Margaux really, but wise owls will cellar it away for several years." 92 points

# 5 Jeroboam Château Lascombes 2005

estimated value: \$950



We are thankful for a long-standing relationship with Château Lascombes and are excited to welcome Axel Heinz for his first Heart's Delight!

Axel Heinz was the longtime director of Ornellaia and Masseto, and about a year ago left Tuscany for Bordeaux to become CEO of Château Lascombes. It is a homecoming of sorts as he grew up in Bordeaux and studied agronomy with a specialization in viticulture and enology at the University of Bordeaux.

Chateau Lascombes is a full-bodied, opulent wine and a perfect blend of tradition and modernity, crafted with care and attention to detail. "The 2005 Lascombes, served from jeroboam, has a well-defined nose with scents of blackberry, brine and cassis aromas percolating up with time, nicely focused. The palate is medium-bodied, with hints of menthol and licorice infusing the black fruit." - Neal Martin, Vinous

# 6 Jeroboam Château Giscours 2010

estimated value: \$900

*Giscours*  
M A R G A U X

It is always a great pleasure when the charming Alexander Van Beek is able to be with us and we are so thankful he is here with us again this year. We have a unique way to mark the time between his visits by how much Archie Ritchie has grown in the photographs with Alexander from the early years until he is now in college.

At Giscours, a wine does not live by itself. It is a reflection of the place, its environment and the people who make it. There is no question of separating everything, because it is the coherence of the whole that makes each one successful. This is why we speak of the wines of Giscours as a family made up of various personalities and appellations.

The 2010 is one of the purest Cabernet Sauvignon expression; it has an extreme precision and is one of the outstanding vintages of Giscours. Unanimously recognized and appreciated, 2010 has its own style, precise and sensual. This wine always surprises by its structure and delicacy. Château Giscours 2010 is the rare expression of the perfect harmony between power and finesse, a wine for ageing with an exceptional freshness. 'De la beauté liquide!' said Denis Dubourdieu.

It received 95 points from Decanter, "Whereas 2005 has the power, 2010 has power and elegance combined. The nose has a dark fruit, floral and mint complexity, the palate a firmness but finesse of tannin and plenty of fruit, zest and freshness. The energy is apparent, the finish long and clean. It's a wine that should age gracefully over a long period of time. The 'as good as it gets' pick."

# 7

## Double Magnum Château Angelus 2018

estimated value: \$2,400

ANGELUS



Château Angelus has been a generous supporter over the years and this is the first year that Yves de Launay is joining us! He brings with him an outstanding Château Angélus in an exceptional vintage – it racked up many high scores, including 100 points Jeb Dunnuck, “I loved the 2018 Château Angélus from barrel last year and it blew me away from bottle, epitomizing the new, fresher, more elegant style of the estate while still bringing classic Angélus richness and power. Pure perfection, it’s going to benefit from 7-8 years of bottle age and keep for 3-4 decades. This is a sensational, magical wine from this talented team.”

99 points from James Suckling, 97 points from Decanter, 97 points from Vinous, and 97 points from Wine Advocate who notes, “This year we have slightly less Cabernet Franc in the blend because we are only using the oldest vines, planted by my grandfather, as a tribute,” Stéphanie de Bouard-Rivoal said. ‘These are 60- to 80-year-old Cabernet Franc vines.’ From 2018, 10% of the entire Angélus crop will be aged in large oak foudres. These produce tighter, more perfumed, brighter wines from less oxygen exposure, Stéphanie commented. The 2018 Angélus is blended of 65% Merlot and 35% Cabernet Franc, to be aged 18-22 months in barriques, 100% new, plus two new foudres. Incredibly, finely, expertly, seamlessly knit. Stunning.”

# 8

## Imperial Château Figeac 2010

estimated value: \$2,800

CHATEAU-FIGEAC  
1<sup>er</sup> GRAND CRU CLASSÉ 'A'

This is very exciting as it is the first time Château Figeac has participated in Heart’s Delight and we appreciate Alexa Boulton for helping make that happen and we hope this will be a new tradition and hopefully the first of many visits to Heart’s Delight.

Château Figeac was promoted in 2022 to the coveted spot of Premier Grand Cru Classés A in the latest revision of the Saint-Émilion Classification. Alexa brings with her an Imperial (equivalent to 8 bottles) from the 2010 vintage which received 95 points from The Wine Advocate, “Deep garnet colored, the 2010 Figeac bursts from the glass with gregarious scents of baked blueberries, black cherry compote and chocolate box with hints of camphor, pencil lead and iron ore. Medium to full-bodied, the palate has beautifully ripe, velvety tannins and bold freshness supporting the generous fruit, finishing long and layered.”

## 9 Imperial Château Lynch-Bages 2020 estimated value: \$1,400



Château Lynch-Bages and the Cazes family are favorites of Heart's Delight and we thank Kinou Cazes Hachemian for joining us again this year!

Kinou brings a high scoring Imperial (equivalent to 8 bottles) which received 99 points from James Suckling, 98 points from Decanter, 98 points from Jane Anson, "A superb Lynch Bages..." And 96 points from Neal Martin, Vinous, "The 2020 Lynch-Bages, the first vintage vinified at the new winery, has a beautifully-defined bouquet with a strong estuarine influence, brine and seaweed infusing the black fruit. It's almost understated at first, but it opens wonderfully in the glass - quintessentially Pauillac. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins, quite concentrated that is counterbalanced by a fine bead of acidity. The saline note on the finish is superb, lingering in the mouth. What an absolutely delicious Lynch-Bages for the long-term."

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## 10 Double Magnum Château Pontet-Canet 2015 estimated value: \$750



We are proud to celebrate Alfred Tesseron and Château Pontet-Canet this year! Alfred is a fan favorite and was part of Heart's Delight almost from the beginning in 2000. We hope you are enjoying the wine this evening and want to make this 2015 yours!

98+ points from Antonio Galloni, Vinous, "Proprietor Alfred Tesseron and winemaker Jean-Michel Comme produced an absolutely stellar Pontet-Canet in 2015. Sumptuous, racy and totally inviting, the 2015 is all class. Super-ripe dark cherry, plum, spice and exotic floral notes build as the 2015 shows off its alluring personality. Even with all of its raciness, the 2015 speaks with authority and power. Fine tannins extend the persistent, highly nuanced finish. The 2015 is 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot.

97 points from The Wine Advocate "Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2015 Pontet-Canet comes charging out of the glass ... Full bodied, the palate is laden with black and red fruit layers, supported by very firm, very finely grained tannins and provocative freshness, finishing with incredible length and stunningly perfumed."

Neal Martin wrote, "Afford this 5-8 years in bottle and you should have a delicious, intellectual Pontet-Canet on your hands." The time is now!!

# 11

## Trip to Bordeaux estimated value: \$10,000



American Airlines - 300,000 AAdvantage® Miles  
Château Lynch-Bages – Visit and tasting followed by Lunch at the property  
Château Cordeillan-Bages - One-night stay with breakfast for two couples  
in two double rooms



Château Giscours – Visit, tasting and Lunch or Dinner  
Château Angélu – Visit, tasting and Lunch for two at Le Logis de La Cadène



Château Figeac – Visit, tasting and Lunch with Manoncourt Family for six  
Château Lascombes – Visit and Lunch or Dinner for four guests



Domaine de Chevalier – Visit and Lunch for four guests



Château Grand Puy Lacoste – Visit and Lunch for four guests



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. Plus we can schedule more visits to suit your interests.

**Restrictions:** Expires May 2025. Minimum three months' notice for scheduling.  
**American Airlines:** Subject to the Terms and Conditions of the AAdvantage program found at [www.aa.com/AAdvantage](http://www.aa.com/AAdvantage) **Winery visits:** Subject to availability and on weekdays only.



Donated by American Airlines, Château Lynch-Bages, Château Cordeillan-Bages, Château Giscours, Château Angélu, Le Logis de La Cadène, Château Figeac, Château Lascombes, Domaine de Chevalier, Château Grand Puy Lacoste and more





# 12

## 1 - Double Magnum Château Margaux 2018

estimated value: \$3,200



Our friends at Château Margaux wanted to help us celebrate the 100th anniversary of the American Heart Association and donated this lovely 3 liter which received 100 points from the Wine Advocate!

“The 2018 Château Margaux is composed of 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot. Deep purple-black in color, it slowly unfurls to reveal tantalizing scents of crème de cassis, wild blueberries and Black Forest cake with hints of redcurrant jelly, rose oil, dark chocolate and cedar chest plus a touch of star anise. The medium to full-bodied palate bursts with opulent black fruit, fragrant earth and floral layers, supported by a rock-solid structure of exquisitely ripe, finely grained tannins and seamless backbone of freshness, finishing with fantastic length. This is classic Margaux at its most seductive, although it is, rather amazingly, approachable and absolutely delicious right now. But, to enjoy its full glory, you will want to cellar it for at least 6-8 years and then watch it metamorphize over the next 40+ years.”

We know the winning bidder will have good reason to celebrate for years to come!

**Donated by Château Margaux**

# 13



## Pontet Canet Tribute Lot estimated value: \$2,100

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**Château Pontet-Canet 2001**

In honor of Alfred Tesseron and Château Pontet-Canet as the guest of honor we have compiled a collection of vintages for a lucky bidder to enjoy! This 15 bottle lot includes some wonderful gems including the 2009 as 100 point from Wine Advocate and the average score of the lot is 95 points!

Antonio Galloni wrote of the 2014, "Alfred Tesseron and his team led by Technical Director Jean-Michel Comme have made one of the truly exceptional wines of the 2014 vintage. Over the last decade or so, Tesseron has completely revolutionized Pontet-Canet, which has now been farmed biodynamically for a full decade, an approach that is quite rare in Bordeaux. From the window, I can see a horse-driven plow at work, its operator talking on his mobile phone. "The intersection of the old and the new," quips Tesseron. "I have pretty much handed off the daily management of winemaking to my team," concludes Tesseron "but I found the 2014 so delicious that in the end I did not miss a single day tasting through every tank."

**Donated by The Collection of the Late Manfred W. Arnold, Laura & Adam Feinberg, Albert "Bud" Hawk, Roger B. Schagrin & Hayley M. Jarvi, MacArthur Beverages, and Friends of Heart's Delight**

# 14

## Two Seats at an Epic 2000 Bordeaux First Growth 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 a dinner to sample the acclaimed 2000 Bordeaux 'Millennium Vintage.' Wines will include all five Left Bank First Growths – Château Lafite Rothschild, Château Mouton Rothschild, Château Latour, Château Haut Brion, and Château Margaux – plus a number of other highly-rated classified growths such as Château Léoville Las Cases, Château Ducru Beaucaillou, Château Montrose, Château

Lynch-Bages, Château Gruaud Larose and more! Pre-pandemic, this group held a similar dinner for a different Bordeaux vintage and the reports were that it was an 'epic event.'

**Restrictions:** Mutually agreeable date at a DC restaurant suitable for the wines.

**Donated by Charles & Sharon Bates, Joel Kleinman, Laura & Adam Feinberg, Noah and Courtney Raizman, and Jessica Killin & Raj Date**

# 15

## 1 - Nebuchadnezzar (15L) Château Montrose 2016

estimated value: \$6,000



*Château Montrose*

Our friends at Château Montrose also wanted to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the American Heart Association in a big way (literally)! The Nebuchadnezzar is the equivalent of 20 bottles! The 2015 received 100 points from Jane Anson and 100 points from Jeb Dunnock! It also received 99 points the Wine Advocate, 98 points from James Suckling, and 97 points from Neal Martin, Vinous. First tastings indicate that 2015 Château Montrose will rank among the great vintages at Château Montrose.

Back in the early 1800s, what is now the Montrose property was actually part of the Calon Segur estate. Then-owner of Calon Segur Etienne Dumoulin identified part of the property as having a unique hillside gravel terroir and separated it out, creating what is now Montrose; eventually the Dumoulins sold Calon Segur and kept Montrose. From those days on Montrose changed hands three times, most recently in 2006 when it was bought by Martin and Thomas Bouygues, owners of Bouygues Telecom and Bouygues Construction, who brought in new management and entered on an intensive renovation project. Arguably, Montrose has been producing one of the best wines in all of Bordeaux for centuries, and this 2015 vintage continues in that tradition: it is a wine of great richness, complexity and polish. Packed with power and tannins, it has bushels of ripe fruit flavors in every mouthful.

**Donated by Château Montrose**

# 16

## Visit to London with Neal Martin

estimated value: \$4,000



### **The Stafford London - Two nights in a Suite**

#### **Lunch with Neal Martin at Noble Rot in London – Neal will supply the wine!**

We are lucky to have Neal Martin join us this year to Host the Master Class and to be our Master of Ceremonies tonight! Neal leads a life most of us envy, visiting and tasting the most spectacular wines, he has access to coveted vintages and dines places not open to most. Neal worked with Robert Parker where he was the first non-American to hold a position. He took over coverage of Bordeaux when Parker retired. A few years later Neal accepted a position at Vinous where he covers Bordeaux and Burgundy to the present day. His reviews and scores are quoted by merchants around the world (and in this humble catalog).

Neal self-published an award-winning 600-page book, Pomerol, that became the standard text for the region. Last year, he published "The Complete Bordeaux Vintage Guide 1870-2020" that Eric Asimov described as "what every Bordeaux lover has been waiting for".

He has met some accomplished and extraordinary people over a career spanning almost 30 years and we are honored he is here for his first Heart's Delight. He also has a personal reason to help us in the fight against heart disease and stroke. As he is based in London, we thought it would be fun for a lucky winner (up to four guests in total) to be able to spend a little time with Neal.

Our friends at The Stafford generously offered us a couple of nights for your visit to London.

The Stafford London offers world-class, five-star accommodation at one of London's most prestigious addresses. Tucked away in the heart of historic St James, and just minutes from London's iconic landmarks and vibrant West End, The Stafford London is one of the finest luxury hotels in the Capital. Boasting three unique buildings, each with their own style and character, guests experience timeless luxury, combined with contemporary sophistication and impeccable service. This retreat includes two-nights' accommodation in a luxurious suite and full English breakfast for two each day at the on-site restaurant, The Game Bird.

**Restrictions:** Minimum three months' notice required to plan. Lunch with Neal Martin must be arranged on a mutually agreeable date.

**The Stafford:** Expires May 8, 2025. Subject to availability, excluding Christmas and the New Year period, and times of high occupancy levels.

**Donated by Neal Martin and The Stafford London**

# 17

## 100 Years Calls for a 100 Point Lot

estimated value: \$5,000

Domaine Saint Prefert Chateauneuf-du-Pape Collection Charles Giraud 2007  
(100 WA) (100 JD)

Vérité "Le Désir 2015 (100 WA)

Larkmead Vineyards The Lark 2013 (100 WA)

Jonata 'La Sangre de Jonata' 2015 (100 JD)

Tua Rita Redigaffi 2019 (100 D) (100 TWI)

Château Montrose 2018 (100 JD)

Château Beauséjour 2016 (100 JD)

Spottswoode Family Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 (100 WA)

Château Figeac 2020 (100 WA) (100 JS)

Hundred Acre Wraith Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 (100 D)

Château Pavie-Macquin 2020 (100 VN)

Institution Erba Vineyard 2018 (100 PDWR)

Bevan Cellars Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard 2019 (100 WA)

Lail Vineyards J. Daniel Cuvee Cabernet Sauvignon 2021 (100 WA)

Château Léoville-Poyferré 2009 (100 WA) (100 JD)

Paul Hobbs Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 (100 WA)

375ml Château Climens 2001 (100 WA)

In honor of 2024 celebrating 100 years of the American Heart Association's lifesaving work our committee set about creating a 100 point lot!

**Donated by Sam Feder, Laura & Adam Feinberg, Château Figeac, Hundred Acre, Institution Winery, Eric Kadel, Lail Vineyards, MacArthur Beverages, John McDermott, Maureen Nelson, and Dan Petroski**

# 18

## An Insiders Napa Valley Experience - A VIP Guided Weekend for Four Guests

estimated value: \$4,750

Perfect opportunity for up to four guests to explore Napa Valley with Heart's Delight committee members and Napa Valley Insiders, Ilyse Filowitz and Scott Wilkes. With Ilyse and Scott as your expert guides, you'll traverse through classic estates and uncover hidden gems tucked away in the prestigious AVAs of Napa Valley. They have curated a perfect combination of the hard-to-get visits, wineries that are not open to the public as well as their favorite wineries that are under the radar (for now). They will be your guides during the two days of visits and tasting in March 2025. These are their connections and they are inviting you into their world for an incredible adventure.

The winning bidder will have a planning call with Scott and Ilyse to further tailor the itinerary. They can help advise you on where to stay and ideas for you if you would like to extend your stay. Experiences may include but are not limited to:

### **Pahlmeyer Ambassador Experience and Tasting at the Stagecoach Vineyard**

A top Cabernet-focused vineyard of the Atlas Peak AVA. The rocky, volcanic terroir extends from the south-eastern of Pritchard Hill area overlooking Oakville and Yountville to the westernmost regions of the Atlas Peak appellation.

### **James Cole Winery – Tour and tasting**

James Cole Winery is a small production family winery in the Oak Knoll AVA of Napa. This tasting will be personally curated to include wines geared towards your specific palates. Seated in the middle of the barrel room or seated outside on the beautiful grounds, it will be an experience to remember!

### **Underground Cellar Dinner Experience at Louis M. Martini**

An exclusive Louis M. Martini experience set in an 85-year-old barrel cellar that pays tribute to the Martini family's old-world heritage. Small-lot releases and library wines paired with inspired culinary creations from Chef Aaron Meneghelli.

### **The Scissors experience at the Orin Swift Tasting Room**

Hard to find, impossible to forget. A private opportunity to indulge in extremely rare, limited production Orin Swift wines crafted exclusively for the Scissors experience. The most ambitious wines ever made by Dave Phinney and the Orin Swift Team. Unique labels, untold stories and an unexpected experience designed for the biggest fans of Orin Swift and the most discerning wine lovers.

### **Fantesca Spring Mountain**

Tour of the grounds, providing an intimate opportunity to explore the vineyard, wine cave, and winery. Following the tour, guests will enjoy a tasting of our current releases from famed winemaker Heidi Barrett — featuring our Russian River Chardonnay,

King Richard's Reserve Pinot Noir, All Great Things Cabernet Blend, and Estate Cabernet Sauvignon.

**Heritage School**

A beautiful oasis just outside of downtown Calistoga, from winemaker Thomas Rivers Brown. Enjoy a private and reserved experience with some of the Napa Valley's finest cabernet sauvignon in a setting beyond compare.

Each experience is a testament to the passion and dedication of the vintners who call Napa home. So, raise your glass and toast to the journey ahead, where every sip is infused with the spirit of exploration and the promise of new horizons.

**Restrictions:** Weekend (Thursday through Sunday) of your choice in March 2025. 30 days advance notice to plan. Weather permitting for any outdoor components.

**Donated by Ilyse Filowitz, Scott Wilkes, and their friends in Napa**



# 19 Eight Bottle Suite of Bill Harlan's Wine from 2019

estimated value: \$6,800

- 1 - bottle Harlan Estate 2019
- 1 - bottle Harlan The Maiden 2019
- 1 - bottle Bond Estates Melbury 2019
- 1 - bottle Bond Estates Vecina 2019
- 1 - bottle Bond Estates St. Eden 2019
- 1 - bottle Bond Estates Pluribus 2019
- 1 - bottle Bond Estates Matriarch 2019
- 1 - bottle Bond Estates Quella 2019

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

The 2019 Harlan received 100 points from Robert Parker's Wine Advocate! "The head-spinning 2019 Harlan Estate is truly amazing stuff. Like all truly great wines, it's full of somehow harmonious contradictions." The Vecina received 99 points, the St. Eden 98 points and the Pluribus 97 points – the entire lot averages 97 points!

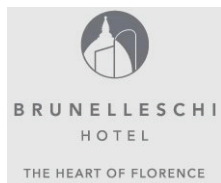
The Harlan Estate was founded in 1984 by H. William Harlan with the mission to establish one of the finest winegrowing estates in the United States, to transform a virgin hillside into a vineyard producing an Americana wine that was truly unique. For over three decades, the vision at Harlan wines has 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."

**Donated by Joel Kleinman**

# 20

## La Dolce Vita

estimated value: \$8,500



**Brunelleschi Hotel in Florence - Two Night Stay (one room)**

**Tuscan Wine Experience for Two Couples – Three Night Stay in Villa plus Visits & Meals**

**Brancaia in Tuscany – Visit and Tasting**

**Pieropan in Soave – Visit, Tasting and One Night Accommodation (one room)**

**Ratti in Barolo – Visit and Tasting**

Stay in the heart of Florence and quickly get to know its historical roots with a 2-night stay at Brunelleschi Hotel. The Hotel Brunelleschi is literally in the shadow of the dome of Santa Maria del Fiore, designed by Brunelleschi himself. The hotel incorporates a Byzantine tower and a medieval church in its façade; a private museum and part of a Roman bath in its foundations; and several historical buildings. Hotel Brunelleschi is nestled in a quiet area of Florence but is close to Piazza Duomo, Piazza della Signoria, museums, shopping areas and the most popular monuments.

Our friends at Total Wine & More will arrange for a wonderful visit to beautiful Tuscany. Two couples traveling together will enjoy a three night stay in a winery's guest villa located in the breathtaking countryside of Tuscany. This is the opportunity of a lifetime! During your stay, you will receive VIP treatment, including one-of-a-kind vineyard and winery tours, private wine tastings, delectable luncheons and an insider's look at wine making in Italy's most famous wine region.

Maze Row Wine Merchant is generously offering a tour and stay at some of their favorite Italian wineries. Brancaia in Tuscany, Pieropan in Soave and Ratti in Barolo. Renato Ratti was quite literally the man who put Barolo on the map. After purchasing a small plot of land in the commune of La Morra and bottling his debut Barolo in 1965, Ratti drew the first map of Barolo "cru" vineyards, establishing the concept of terroir in the context of Italian wine.

Buon viaggio!

**Restrictions: Brunelleschi Hotel:** Valid during August, November, December 2024 + January, February and March 2025. Subject to availability and always upon request.

**Tuscan Wine Experience by 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). This trip does NOT expire. Due to travel postponements in 2020 & 2021 because of the global pandemic,

the earliest dates available for lodging are in 2025, with limited dates available in 2024.

**Visits:** Subject to availability.

**Donated by Brunelleschi Hotel, Total Wine & More, and Maze Row Wine Merchant**

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# 21

## Nebuchadrezzar (15L) Pinea 2018 estimated value: \$3,800



Our new friend Hugo Del Pozzo made quite an impression on all of us last year, with his wine, his personality and his generosity! This year he returns to Heart's Delight with the same passion as he brings his flagship wine in a whopping 15 liter format (the equivalent of 20 bottles)!

This is a reason to celebrate as is but even more special as it received 95 points from the Wine Spectator and they called the 2018 Pinea the 4th best wine in Spain! It also won the gold medal from Decanter with 95 points and 94 points from James Suckling.

The PINEA story is really a love story. Love of wine and love of the northern Ribera del Duero, where the character of the Tempranillo grape is brought out like nowhere else in the world.

Vicente Pliego and Hugo Del Pozzo, two childhood friends, turned their passion for wine culture into their life, with the firm intention of making a definitive wine.

Fermented and aged entirely in French oak barrels, it comes from "Cardisanto", a unique vineyard from which we obtain the best grapes of our Domain. This is a terroir so amazing that it astonishes you in the glass with its structure, acidity, elegant texture and the echo of its aromas on the palate. Such a special wine can only be produced in a wonderful place. The PINEA vineyards grow in the northern part of Ribera del Duero. Located at an average altitude of 900 metres above sea level, our vines represent the perfect confluence of elements: unique soil, a demanding environment and an adverse climate.

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## Heart's Delight Bordeaux Collection

estimated value: \$2,100

This is your chance to get your hands on 24 bottles from the 2021 vintage and select earlier vintages. Bordeaux 2021 presented untold viticultural challenges that tested even the most hardy and experienced winemakers with varying results across the region. Weather conditions included frost, hail, rain storms, cool and gloomy days and lack of sunlight. Generally speaking, Merlots suffered more from frost and mildew. Cabernet performed better on gravel soils and Petit Verdot enjoyed the rainy conditions. A long and drawn-out growing period helped to develop aromatic complexity for the reds, and benefited the whites by keeping acidity high.

Demand is high from négociants and merchants who have little stock to sell and this is your chance to taste directly from the chateaux. Congratulations to Figeac who Decanter named the wine of the vintage from St. Emilion.

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 Neal Martin.