

Silent Auction



400 **The Cook's Atelier: 5-day Masterclass Program in Burgundy for Two** estimated value: \$12,000

The Cook's Atelier is a French Cooking School & Convivial Place for Gastronomes located in Beaune. And every year, they open the doors of The Cook's Atelier to guests from around the world who are interested in learning more extensively about the food and wine culture of Burgundy. Their Seasonal Burgundy Masterclass program is a special opportunity for an in-depth and personalized experience at The Cook's Atelier. The week gives you a chance to spend one-on-one time with us where we'll come together to cook in our kitchen and immerse ourselves in the rich culture of Burgundy and French home cooking.

You'll begin the program on Monday where we'll meet and greet guests at their Atelier for your first workshop followed by a welcome luncheon. During the week, you'll meet each morning to gather around their Atelier teaching kitchen for hands-on cooking workshops and learn the importance of growing some of the food we cook, sourcing locally, and cooking seasonally. Each of our workshops will highlight classic French cooking techniques, both savory and sweet, and methods every home cook should know. Once the masterclass is complete, guests head upstairs to their light-filled dining room where Champagne flutes are filled and toast one another in anticipation of the long French lunch ahead. The zinc-topped table is set in beautiful French fashion with vintage linens and cutlery, fresh flowers, and plenty of candlelight. Guests will enjoy the seasonal menus created from the fruits of their labor, presented in beautifully plated courses. Each course is presented and paired with some of the most extraordinary wines from the Burgundy region (a selection of Premier Cru and Grand Cru wines), demystifying terroir and the art of winemaking. Later in the week, we will also spend a day at the 'Woodland House' where we'll learn the art of cooking with fire in the hearth, bread baking, preserving, and explore the craft of creating your own kitchen garden.

And when the program is complete, guests take home much more than just the recipes. You'll return home inspired to cook and to share the table with the people who matter most.

Restrictions: see bid sheet for details.

Donated by The Cook's Atelier

401 1 - Magnum Château Malescot-St-Exupéry 2015

estimated value: \$200

Our new friend, Lea Zuger was not able to join us this year but wanted to make sure they were included in the auction and sent this lovely magnum which received 95 points from Vinous. "One of the highlights of the vintage, the 2015 Malescot Saint Exupéry is superb. Grilled herbs, smoke, black cherry, lavender, menthol and graphite literally explode from this glass. Huge swaths of tannin give the wine its shape and big, ample frame. Iron, smoke, graphite, grilled herbs and licorice punctuate the huge, powerful finish.

Donated by Château Malescot-St-Exupéry

402 1 - bottle Château Lafite Rothschild 2002

estimated value: \$700

94 points from Robert Parker who called it, "A brilliant offering and a candidate for wine of the vintage, this is classic Lafite that reminded me somewhat of the 1976, although the vintage conditions were completely different. This is a medium-weight, quintessentially elegant style of Lafite with notes of lead pencil shavings/graphite along with black currants, plums, and crushed rocks/mineral. Wonderfully pure, dense, with a deep ruby/purple color and loads of fruit, definition, and a long finish, this is a brilliant, elegant Lafite Rothschild that builds incrementally in the mouth and has more power and density than it initially seems."

Donated by Sean & Estelle Ballington

403

1 - bottle Hundred Acre Wraith Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 – 100 points!

estimated value: \$750

100 points Robert Parker's Wine Advocate!!! "Deep garnet-purple, the 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Wraith drifts effortlessly out of the glass with compelling scents of Morello cherries, boysenberry preserves and blackcurrant pastilles, plus hints of unsmoked cigars, wild sage, underbrush and pencil shavings. The taut, tightly packed, muscular, full-bodied palate quakes with energy, supported by beautifully ripe, grainy tannins, finishing incredibly long and provocatively perfumed. So lively and layered, this Wraith perfectly captures the captivating vibrancy of this great, great vintage!"

Hundred Acre was a perfect way to celebrate the hundred years of the American Heart Association's lifesaving research and we so appreciate their generous donation.

Donated by Hundred Acre

404

1 - Magnum Château Mouton Rothschild 1981

estimated value: \$1,250

The 1981 Mouton Rothschild label features the artwork of Arman in the "Nouveau Réalisme" school. "Wonderfully rich and still holding back. Beautiful plum, toasted oak, berry and tobacco character. Firm with a full body." – Wine Spectator

Donated by The Collection of the Late Manfred W. Arnold

405

1 - Double Magnum Château Cos d'Estournel 2000

estimated value: \$2,000

Charles Thomas was not able to join us this year and sent along this lovely 3L as well as a 6L from their new project, Cos Labory (in Saturday's auction).

97 points Robert Parker's Wine Advocate "Blended of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot and 2% Cabernet Franc, the 2000 Cos d'Estournel is deep garnet in color. It leaps from the glass...Medium-bodied, the palate is laden with fragrant fruitcake and exotic spice layers, framed by wonderfully plush tannins."

Neal Martin awarded it 96 points, "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."

Donated by Château Cos d'Estournel



406

Middleburg Get Away estimated value: \$3,700

Salamander Middleburg Resort & Spa – Two night stay, mid-week Field & Main – Present Menu for Two

Salamander Middleburg is a timeless destination, located in historic Middleburg, Virginia. This quintessential town is steeped in equestrian traditions, and easily accessible to Washington, D.C. The Forbes Five-Star and AAA Five-Diamond resort is the ultimate place of discovery and the epitome of luxury, combining artfully designed facilities with unparalleled experiences, all resting on 340-acres framed by the Blue Ridge Mountains, lush vineyards, and horse farms.

Enjoy a two nights mid-week in a Dressage Suite to include breakfast for 2 each morning and \$150 resort credit.

Field & Main is located right in the heart of the Marshall Historic District (about a 20 minute drive from the Salamander). Once called Salem, Marshall is named for United States Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall. The building that houses Field & Main has been a gathering place since the early 1800's and is believed to be one of the oldest homes in Marshall. The season's bounty is both the fuel for and the raison d'être of Field & Main. Owner Neal Wavra is also a wine specialist who fills glasses with his favorites from local vineyards, including wines on tap. The Present Menu is a progression of dishes celebrating nature's gifts available at this moment in time.

Restrictions: Salamander: Expires March 1, 2025. Mid-week only. Based on availability. Subject to blackout dates. Alcohol not included. Certificate may not be extended or exchanged for cash and must be used at one visit. Recipient is subject to taxes, service fees and gratuity payable upon check out. The original certificate needs to be presented, copies will not be accepted. Lost, misplaced, expired or stolen certificates are not refundable or replaceable. **Field & Main:** Subject to Availability. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays

Donated by Salamander Middleburg Resort & Spa and Field & Main

407

Sideways Inspired Lot

estimated value: \$1,000

- 1 - bottle Fiddlehead Cellars Goosebury Sauvignon Blanc 2019
- 1 - bottle Fess Parker Sanford & Benedict Chardonnay 2020
- 1 - bottle Kistler Cuvee Natalie Silver Belt Vineyard Pinot Noir 2020
- 1 - bottle Andrew Murray Vineyards Tous les Jours Syrah 2020
- 1 - bottle Sanford Winery 'Sanford & Benedict Vineyard' Pinot Noir 2018
- 1 - bottle Foxen Block UU Bien Nacido Vineyard Chardonnay 2019
- 1 - bottle Firestone Vineyard Chardonnay 2020
- 1 - bottle Sea Smoke Southing Pinot Noir 2020
- 1 - bottle Dominique Lafon Volnay 1er Cru Les Lurets 2020
- 1 - bottle Opus One 2019

The Oscar award winning film "Sideways" was filmed almost entirely on-location throughout Solvang and the Santa Ynez Valley. The Fox Searchlight feature film "Sideways" premiered in Fall 2004 and won numerous awards including an Oscar and two Golden Globes. The tale of two middle-aged men and the women they meet on a week-long wine tasting adventure brought world-wide recognition to the area. One of our clever and generous committee members assembled his take on the places they visited and what they drank – and there is only a little Merlot...

Donated by Joel Kleinman



408 **1- 375ml l'Extravagant de Doisy-Daëne 2015** estimated value: \$200

This petite bottle is so lovely and was awarded 95 points from Neal Martin, Vinous "The 2015 L'Extravagant de Doisy-Daëne has a more understated bouquet for this super cuvee with beautifully defined, very pure honeyed fruit laced with orange pith and tinned apricot. The palate is exquisitely balanced with perfect acidity, gentle and caressing not a flamboyant Barsac but so precise and pixelated. Wonderful."

Donated by The Brooks Family in Memory of John Brooks

409 **Maybach Family Vineyards 2016** estimated value: \$650

1 - bottle Maybach Family Vineyards Materium 2016

1 - bottle Maybach Family Vineyards Amoenus Vineyard 2016

For 100 years the name Maybach has been synonymous with quality at the finest level. The tradition of individuality and craftsmanship established by their ancestors, the intention is to honor that with their hand-made wines. 2024 marks the 21st year working with winemaker Thomas Brown, whose minimalist approach to his craft encourages the expression of regional characteristics in our wines, notably through rich aromas and flavors.

99 points from the Wine Advocate for the Materium. "Inky purple colored, the nose of the 2016 Materium Cabernet Sauvignon takes off and absolutely soars. The palate is opulently rich and full-bodied, yet it has bold freshness and exquisitely fine-grained tannins supporting layer upon layer of perfumed fruit, finishing very long."

97 points Wine Advocate for the Amoenus, "Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2016 Amoenus Cabernet Sauvignon delivers compelling earthy notions of truffles, mossy bark, iron ore and underbrush over a core of warm cassis, blackberry pie and grilled meats plus wafts of spice cake and dried herbs."

Donated by Elizabeth Miklos

410

Luxury Staycation at the Four Seasons Hotel Washington, DC

estimated value: \$2,580

**Four Seasons Hotel Washington, DC – One night stay in a Premier Suite
Bourbon Steak – Dinner for Two
Seasons – Breakfast for Two**

Located at the entrance of Georgetown, Four Seasons Washington, DC is the only 5-star, 5-diamond hotel in the nation's capital. Enjoy a timeless luxury experience where the tenured staff leverage a legacy of intuitive hospitality for high-profile guests, including global leaders and captains of industry. Located in Four Seasons Hotel, Bourbon Steak is Chef Michael Mina's love letter to the American steakhouse experience; classic Americana infused with Executive Chef Robert Curtis' expertise with local ingredients creating a unique dining experience with a flair for the dramatic. The next morning enjoy breakfast at Seasons, a favourite among local movers and shakers, the bright and airy restaurant is known for its power breakfast, and healthy twists on traditional dishes from around the world.

Restrictions: Expires May 10, 2025. Excludes holidays, based on availability, some blackout dates apply.

Donated by Four Seasons Hotel Washington, DC



411

6 - bottles Quintessa 2008 in OWB

estimated value: \$1,500

A real sense of sophistication at work here with plenty of depth and layering right from the start. The estate's founders, Agustin and Valeria Huneeus, have sought to produce one wine that expresses the terroir of the property each vintage. As a result, while always Cabernet Sauvignon-based, Quintessa's final blend is never exactly the same. While Cabernet Sauvignon dominates, there are also plantings of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Carmenere on the estate property. The property's hills, lake and river contribute different mesoclimates, and there are several different types of soil. The 26 separate vineyard blocks are all vinified separately, and then the final blend is decided before bottling each vintage. Quintessa 2008 opens with fragrant plum and raspberry aromas with notes of cola, clove and white chocolate rounding out a delicate perfume. The wine enters the palate with sweet red currant and plum fruit flavors and a silky mouthfeel. As it coats the mouth, concentrated dark fruit flavors emerge with succulent balanced tannins, a subtle impression of well-integrated oak and sweetness from the rich, ripe fruit. This vintage will gain complexity in the bottle and age gracefully for a decade and more.

Donated by Jeffrey J. Schragg & Mary Jo George



412

Château Beychevelle Ten Year Check-in

estimated value: \$250

1 - bottle Château Beychevelle 2019

1 - bottle Château Beychevelle 2009

We are missing Philippe Blanc this year, so we wanted to include a 10 year comparison. The 2019 received 94 points from Vinous, "The 2019 Beychevelle presents a perfumed nose of blackberry, wilted rose petals, incense and a touch of violet that ebbs with aeration. Elegant, poised and focused, this is a succinct and quite complex Saint-Julien. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins and wonderful depth, still retaining the discreet marine influence but showing a little more depth and rondeur on the persistent finish. This is a delicious Beychevelle."

The 2009 received 93 points from Wine Advocate, "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. "

Donated by Château Beychevelle

413

Herend Charging Ram Figurine

estimated value: \$895

The famous company has DC connections! Herend was formally brought to the U.S. marketplace in 1957 by Robert and Lois Grimm, owners of a high-end dinnerware and home accessory store in Georgetown. Upon seeing a few pieces of Herend through a chance encounter, it was love at first sight for the Grimms. That was the beginning of Martin's Herend Imports, Inc., sole U.S. importer and wholesale distributor of Herend. The prestigious Herend porcelain animal figurines have been a beloved keepsake since the late 1800s. Each Herend Porcelain Figurine is brought to life by the skilled hands of artisans crafting these charming porcelain creatures.

Donated by Martin's Herend Imports

414

1 - Magnum Château Lascombes 2007 in OWB

estimated value: \$250

"A brilliant effort for the vintage, the 2007 Lascombes is an impressive, larger-scaled wine with beautiful notes of incense, spring flowers, blackberries, cassis, and subtle spicy oak. Full-bodied, rich, and concentrated, with no hard edges." – Wine Advocate

Donated by The Collection of the Late Manfred W. Arnold

415

Trip to Burgundy

estimated value: \$2,750

Château Sainte Sabine – One Night Stay, Dinner and Breakfast for Two

Domaine Christian Moreau - Visit

Domaine Clos de la Chapelle - Visit

Château Sainte Sabine is a 16th century castle, a retreat offering serenity, joy and poetic beauty nestled in a vast 20 acre park.

Château Sainte Sabine, between Dijon and Beaune, on the banks of the Burgundy Canal is a retreat of serenity, joy and poetic beauty nestled in a vast eight-hectare park. Its 23 bright bedrooms are equipped with modern fittings but still preserve the authenticity of the chateau.

In the rural setting of the Auxois area, you may discover the Burgundy Canal, Fontenay Abbey, le Alésia museum park and of course the prestigious Burgundy vineyards nearby. With an hour drive you can venture out to visit some lovely wineries including Romaine Christian Moreau and Domaine Close De La Chapelle.

Your dinner will be a seven course Degustation Menu at the restaurant, Lassey while enjoying a panoramic view over the surrounding valley and the medieval village of Châteauneuf-en-Auxois.

After an overnight in the Suite Salle des Gardes, you will enjoy breakfast and feel refreshed.

Restrictions: Château Sainte Sabine: Valid until May 2025 and subject to availability. Dinner at Lassey excludes beverages. **Winery visits** are subject to availability.

Donated by Château Sainte Sabine, Domaine Christian Moreau and Domaine Clos de la Chapelle

416

2019 Sine Qua Non Pair

estimated value: \$650

1 - bottle Sine Qua Non Grenache Distenta I 2019

1 - bottle Sine Qua Non Syrah Distenta I 2019

99 point from The Wine Advocate for the grenache! "The 2019 Grenache Distenta I is composed of 76% Grenache, 9.3% Syrah, 8% Mourvèdre, 4.3% Petite Sirah and 2.4% Viognier. It was fermented with 43.5% whole clusters (predominantly Grenache) and matured for 23 months in 26.5% new French oak. Deep ruby-purple in color, it explodes with scents of crushed blackberries and blueberries, tar, coffee beans, cracked pepper and thyme. The full-bodied palate has a frame of grainy tannins, seamless acidity and layer after layer of spicy and floral fruit. It has a latency that suggests it will continue to develop for many years in bottle.

98 points from The Wine Advocate for the Syrah! "The 2019 Syrah Distenta I comes entirely from the Krankls' estate vineyards: 43% new French oak, it has an opaque purple-black color and takes plenty of time in the glass to reveal a core of cassis and accents of sage, lavender, tar and coffee beans. The full-bodied palate is concentrated and still youthfully coiled. It has a fine, grainy texture, fresh acidity and a long, floral finish."

Donated by Jeffrey J. Schragg and Mary Jo George

417

1 - bottle Château Mouton Rothschild 2003

estimated value: \$525

95 points Vinous "A heady, exotic wine, the 2003 Mouton Rothschild takes hold of all the senses. The ripeness and exuberance of the year comes through in spades as this dramatic, opulent wine shows off its radiant personality. The 2003 can be enjoyed now, but it could also use another few years for the tannins to soften. Still, the 2003 is pretty hard to resist today. This is an exceptional, deeply satisfying Mouton endowed with notable richness but also exceptional balance. Hints of toffee, torrefaction and dark spices are laced into the finish. In 2003 the blend is 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot.

Donated by Château Mouton Rothschild

418

1 - Imperial Château Léoville-Poyferré 2006

estimated value: \$1,400

The Cuveliers were sorry they were not able to join us in Washington this year so they generously donated this 6 liter (equivalent of 8 bottles) from 2006.

"The 2006 Château Léoville Poyferré has one of the most harmonious and complete bouquets from Saint Julien: very well-defined blackberry, briary and chalky scents, real focus and delivery here. The palate is medium-bodied with fine, ripe tannin matched with well-judged acidity. This is a lovely wine from Didier Cuvelier." 92 points – Wine Advocate

Donated by Château Léoville-Poyferré

419 **Athletes & Wine Collection**

estimated value: \$650

Seaver Vineyards (Tom Seaver, owner – New York Mets pitcher)

2016 GTS Cabernet Sauvignon

Somnium (Danica Patrick, owner – race car driver)

2019 Napa Valley Rose

Patiné Cellars (Jim Fox, owner – LA Kings hockey player)

2021 Chardonnay Sangiacomo Green Acres Vineyard, Old Wente Clone,
Sonoma Coast

Passing Time (Owners, former NFL Dolphin QBs Damon Huard and Dan Marino)

2020 Cabernet Sauvignon Horse Heaven Hills

Patria (Tony Biagi, owner and winemaker, college baseball at U.C. Davis)

2020 Chardonnay Kent Ritchie Vineyard, Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

Our committee had some fun discovering the intersection of athletes and musician who owned or had an interest in wine. Here is the start of the athletes version with some impressive wines to boot!

Donated by Eric Kadel

420 **1 – Double Magnum Château Potensac 2009 in OWB**

estimated value: \$200

As a souvenir from last year's Vintners Dinner with Jean-Guillaume Prats we have one 3L left and thought it would be a nice addition to this year's auction.

"The 2009 Potensac has an attractive bouquet with blackberry, melted tar, black tea and graphite scents. Nicely defined it maybe a little conservative given the growing season. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, crisp acidity. Classic in style with fine graphite and cedar notes towards the finish." 92 points Vinous

Donated by Domaines Delon

421 4 - bottles **Château Angelus 2000** estimated value: \$2,500

99 points from The Wine Advocate, "Medium garnet-brick in color, the 2000 Angélu comes galloping out of the glass with a powerful nose of fragrant earth, damp soil, iron ore and cigar box over a core of prunes, blackberry jam and dried mulberries. Medium-bodied, the palate is elegantly styled with great freshness and loads of earth and mineral-inspired layers, framed by grainy tannins, finishing with a lingering menthol lift."

Donated by The Collection of the Late Manfred W. Arnold

422 1 - **Magnum Pavillon Blanc du Château Margaux 2010** estimated value: \$600

"Ripe but focused, with heather, salted butter, macadamia nut, white peach and Jonagold apple notes. This has weight and definition, kept honest by a hint of tarragon on the finish. Very long and pure, showing a youthful vibrancy and a precision that should carry this in the cellar longer than you might expect." 93 points Wine Spectator

Donated by Château Margaux

423 6 - bottles **R de Rieussec 2021** estimated value: \$210

"Reimagined in a more vibrant style, in a Burgundy/Loire bottle, the 2021 R de Rieussec exhibits scents of citrus oil, gooseberry and botanicals, followed by a medium-bodied, bright and vibrant palate, with tangy acids and a nicely defined finish. It's an attractive middleweight that avoids the pungently varietal, heavily sulfitic caricatural style so prevalent in contemporary Bordeaux, while managing to reinvent what was historically a rather richer, more fruit-driven wine." - Wine Advocate

Donated by Domaines de Barons Rothschild

424

Rare Bourbon tasting at The Fountain Inn

estimated value: \$3,000

Originally established in 1783 by clockmaker John Suter, The Fountain Inn (a.k.a. Suter's Tavern) was perhaps the most important tavern in American history and may well have been "the room where it happened." The Fountain Inn is now a rare spirits tasting room, cocktail bar & restaurant nestled in the heart of Georgetown. You and nine lucky friends will experience this rare bourbon tasting highlighting 3 expressions of rare bourbon including a Weller Special Reserve, Old Rip Van Winkle 10 year and Weller 12. The tasting will take place in the private dining room of The Fountain Inn and to guide you in your journey your group will also have a dedicated bourbon sommelier.

Donated by The Fountain Inn

