## Live Auction



## 1 - Double Magnum Château Palmer 1982

estimated value: \$2,400

97 points from Decanter, "Incredible aromatics, floral and expressive, jumping out the glass and one of the most inviting on the nose in terms of scents with sour cherries, sweet tobacco, cedar and mint. Juicy, alive and vibrant on the palate, this has energy and focus straight away. Lively but well controlled, still offering lots of opulent polish but in a serene, charming way. This has tension and grip as well as bounce and a subtle chew to the tannins."

This was won at the 2007 Heart's Delight auction and signed by Bernard de Laage de Meux who was with Château Palmer since 1999. He was a wonderful person and a great friend of Heart's Delight. He unfortunately passed away in 2022, it was a lovely surprise finding the inscription and seeing the Heart's Delight donations getting a new home. (The inscription can be removed by the winning bidder.)

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



## **Big Macs and Burgundy Party!**

estimated value: \$1,500





Signed copy of Big Macs & Burgundy by author, Vanessa Price Half Hour Zoom call with Vanessa Price

Our committee embraced this challenge to bring the Big Macs & Burgundy book to life and have taken the challenge to bring you the 'wine pairings for the real world'. There were many discussions that this would be a great concept for your next get-together definitely a fun social event where everyone can try the pairings and add your own and join Vanessa for a zoom call to add to the fun! This lot also includes the following...

Benjamin Leroux Bourgogne Rouge 2020 & Big Mac Pascal Cotat Sancerre La Grande Côte 2022 & Cheetos

Leo Alzinger Loibenberg Riesling Smaragd 2022 & Lucky Charms

Domaine de Montille Bourgogne Blanc Clos du Chateau 2020 & Smartfood White Cheddar Popcorn

Hermann J. Wiemer Dry Reisling 2022 & Sour Patch Kids

Franciacorta Bellavista Brut 2018 & Peeps

Anne Gros Crémant de Bourgogne La Fun en Bulles Brut & Krispy Kreme Glazed Donut

Iluminati Riparosso Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2021 & 99-cent pizza

Glater Zweigelt, Carnuntum, Austria 2021 & Mozzarella Sticks

Podere Sapaio Volpolo & McDonald's Quarter Pounder

Château de la Font du Loup Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Demoiselles 2020 & Croque Monsieur

Domaine Huet Vouvray Pétillant Brut 2002 & Popeye's Chicken Sandwich

Kokkinos Naoussa Xinomavro 2017 & Trader Joe's Eggplant Cutlets

Weingut Dr. Wagner Sekt Brut & Doritos Cheesy Gordita Crunch

Omrah Shiraz 2018 & Shake Shack Burger

The Guru Pinotage 2021 & Bagel Bites

G.D. Vajra Langhe Nebbiolo 2022 & Trader Joe's Cauliflower Gnocchi

Lafleur Mallet Sauternes 2013 (375ml) & Twinkies

Domaine Singla Rivesaltes Cuvée Amédée 1945 & Ben & Jerry's

Donated by Vanessa Price in honor of Breanna M. Price, Libby Edwards, Miranda Franco, Kathryn Gudenberg, David Hale & Gemini Wine Company, Doug Heye, Maureen Nelson, Eric Platt, Pam Roberto



## **Graham Elliot Chefs Dinner with Wine Pairing for 8 at Le Margot in Fort Worth**

estimated value: \$2,000

Graham Elliot was one of our first Celebrity Chefs and he has been our longest-standing participant over the past 15 years! We love when he is able to be with us and now he is working with the Far Out Hospitality Group in Fort Worth, Texas. He is now the Executive Chef of Le Margot where the cuisine reflects the diversity of French cooking while incorporating local and seasonal ingredients. Here is your chance to have Michelin Star Chef, Graham Elliot cook you and seven of your friends dinner with wine pairings!

Graham Elliot is an award-winning chef, television personality and cookbook author. At age 27, Elliot became the youngest four-star chef to be named in any major U.S. city and was named one of Food & Wine magazine's "Best New Chefs" in 2004. In May of 2008, Elliot opened his eponymous restaurant, Graham Elliot, which went on to become one of only 15 restaurants in the U.S. to be awarded two Michelin stars.

In 2016 after 10 seasons with the MasterChef & MasterChef Jr. franchise, Chef Elliot left the show to join Bravo's Emmy Award winning hit cooking competitions, Top Chef as a full-time judge alongside Tom Colicchio, Padma Lakshmi, and Gail Simmons.

**Restrictions:** Subject to availability based on schedule.

Donated by Graham Elliot and Le Margot



## Promontory Vertical in OWB and Place on the Promontory Mailing List

estimated value: \$4,700

1 - bottle Promontory 2019

1 - bottle Promontory 2018

1 - bottle Promontory 2016

1 - bottle Promontory 2015

1 - bottle Promontory 2014

Place on Promontory Mailing List

No one was surprised when one of the most historic vintners in Napa Valley, Bill Harlan, launched a new winery in 2009. When he discovered a unique piece of property in the mid-1980s in between Oakville and Yountville, Harlan became mesmerized with this isolated location and knew it would eventually become Promontory. By 2010, Harlan purchased just under 900 acres of land as part of his '200 year plan.' Taking points from some of Europe's most successful long running wine families, the Harlans were inspired to create several unique experiences at their wineries and to pass on leadership and wisdom to future generations within the family. With that being said Bill's son, Will Harlan, is the Estate Director for Promontory and oversees everything from farming methods to hospitality in the tasting room. These wines reflect the uncompromising quality of Napa Valley established through tradition and a revolution of an entire family's philosophy.

These are all high scoring wines! The 2014 received 99 points, the 2015 received 98 points, the 2016 received 100 points, the 2018 received 98 points from Robert Parker's Wine Advocate.

99 points Wine Advocate – "Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2014 Promontory bursts from the glass. Full-bodied, super intense and yet wonderfully ethereal, it has a firm line of very fine-grained tannins, tons of freshness and incredibly vibrant, crunchy fruit, finishing long with bags of energy.

98 points Wine Advocate - 2015 Promontory -Full-bodied, the palate is rich and impactful, featuring layer upon layer of red and black fruits with loads of mineral sparks. The structure is rock-solid with firm, rugged tannins that are beginning to come into line with the flamboyant fruit, finishing with great length and a lively lift.

100 points Wine Avocate - Deep garnet-purple, the 2016 Promontory comes barreling out of the glass with bold scents of black cherries, blueberry pie and licorice, leading to a slowly emerging core of crème de cassis, dark chocolate, black soil and truffles plus touches of cumin seed, mossy bark and beef drippings. The finish is both powerful and beautifully nuanced, hedonic and cerebrally gratifying.

95+ Wine Advocate - The 2018 Promontory is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon; the estate has some Cabernet Franc planted, but it hasn't yet been utilized in the blend. This has what is fashionably described as "tension" in spades, then finishes long and silky. Give it some time in the cellar, and my rating may look stingy in a decade.

97 points Wine Advocate - The 2019 Promontory offers up slightly darker cherries than the red-fruited 2018, couched in a bed of foresty-minty notes and underpinned by crushed stone. At this stage, it looks more intense but otherwise similar to the excellent 2018, finishing long, silky and elegant, with mouthwatering freshness. Collectors should enjoy comparing the two years for decades to come.

Our generous donor will also transfer his place on the mailing list to the lucky high bidder!

## Donated by Joel Kleinman



## Napa in Style

estimated value: \$12,000



AlilA. NAPA VALLEY

**United Airlines - Two First Class/Business Tickets** 

Alila Napa Valley - Two Night Stay

The Madrona - One Night Stay in Studio King

Squire Livery – 8 hour (one day) Wine Country Tour

**Hundred Acre – Private Tasting for Four** 

Pahlmeyer - Private tasting at Stagecoach Vineyard with 360 views for Four

Anomaly Vineyards - Visit for Four + Magnum Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

Sullivan Rutherford Estate - Private Lunch Experience for Four

Rockmere Vineyards – Private Tour and Cave Tasting for Six

Memento Mori Tasting at the Tasting Salon in Napa

The Vineyardist - Private Tour & Tasting for Six

Ink Grade Pavilion - SENSES tasting for Six

**Burgess - Garden Tour & Tasting for Six** 

Convene by Dan Kosta – Tasting for Four at the Convene Wine Lounge located at Bacchus Landing

T. Berkley Wines - Library Tasting for 6

Vin Fraîche Portfolio Tasting in Napa Valley for 6 at the Cheese Shed



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You are off to a good start with two tickets on United Airlines for a first class flight for two to get your time in Napa started!

Once in Napa, you will settle in at the Alila Napa Valley for a two night stay. This adults-only sanctuary is tucked in the heart of Northern California's wine country.

Thanks to many of our participating wineries, here is your chance to go visit them!

Sixty-five perfect 100 point scores have been awarded to Hundred Acre Wines between the 2002-2018 vintages. Fortunate Son wines creates high end micro production wines from some of the oldest and most sought-after vineyard sites in Napa Valley. Each wine represents the high level of winemaking and farming expertise making Fortunate Son one of the most sought-after wines in the valley. At Hundred Acre, the winning bidder will receive a private wine tasting for four with Hundred Acre, Fortunate Son Wines, and Summer Dreams Wines in St. Helena. A unique experience as the Hundred Acre Wines do not have a public tasting space and offer very few tastings. You will also be added to the private allocation list for each winery.



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Experience one of the smallest wineries in Napa Valley - Anomaly Vineyards! It is located at the base of the Mayacamas Mountains. You and three guests will have a tour and tasting at the estate and you can do some homework with a magnum of 2021 Anomaly Cabernet.







INK GRADE

## BURGESS



CONVENE BY DAN KOSTA

An unparalleled wine and culinary experience at Sullivan Rutherford Estate. Enjoy a private tour of the Estate vineyards and tranquil gardens followed by a multi-course lunch paired with Sullivan's best offerings.

At the Convene Wine Lounge located at Bacchus Landing in Healdsburg, California, you'll discover wines by the glass for casual enjoyment, as well as guided tastings for those seeking to learn more about how legendary vintner Dan Kosta approaches the grape.

Memento Mori offers an unconventional approach to a sincere experience, an intentional and soulful edge that stands parallel to the wine.

The Vineyardist is one of those rare historical properties within Napa Valley that often fly under the radar. The original vineyards on site were planted in the early 1880s - here is your chance to tour their private Diamond Mountain estate.

Founded by Sonoma County natives in 2011, Senses Wines is quickly becoming one of the most exciting projects to come out of the Sonoma Coast. With grapes from renowned vineyards crafted by legendary winemaker Thomas Rivers Brown, these wines are complex and beautifully balanced. The winning bidder will also receive 2021 Sonoma Coast Chardonnay, El Diablo Chardonnay, and 'Day One' (estate) Pinot Noir sent directly to them.

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!

In Healdsburg you will stay one night at The Madrona where guests get lost in the magic of their surroundings.

Six guests are invited to join winemaker Taylor Berkley Boydstun for an in-depth, behind the scenes tasting at the production home of T. Berkley Wines, just south of Calistoga in the Napa Valley. Enjoy the serenity of our wooded mountainside winery while being guided through our selection of wines.

Senses Tasting at the Ink Grade Pavilion is the first immersive wine tasting experience in the world, SENSES by Ink Grade fuses art, nature, and cinematic storytelling to present our collection of single-estate wines. Explore the vineyard, harvest, and winemaking process through state-of-the-art projection in our SENSES room, similar to the renowned Van Gogh exhibit. Guided by our wine educators, enjoy four current releases as you journey across one of Napa's most prestigious AVAs, Howell Mountain.

Burgess Winery will host you for a Garden Tour & Tasting which includes a private tasting of wines from esteemed Winemaker Meghan Zobeck as well as vintages from our cellar. Alongside the wines, enjoy canapés and a guided tour of our winery.



De 2010
Vin Fraîche

Fraîche Portfolio Tasting for six at the Cheese Shed in Napa Valley featuring a 5-wine tasting, vineyard and winery tour.

Restrictions: United Airlines: Expires May 12, 2025. Electronic Travel Certificates valid for Business/First JN Class round trip travel to/from destinations served by United or United Express between US48 States (excluding Hawaii), Canada, Alaska, Caribbean, Mexico and Central America. Booking travel must be done on united.com. Certificate redemption is based on availability of the booking class designated. Certificates are not valid for flights operated by other airlines. Certificates are not designated for travel on a specific date or to a specific destination. See Terms and Conditions for full details. Certificates cannot be replaced if lost or stolen. Alila Napa Valley: Expires January 22, 2025. Excludes gratuity. Valid Sunday – Thursday. Resort fees, parking & taxes are included. Based on availability. Blackout dates apply. Hundred Acre: Expires May 10, 2026 and must arrange with three months' notice. The Madrona: Expires February 28, 2025. Based on availability, restrictions and black-out dates may apply. Squire Livery: one day, 4-8 people Blackout dates include August-October, Fraîche Portfolio: Mutually agreed upon dates. Expires May 11, 2025, typically booked 1-3 months out. All winery visits: Subject to availability. Expire May 2025. Three months advance notice required.

Donated by United Airlines, Alila Napa Valley, The Madrona, Squire Livery, Hundred Acre, Pahlmeyer, Anomaly Vineyards, Sullivan Rutherford Estate, Rockmere Vineyards, Memento Mori Tasting, The Vineyardist, Ink Grade, Burgess, Convene by Dan Kosta, T. Berkley Wines, Vin Fraîche



## 100 Point Wine Dinner for 8 Guests with Barry and Bambi Landew

estimated value: \$5,000

This is the third year we have been lucky enough to have this dinner in the auction and want to thank Bambi and Barry for donating it again this year! You and a few of your friends will sample wines from the owners' private wine collection paired with a chef-prepared multi-course meal. Owners will share a couple 100 point wines!

The winner will receive a wine dinner at Barry and Bambi Landew's home in McLean for up to 8 people to try at least 5 pre-selected wines from their collection, paired with 5 courses, as well as a tour of the owner's private 7,500 bottle wine cellar.

Restrictions: Mutually agreeable date prior to March 2025.

Donated by Barry and Bambi Landew



## **Grower Champagne Lot & Saber Demo**

estimated value: \$1,250

Pierre Peters Champagne Blanc de Blancs
Chartogne-Taillet Beaux Sens 2013
Nathalie Falmet Tentation Blanc de Noirs Rosé 2010
Perseval-Farge Cuvee Jean-Baptiste Premier Cru NV
Chartogne-Taillet Champagne Extra Brut Les Couarres 2017
José Michel et Fils "Clos St Jean" Blanc de Blancs 2014
Gonet-Medeville Blanc de Noirs Premier Cru Brut NV
Franck Pascal "Fluence" Brut Nature NV
Philippe Lancelot "Les Hauts d'Epernay" 2018
Hebrart Special Club Brut 2019
John Charles Ricciuti Premier Cru Reserve Brut
Vilmart & Cie Champagne Brut Grand Reserve NV
Plus a copy of "But First, Champagne" signed

Ever want to learn how to make the already celebratory occasion of popping a bottle of champagne even more exciting? Now this is your lucky day as resident Champagne celebrity (and author of But First, Champagne: A Modern Guide to the World's Favorite Wine), David White, will hold a sabering lesson for you and your friends in your home and will teach you how to saber a bottle of Champagne. Grower Champagnes are defined as those made by récoltants—manipulants — about 2,000 growers who make their own wines as well as selling grapes to the major Champagne houses. As Terry Theise explains, the récoltant manipulants "handcraft their limited quantities of Champagne from individual villages and parcels where the inherent qualities of the vineyards imprint themselves into the wines. These winemakers are brave souls in an industrialized age: growing, crafting and bottling their own Champagne, offering it to the world as their life's work." This is a wonderful opportunity to drink well and support those brave souls!

Donated by Ross & Kristi Delovitch, David Hale, Gemini Wine Company, Doug Heye, Maureen Nelson, Noah Raizman, Pam Roberto, and David White



## 1 - Double Magnum Chateâu Margaux 2008

estimated value: \$3,500

97 points from Jane Anson at Decanter, "This stood out immediately among the five first growth wines for its floral hit right off the first nose. The epitome of elegance, as I found at the 10-year point..."

97 points from Jeb Dunnuck, "One of the wines of the vintage, the 2008 Château Margaux is a beauty and has everything you could want from a wine."

94 points from Robert Parker, "This is a stunning Chateau Margaux, made in a sexy, up-front, elegant style."

94 points from Neal Martin at Vinous, "The 2008 Chateau Margaux has an attractive bouquet of mulberry, red plum, briary, a hint of rose petal rather than the signature note of violets."

## Donated by Fred and Wendy Salter



## **Spain & Portugal for Two Couples**

estimated value: \$5,000



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

Gran Clos in Priorat - VIP Visit for Four

Bodegas Tempore in Lécera – VIP Visit for Four

Duoro Valley - Three night stay in a Winery's Guest Villa for Two Couples

Duoro Valley and Porto - Winery Tours, Private Tastings, Luncheons for Four

Casa Santos Lima – VIP Visit for Four



Hugo Del Pozzo will welcome you for 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.

Forty miles southwest of Barcelona, the Priorat region is an arid, remote and rugged province that derives its name from ancient priories in which ascetic Spanish monks over the centuries secluded themselves from the world outside. The area is best known today for its production of truly awe-inspiring reds, with Grenache and Carignan as the bedrock of Priorat wines. The winning bidder will have the opportunity to visit Gran Clos which epitomizes the winemaking revolution that has seized hold of the

Priorat in the past 15 years and propelled it into the spotlight. Founded in 1995, this 75 acre property was purchased in 2002 by John Hunt, an international entrepreneur and owner of Oriel Wines.

Bodegas TEMPORE was born from the passion for wine enjoyed by the Yago Aznar family, who understand that the quality of a wine must be based on excellent raw materials. You will have a chance to see and taste the old garnacha vines that coexist with modern plantings.

Then off to Portugal, with the vast connections of the good people at Total Wine & More you will be greeted warmly for a few days of lovely sun and touring the beautiful countryside. Two couples traveling together will enjoy a three night stay in a winery's guest villa located in the breathtaking Duoro Valley. 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 two of Portugal's most famous wine regions, the Duoro Valley and Porto. Tenha uma boa viagem!

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. Total Wine Holiday in Portugal: 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. This experience between Total Wine & More's producer partners is for two couples only, additional travelers cannot be added to any part of the reservation. 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, Gran Clos, Bodegas Tempore, Total Wine & More, and Casa Santos Lima

## Somm Slam - Monday June 17

Ever wonder about what your favorite sommelier likes to drink on their own time? This was such a great success for the past few years and even in our online auction, we are excited to keep the tradition going! This will be a Dutch auction which includes twenty-five spots to hang out with the somms. Cork Wine Bar & Market will host this very fun event on Monday, June 17th. Some of the talented wine professionals who have joined in the past include: Max Kuller, Brent Kroll, Nadine Brown, Will Moriarty, John Filkins, Christopher Coker, Winn Roberton, Elli Benchimol, and of course our host, Diane Gross. They will join you and each bring a couple of bottles of their favorite wines.

The way this lot will work is that Jamie Ritchie will ask who wants to bid on this lot at say \$50 for a spot, and everyone interested will raise their paddle. If you want two spots put up two hands! Paddles stay up in the air and then Jamie will raise the price of the ticket and you stay in as long as the price is right. The sale price will be final when there are just 25 paddles up in the air!

Restrictions: Takes place on Monday June 17, 2024, at Cork Wine Bar & Market.



## **John Brooks Tribute Lot**

estimated value: \$4,215

John Brooks was just the very best; he was one of the most wonderful people we have all had the honor to know. He was a cheerleader, smart, generous, humble, and incredibly supportive. He loved wine and loved wine people. His enthusiasm was contagious, and I am honored to have been able to call him my friend. When we started the outreach it began with asking for a bottle and a sentence about John and we ended up with so much more. The number of people who shared their stories, spoke of their grief, and took the time to share because it was important to pay tribute to John is overwhelming and so well deserved. There were many tears involved in the gathering of this lot and many fond memories as well.

#### **Analemma Wines**

Mosier Hills Estate Mencia 2017

I knew John by his nickname, "the General," which fondly alluded to his ability to "rally the troops" each summer when he brought friends to Oregon for IPNC. He was one of the best ambassadors for wines from the Pacific Northwest, and between visits, we'd often catch up about his travels to wine regions. around the world. Being ever curious about new and unique wines, I suspect John would have loved this aged Mencia. - Brooke Jefferson

## Bergström Wines

Magnum Sigrid Chardonnay 2019

Magnum Bergström Vineyard Pinot Noir 2019

I first met John Brooks at a winemaker's dinner in Washington D.C. that Conrad Kenley had helped to organize many years ago. John was one of 20 people in the room and was quiet and polite and reserved that night while Maggie Harrison of Antica Terra and I stood and spoke of our wines. Someone said he had served in the military, that seemed about right. Someone then leaned over to me and said: "Do you know who that man is? You should get to know him," So, I did, never turning down an invitation like that.

John would become a great client of Bergström wines, but more importantly he became an advocate of the Willamette Valley and a personal friend. We cared a lot about John because he was empathetic, funny, caring, engaging, brilliant. He would send me friendly text messages, emails and social media posts regularly and I always looked forward to hosting him when he brought friends to the valley .... and he had so many friends who really cared about him.

We have met thousands of people in our travels and journeys over the many years we crisscrossed the planet promoting our wines. John Brooks will remain one of the more important people we came to know. He was so serious, but also so full of love and humor and he enjoyed sharing great moments with other human beings, which made him one of the best human beings.

I will always remember when he reached out to us regarding his failing health; Caroline and I both cried upon reading his email. It was hard to believe someone so strong, loving and caring would be dealt that kind of a hand. He fought hard and we encouraged him the entire way. We miss John and wish his family our best. He will be greatly missed, but we can share his memory and toast alongside his spirit always and often. People like John should never be forgotten because they make the world a brighter place.

Thank you John, Josh and Caroline Bergström

## **Brittan Vineyards**

Gestalt Block Pinot Noir 2018

### **Brooks Wine**

Brooks Janus Pinot Noir

My connection to Heart's Delight is John Brooks. While not a blood cousin, he was a cousin to me in every other way. He taught me a lot about wine, introduced me to many wonderful people and was always there for me. Including a library bottle of Brooks Janus Pinot Noir, the first Brooks John had. – Janie Brooks Heuck

## **Day Wines**

Day Wines Reserve 3-pack Momtazi Pinot 2021 Johan Pinot 2021 Eola Springs Chardonnay 2021

My admiration and respect for John came easily and although we met just about 5 or 6 years ago, I could see that he genuinely cared about me and my son, and he checked in often with us. Like John, the friends he brought out to Oregon each summer are a warm, caring, thoughtful and interesting group of people. I loved to sit with them and listen to their stories and jests - he and they have lived such interesting, full lives. I deeply appreciated John's care for me, my son and my wines, and could see that the Willamette Valley was a special place, dear to his heart. That sentiment endeared me to him. – Brianne Day

## **Domaine Drouhin Oregon**

Magnum Domaine Drouhin Cuvée Louise 2016, autographed by winemaker Véronique Boss-Drouhin

John always had a wry note in his voice and a gleam in his eye. Even now I'm quite sure he's onto something fabulous and figuring out how to share it with friends, new and old. - David Millman

## Laura and Adam Feinberg

Hundred Suns Pinot Noir 2021 Eola - Amity Hills

John was a great lover of wine, especially Oregon pinot noir. More than the wine itself, he cared about the people who made the wine and he cherished the friendships started through wine. Among many other things, we're grateful to John for introducing us to Grant and Renée at Hundred Suns and to their wonderful wines. - Laura and Adam Feinberg

### Field & Main

John Brooks was a rare patron whose knowledge and passion for the subjects to which I have dedicated my professional life at times exceeded my own. Simply, he got It. He understood and embodied the power that food and wine has to connect people. His generosity of spirit created lasting relationships and he used those ties to grow a community, arranging dinners to share food and wine with people he loved made by people he loved. All of us in turn loved him. – Neal Wayra

#### Flâneur Wines

Bon Vivant Pinot Noir 2021

John's contributions to our country, his loved ones, and his friendships were immense. It is with great sadness that we realize we will no longer be graced by his warm smile and joyful presence during his annual July visits to Oregon to share wine, stories and laughter. John had a profound passion for Oregon wines that he enthusiastically shared with all of us. He will be deeply missed by everyone whose lives he touched. Our hearts go out to Gayle, his friends and his entire family during this difficult time. He will forever remain in our thoughts. - The Flâneur Wines Team

## **Doug Heye**

Résonance Découverte Vineyard Choix du Cœur Pinot Noir 2015

From the first time I met him, John Brooks was as great a proponent for me that I could ever hope for. In every conversation, John was enthusiastically urging me on. It was both flattering and the good kind of embarrassing. And the wine he opened was pretty good, too... – Doug Heye

#### **Hundred Suns**

Shea Vineyard Pinot Noir 2018

Breaker Vineyard Pinot Noir 2019

Sequitur Vineyard Pinot Noir 2019

Carson Phillips Pinot Noir 2021

Bednarik Pinot Noir 2021

Eola Amity Hills Pinot Noir 2021

Magnum Breaker Vineyard Pinot Noir 2018

Magnum Sequitiur Vineayard Pinot Noir 2018

Magnum Old Eight Cut Pinot Noir 2022

When we first heard a retired & highly decorated General would be coming to taste with his friends, we did not expect John Brooks. He was a leader, no doubt, and a commanding presence in the room, but it was with warmth, compassion, deep interest, and quiet intelligence that he held the gaze of anyone in the room. Amongst Oregon producers he was well-known and genuinely loved. He reminded us all why we grow these grapes and pour ourselves into these wines: there is an appreciative human on the other end of that bottle, one who fosters community and generosity and kindness. John will be deeply missed by us. – Grant Coulter & Renée Saint-Amour

## **Kelley Fox Wines**

Magnum Kelley Fox Wines Maresh Vineyard Star of Bethlehem Flower Block Pinot Noir 2021

This was John's favorite bottling from my winery, and 2021 was my final vintage for it. John was one of the most important people in my life. His friendship meant the world to me, and I miss him every day. I treasure every memory of him and am filled with gratitude to have known him. – Kelley Fox

#### **Limited Addition**

Magnum Limited Addition Cabernet Franc 2019

## Lingua Franca

Lingua Franca The Plow Pinot Noir 2016

Lingua Franca The Plow Pinot Noir 2017

Lingua Franca Mimi's Mind Pinot Noir 2017

Lingua Franca Mimi's Mind Pinot Noir 2021

Lingua Franca Sisters Chardonnay 2018

Lingua Franca Sisters Chardonnay 2019

Here is a rare mixed case of magnums from some of our best wines and vintages. We have never done this before and it is expressly in memory of John Brooks, dear friend and advocate. - Larry Stone & Josh Wludyka

## Soliste Cellars

Soliste Rarissime Pinot Noir 2018

John was a rare pearl, a unicorn. We honor his generous soul, boundless energy, elegance, depth of knowledge, and humility, which is a rare feat in today's world. We at Soliste were fortunate enough to get close to him and share the table every time we came to town. The first time I met John, he made me feel as if we had known each other for decades, always the gentleman that we should all aspire to be but can never attain. – Claude Koeberle

Donated by Analemma Wines, Bergström Wines, Brittan Vineyards, Brooks, Day Wines, Domaine Drouhin Oregon, Laura & Adam Feinberg, Flâneur Wines, Doug Heye, Hundred Suns, Kelley Fox Wines, Limited Addition, Lingua Franca, and Soliste Cellars

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## Oregon ♥ John Brooks - Trip for Two Couples

estimated value: \$4,500

Janie Brooks is a great friend of Heart's Delight and is a favorite of many of our longtime guests. She wanted to be here to help pay tribute to John Brooks and our annual trip to Oregon will also be in his honor.

Janie has offered that two couples will stay for three nights at Brooks and visit all of the wineries who donated to the John Brooks Tribute lot!

This includes Analemma Wines, Bergström Wines, Brittan Vineyards, Brooks, Day Wines, Domaine Drouhin Oregon, Flâneur Wines, Hundred Suns, Kelley Fox Wines, Limited Addition, and LinguVa Franca!

**Restrictions:** Subject to availability. Three months advance notice for planning. Expires May 2025

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## **Oyster Riot for 40!**

estimated value: \$9,000



King Street Oyster Bar specializes in bringing fresh oysters from both the West and East Coasts of the US and Canada to the communities they call home. Hopefully you have tried their oysters and lobster rolls tonight!

The lucky winner of this lot can host their own oyster riot! King Street Oyster will prepare a feast for 40 people including raw and grilled oysters with beer and wine and a band at a location of your choosing.

Since opening the first location in Historic Downtown Leesburg, King Street Oyster Bar has become "one of the best oyster bars west of DC" according to Virginia Living Magazine, Best of Virginia 2018 issue. Besides the Leesburg location, they are also in Middleburg, Virginia, NOMA and City Ridge in DC and Potomac, Maryland.

Donated by King Street Oyster Bar

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## **Bordeaux Collection**

estimated value: \$1,950

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.

We invited all the winemakers to bring an older vintage of their choosing and discuss both during today's Master Class with Neal Martin. The high bidder on this lot will be the lucky benefactor of some great surprises from the generous winemakers.

## **Heart's Delight Committee Lot**

estimated value: \$2,800

Our Heart's Delight Committee consists of wonderful volunteers who all have an interest in wine and bring their unique perspectives and experiences to the table. This 30-bottle lot includes some of their favorite bottles and why they selected them. It is a very special lot, and we are so thankful for their support in so many ways.

#### Teresa Antonucci

Lucien Albrecht Cremant d'Alsace Brut Rosé

I first had a bottle of Lucien Albrecht Cremant d'Alsace Brut Rosé sitting on a lawn in Nantucket - a very special place to me - admiring a stunning view on a beautiful spring day. It reminds me that everyday moments should feel like celebrations.

Friends and family are Why

### Gail Bassin

Château Lagrange 2009

Thanks to our loyal Bordeaux partners for supporting my brother's memory by fighting heart disease.

Family is Why

## Alicia Cypress

Early Mountain Petit Manseng 2021

Adventure and Discovery are my Why for 2024! This Virginia wine crafted by Maya Hood White is a stunning example of that spirit. Petit Manseng grows well in Virginia and can be crafted in both sweet and dry styles. This is a dry wine with beautiful acidity, lots of texture and a long finish that helps take you on a journey to new places. I hope this wine helps you step outside of your comfort zone and find that sense of adventure and discovery, too!

Adventure and Discovery are Why

## **Libby Edwards**

Repris Left Bank Red 2011

Repris is one of my favorite wineries in Sonoma, which we fortuitously found via accident with our driver over 10 years ago! A truly special property with everything from cave barrel tastings to drives among the vines, and even views of the Golden Gate Bridge. Not to mention a handsome winery cat that joined us for our tasting. This will always hold a special place in my heart, and remains a favorite every time that I find myself in that neck of the woods.

My Grandfather is Why

#### Sam Feder

Domaine du Pegau Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Reservée 2003 It was a bottle of this wine that started my love of wine.

Friends and Family are Why

## Adam Feinberg

Kelley Fox Wines Pinot Noir Weber Vineyard 2019

This bottle is in honor of John Brooks, who introduced me to Kelley Fox and her wonderful wines.

Time Together is Why

## Ilyse Filowitz

Anomaly Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

I love this wine because I have felt like part of the Anomaly family since the first time we visited. The brand, the people, the place and most importantly, the wine are amazing!

## **Molly Finnegan**

Laurent-Perrier Rosé (in magnum)

## Miranda Franco

Château Prieuré-Lichine 2020

Prieuré-Lichine was originally a Benedictine monastery, seized and sold off during the French Revolution. Once in private hands, it achieved Fourth Growth status in the 1855 classifications. It is one of my favorite properties in Bordeaux and every vintage I've had drinks beautifully. Whether you're a longtime Bordeaux collector or a more casual wine drinker, you are sure to love this!

To raise awareness and resources for the AHA while sharing a love for wine / Living a full life is Why

## **Diane Gross**

Domaine du Bagnol Cassis Rosé 2022

The Cassis Rose reminds me of summer and time spent relaxing with friends. Wine is about pleasure and joy and each bottle, even if enjoyed with a pizza on a Wednesday night, should bring that feeling to you. This Rosé is fresh and complex at the same time and is one of the best bottles of rose from Provence in my opinion. I look forward to opening it each year.

My Dad and Aaron Pitts are Why

## Kathryn Gudenberg

Cakebread Cellars Chardonnay 2018

2018 Cakebread Chardonnay because it's one of the first wines I fell in love with. I had my first sip of it when I was still in college, and it made me realize what good wine could taste like. I still drink it often today.

### **David Hale**

Hatzidakis Assyrtiko "Familia", Santorini, Greece 2021

2023 saw my wife and I welcome our third child, and professionally I was afforded the opportunity to rediscover and expand upon my admiration for the wines of Greece. This benchmark Assyrtiko cuvee that acknowledges the importance of family seemed like a perfect choice; thank you all for your support!

Family is Why

## **Doug Heye**

Château Soubian 2019

Château Soubian is a recently-revived sister winery to Pessac-Leognan's famed Domaine de Chevalier, a longtime Heart's Delight supporter. This cabernet sauvignon-heavy blend has the structure to go the the distance, but is also approachable in the short term. From the great 2019 vintage.

Family is Why

#### **Marc Hodies**

A. Rafanelli Cabernet Sauvignon 2017

My committee case donation this year is a homage to a cherished memory I shared with my late father, whom I guided on a memorable trip to Napa in 2012. One nice experience was visiting Rafanelli, a family-owned winery in Healdsburg, CA, known for their zinfandels and cabernets. Donating a Rafanelli wine from my collection evokes the warmth of those moments and honors his memory in a heartfelt tribute.

#### Eric Kadel

Spottswoode Estate Mary's Block Sauvignon Blanc 2021

This bottle is presented in tribute to Mary Weber Novak, who, after her husband Jack passed away following a major heart attack at the age of 44, persevered in the face of sadness and doubters, and quietly established Spottswoode as one of Napa Valley's finest first-growth family wine estates. In 1984, just two years after the inaugural vintage of their Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Spottswoode began pioneering Sauvignon Blanc from its Estate – well before the grape was recognized as one of the finest white varietals. It was Mary's favorite wine. The original block was removed after the 1990 harvest due to phylloxera, but with Mary's enthusiastic encouragement, a unique 1.07-acre parcel was planted in 2000 in the southwestern corner of the vineyard

adjacent to the banks of Spring Creek in St. Helena. It is named Mary's Block in her honor, and Spottswoode has bottled this special, limited production Estate Sauvignon Blanc since 2016. The resulting wine is a pure, singular expression of Sauvignon Blanc from the Spottswoode estate vineyard, and one of the finest Sauvignon Blanc wines you will have the pleasure of enjoying.

Giving back is Why

## Joel Kleinman

Retour Pinot Noir 2012

Found Retour at the Carlton Wine Studio. Loved it. Bought a number of vintages. Then contacted Lindsey Woodard a year ago and bought older vintages from her library. This is one. Had it a month ago. It was delicious!

## **Bambi Landew**

PlumpJack Winery Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

I selected 2012 Plumpjack Cabernet from my cellar this year because after more than a decade in the bottle, it still has great aromatics and lots of fruit – it's a great wine.

Giving is Why

### John McDermott

Château Léoville Las Cases 2002

My light-bulb moment in wine was the first time I drank a mature wine that was within its peak drinking window. With mature wines, there is a magical interplay between primary fruit character and savory tertiary notes that only comes about from age. This bottle of Chateau Leoville-Las Cases is both classic and aged. Hopefully it will bring about a similar experience for someone.

Love of family, friends and wine is Why

#### Archana Mehta

RdV Vineyards Rendezvous 2020

We love this vineyard that is making incredible bordeaux style wines right in our backyard!

My family is Why

### **Donald Moffat**

1 - 500ml Barberani Aleatico Passito 2011 Umbria

To me Heart's Delight is about family. This bottle is one of my favorite dessert wines in the world. It is made by the oldest family run winery in Umbria and I am fortunate to call the brothers who run it my friends.

My Dad is Why

#### Maureen Nelson

2018 Von Schubert Maximin Grünhäuser Abtsberg Riesling Kabinett #25 (VDP Auction bottling)

Maximin Grunhaus is a celebrated member of the prestigious VDP Mosel / Grosser Ring, which stages an annual auction to offer special wines, not sold via traditional sales channels, made from particularly prized parcels chosen by each estate. The Abstsberg vineyard is one of the most venerated in Germany; it produces wines characterized by a finely structured subtle minerality, a racy acidity, generous fruit and great delicacy. I have loved Mosel Rieslings since I began my journey with wine and as my palate has grown more sophisticated, I realize I love them even more now. They are incredibly food-friendly, low in alcohol and delicious!

Alan Rosenblum is Why

### **Eric Platt**

Domaine Naturaliste Artus Chardonnay 2017 A beautiful winery literally on the other side of the world from DC.

The Journey is Why

### Noah Raizman

Dirty & Rowdy Winery Shake Ridge Ranch Mourvedre 2018

Hardy Wallace makes incredible, soulful and exuberant wines. I was introduced to Hardy by friends and have turned many folks on to his wonderful wines at his new project, Extradimensional Wine Co Yeah!. This bottle, a lighter, brighter, funkier version of Bandol Rouge from Amador County, of all places, shows what magic can come from California outside the realm of Napa Cabernet. Bottles like this opened my eyes to whole new vistas of wine.

Medical research is vital to improving care is Why

#### Pam Roberto

Casa de Santar Vinha Dos Amores 2019 from Dão, Portugal

Rarely seen outside of Portugal, Casa de Santar's Vinha Dos Amores is made from 100% Encruzado, a white grape native to the Dão region. I stumbled upon this gem in a wine bar in Lisbon and was so impressed that I stashed a few bottles in my suitcase to take home. Enjoy!

My friends are Why

## Michael Sands

Château d'Yquem "Y" 2016

I love this wine! I also love that most people don't know that Yquem makes a dry white so I love seeing people's reactions when they first try it!

My Kids are Why

## Jeff Schragg

Château Haut Bailly 2009

We discovered Chateau Haut-Bailly at our first Heart's Delight Friday dinner. Veronique Sanders, the winemaker and her future husband, Alexander Van Beek, were seated at our table. This bottle represents the serendipity Heart's Delight provides to meet such wonderful people from Bordeaux. To more fateful discoveries

The Beach is Why

## **Amy Troutmiller**

Dusty Nabor Kimsey Vineyard Syrah 2019

There's the lure of 'big names' in wine and then there's the excitement of discovering tiny, lesser known producers doing amazing things. Dusty is a rising winemaker who offers small-batch wines that I've been enjoying and exploring for several years. I'm excited to introduce his craftsmanship to a new fan.

My son is Why

### **David White**

RdV Vineyards Friends and Family 2021

The wines from RdV are without compare; there's a good reason why they're credited with putting Virginia on the world wine map. I selected the "Friends and Family" cuvée' because it's a wine we pull out at home all the time to introduce our friends to the magical wines of RdV.

Family is Why

## Tim Widger

Horsepower High Contrast Vineyard Syrah 2018

My Grandfather and Wine is Why

#### **Scott Wilkes**

Argiano Brunello di Montalcino 2018

Because it was Wine Spectator's #1 Wine of the Year in 2023.