

HEART'S DELIGHT WINE TASTING & AUCTION

What people are saying about us...



"I'm just privileged to be here to support the Heart's Delight, which has raised millions of dollars for prevention of heart disease and strokes and I think that with all these Bordeaux providers who have come in from France, their generosity and providing the wines and coming here personally to support this event for the 10th year, I'm just honored to be here, it's a great event."

- **Robert Parker**
The Wine Advocate

"Heart's Delight is in my mind the single best charity event or series of events in the world. Frankly, it's a far livelier event than most of the charitable events you go to. It's just fun. It's elegant. You are here with 13 of the best wine makers in the world and I love that."

- **Nicholas Calio**
President & CEO; Airlines for America

"Participating in Heart's Delight means a lot. The restaurants and other chefs involved are of a very high caliber, so it is very humbling to be part of that group."

- **Danny Lee**
Chef/Owner, CHIKO, Anju and Mandu

"There are a lot of wine events in the world, but not very many of them feature such a range of Bordeaux chateaux. The Bordelais are so successful that they rarely have to travel - normally you have to go to them. So this is a very unusual and privileged event to be able to taste these wines. And this is not a one-of-a-kind year; they do this every year after year."

- **Tom Matthews**
Executive Editor, Wine Spectator

"I'm really excited to be here tonight. It's an amazing event. It's a great cause, one that is actually near and dear to me and my family. We're surrounded by beautiful people doing amazing food, wine and you know, the ambience, the setting. Everything is as perfect as can be. This is actually my 10th year supporting it, longer than any other event I've done."

- **Graham Elliot**
Celebrity Chef

"There is nothing else equal in the world to this event. It has become like a family, really. There are some people we see every year. There's a lot of emotion, and wine is about emotion."

- **Charlotte Denjean**
Château Lagrange

"The uniqueness is really created by the fact that the winemakers come here year after year and spend their time to bring their wines plus the fact that you've got a very loyal crowd of people who support the event." "They [the producers] have built up a great camaraderie and friendship with the people who support the event year after year. So you have a familiar, fun and friendly atmosphere where everyone knows each other and everyone appreciates what each other does."

- **Jamie Ritchie, Former Worldwide Head; Sotheby's Wine**
Heart's Delight Auctioneer since 1999

"A big part of the people you see here tonight became friends all together like a small family around great bottles of wines."

- **Alexander Van Beek**
General Manager; Château Giscours & Caiarossa (IT)

"It's very posh, I feel like I'm at the Oscars or something. I just hope for the next 25 years that it keeps going year after year, and it's something I want to keep supporting for the rest of my life."

- **Neal Martin**
Vinous

"We are always looking for great reasons to celebrate food and if we can do it for a great cause it's worth travelling 3,000 miles across the county for."

- **David Kinch**
Executive Chef; Manresa

“It’s very unusual bringing over a first growth supplier every year, and doing a vertical of some of the best French wines in the world. This is a special night. This is a special week . . . all of them different in character. People do come to this city for this week because of the wines.”

- **George Vradenburg**
Vradenburg Foundation

“We don’t often get the opportunity to come to an event of this caliber that can raise so much money in one night.”

- **Nicole Krasinski**
Chef & co-owner, State Bird Provisions, San Francisco

“...it’s incumbent on all of us to work together to support and expand research efforts and to increase education on heart disease and strokes, so that we may all live healthier lives. That’s why I am a proud supporter of the Heart’s Delight Wine Tasting & Auction. Not only do I get a fun chance to showcase my pouring skills honed in my district over the years, but I get to support a critically important cause and be part of a community working to build a healthier future for everyone.”

- **The Honorable Mike Thompson**
Congressman, California

“It’s the whole ambiance - I think everybody is together and you feel a great sense of humanity besides all the great things like tasting wine, dinners, or whatever. But besides you really feel that the people are extremely involved and I am pleased to participate like I am.”

- **Alfred Tesseron**
Owner; Château Ponet-Canet

“We’ve had people that have been here for all 20 years. Anyone who comes once will come again.”

- **Brian Kearney**
Chief Operating Officer; Kearney & Company

“It shows the quality of people involved - the wineries that step up to the plate, the chefs that step up to the plate. You really have a home run and the people are really supported, the auction is great - it is a first class event.”

- **Shawn McClain**
Chef, Sage Restaurant, Aria Resort & Casino, Las Vegas

What’s really interesting about this is being in the United States — it is so rare in the States to have an event that puts Bordeaux at its heart. You feel like you’re being welcomed into this big family.”

- **Jane Anson**
Decanter & Author, Bordeaux Legends

“There’s hardly any wine tasting in the US that’s done with this much feeling, and caring, and genuine love of wine.”

- **John Garr**
Founder; GarrCO Products

“Heart’s Delight is the preeminent charity Bordeaux-focused wine event and also raises a tremendous amount of money.”

- **Ray Isle**
Wine Editor; Food & Wine magazine

“It’s a great event. I love the wine. I love the people. I like to be in the area and everyone is very grateful. So, you know, we get asked to do a lot of benefits so the more kind and appreciative people are, it goes a long way.”

- **Chef Gabrielle Hamilton**
formerly Chef/Owner; Prune, NYC

“It’s literally the best event in North America that you can come to taste French wine add to that the fact the executive chefs of the nicest restaurants you might go on OpenTable for and wait for weeks to get a reservation are actually standing here serving you the food, telling you that it made sense with their childhood and where they grew up and why they like it.”

- **Carl Beauregard**
Heart’s Delight Supporter