



Saturday, March 3, 2012
Silent Auction Lots

Section One - Closing at 7:15 pm

Silent Lot 100

Single bottle Iron Wine Rack and one Bottle [750ml] 1978 Gundlach Bundschu Zinfandel Rhinefarm Vineyard

A beautiful iron wine rack that is both functional and a piece of art. The rack holds a single bottle. The front is shaped like a heart. The bottle sits diagonally inside the rack. This wine rack will provide a way to hold wine and decorate your counter at the same time.

Donor: Ironic, Joe and Sharon Miller Pryse

Silent Lot 101

Gift Certificate for One-Hour Custom Facial Nourish Skin Studio and one Bottle [750ml] 1978 Gundlach Bundschu Zinfandel Rhinefarm Vineyard

Have you visited Nourish Skin Studio? If not, you should! The owners, Amanda Burnett and Sydney Ferrigno, have created a very unique skincare spa. Not only can they help make you look and feel great, the products and services they offer are affordable. "We wanted to be able to offer professional services at a price so clients could come in on a regular basis. We want our clients to see a difference in their skin. We make it so facials are not just a luxury, but affordable, so they can enjoy the relaxing skin treatment regularly and benefit from the results." Who among us could not benefit from this lot?

Donor: Nourish Skin Studio, Joe and Sharon Miller Pryse

Silent Lot 102

A Box of Julia Baker Confections Signature Chocolates and one Bottle [750ml] 1978 Gundlach Bundschu Zinfandel Rhinefarm Vineyard

If you were able to attend Artscapes this year you would have been lucky enough to enjoy some of Julia's wonderful chocolates. As Head Chef and CEO of Julia Baker Confections, Julia personally writes and creates all of her recipes and trains her select employees in the creation of her high quality desserts – all of which are made from scratch without any preservatives or artificial ingredients. Each day she produces her signature French caramel and chocolate mousse, as well as tailored chocolate blends made from top chocolate producers.

Julia's chocolates, desserts, and cakes are currently available through private ordering and select high-end boutiques. Additionally, Julia's retail line of chocolates is available online at www.juliabakerconfections.com.

Donor: Julia Baker Confections, Joe and Sharon Miller Pryse

Silent Lot 103

One Magnum [1.5L] Bottle of 2005 Heller Estate Cachagua Cabernet Sauvignon

Overlooking the Cachagua region of Carmel Valley, ("Cachagua" is believed to be an Indian derivative of the French "cacher" and the Spanish "agua" meaning hidden waters), and framed by the dramatic surrounding hills, lie the beautiful mountain vineyards of the Heller Estate. This wine is comprised of 77% Cabernet Sauvignon and 23% Merlot. Winemaker notes: "Concentrated ripe blackberry/cassis aromas and toasty oak. Look for light notes of mint chocolate chip, soy sauce and dried thyme. Bright and supple entry with juicy fruit flavors leads into a big, chewy mouth feel. Tannins on this wine range from medium to high and linger well into the finish. Pair this wine with prime rib and filet cuts of beef to enjoy its full complexities." This is an interesting bottle from a less familiar area of California wine production.

Donor: Heller Estate

Silent Lot 104

Cato Corner Farm Gift Basket

Cato Corner Farm is a small family farm in Colchester, Connecticut, where the mother-son team of Elizabeth and Mark raises 40 free-range Jersey cows without the use of hormones or sub-therapeutic antibiotics. From the cows' raw milk, they make a dozen styles of aged farmhouse cheese, ranging from mild and milky to runny and pungent to sharp and firm, that find their way to the tables of some of the finest New York restaurants, including Gramercy Tavern, Savoy, Telepan and Picholine. This basket contains three types of Cato Corner Farm's award-winning raw milk cheeses – at least two pounds of cheese total.

Donor: Cato Corner Farm

Silent Lot 105

One Bottle [750ml] of 2000 Oliver Caldwell Cellar Esedra Cabernet Sauvignon featuring label artwork by Ilya Zomb, ZombArt

Art dealer Oliver Caldwell and fashion designer Karen Caldwell have been making premium Napa Valley wines since 1996. They produce Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah, Merlot and Zinfandel in small French and American oak barrels and in minute quantities of several hundred cases each. They have worked closely with legendary vineyard manager, David Abreu, and enologist, Tom Eddy in producing exquisite wines in the Napa Valley in lots of approximately 200 cases. Oliver Caldwell Cellars' flagship wine is called "Esedra." The 2000 vintage is made with grapes from Bella Vista Vineyard in Calistoga, Beckstoffer Vineyards in Calistoga as well, and Vybony Vineyard in Oakville. Russian painter Ilya Zomb creates the artwork for Esedra's labels. Only 212 cases of the 2000 Esedra were produced. Although this vintage has not been rated, typical *Wine Spectator* ratings were in the low 90s. This is a unique bottle for your collection, art and wine lovers.

Donor: Ilya Zomb, ZombArt

Silent Lot 106

One Bottle [750ml] of 1987 Cain Cellars Cain Fine Proprietary Red Wine

Composed of the five classic varieties—Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec, and Petit Verdot — Cain Five epitomizes the benefits of blending to achieve a complex wine. *Wine Spectator* rated this wine 91 points in 1991: "Rich, smooth and complex, with pretty toasty oak notes and layers of sweet currant, plum, anise and black cherry flavors that are elegant and supple. Has firm tannins, and the flavors linger on the finish."

Donor: Gail and Allan Grossman

Silent Lot 107

Two Bottles [750ml] of French Red Wine. One Each: 1998 Domaine de La Berthéte Côtes du Rhône and one 1999 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Volnay Clos Des Chenes Premier Cru

Domaine de La Berthéte was created in 1950 and has been owned since 1993 by Pascal Maillet and his family. The domain covers three AOC areas: Côtes du Rhône Villages (Red and White), Côtes du Rhône (Red and Rosé) and Vin de Pays de la Principauté d'Orange (Red and Rosé). The wine contains traditional varietals averaging 32 years of age, i.e., Grenache – 50%, Syrah – 25%, Carignan – 20%, and Cinsault – 5%. No tasting notes could be found. Domaine Joseph Drouhin is a very good producer of quality burgundies. Its portfolio contains multiple Grand Cru and Premier Cru vineyards. The Clos Des Chenes is one of more than 30 Premier Cru vineyards from Volnay; and, more importantly, one of the better ones. Parker, *Wine Spectator*, and Stephen Tanzer all rated the Drouhin wine in the 89 – 90 point range. Parker [90 points]: "It is medium to dark ruby-colored and has a dense aromatic profile filled with ripe red and black cherries. Beautiful layers of sweet cherries, raspberries, strawberries, and fresh herbs can be found in this medium-bodied, harmonious, and gorgeously feminine wine." Tanzer: "Intensely flavored and fairly dense, with a lush texture over a firm backbone. Substantial wine." Two very good bottles of French Red ready to drink.

Donor: Dr. and Mrs. Ron Turner

Silent Lot 108

Magnum [1.5L] 2008 Ridge Vineyards Lytton Springs Proprietary Red.

Robert Parker awarded this beauty with 93 points. "Striking, intense black cherry and blackberry fruit with some spice and earth jump from the glass of the 2008 Lytton Springs, a blend of 74% Zinfandel, 21% Petite Sirah, and 5% Carignan. Dark ruby with a nice tannic overlay, the wine was aged 15 months in American oak. Spicy, impressively rich, with good acids and loads of concentration, this is a beauty to drink over the next 5-7 years." Parker estimates the peak window to continue through 2018. Ridge does an exceptional job with all of its wines. Here is a great bottle that belongs in your cellar – or at your next party.

Donor: Ridge Vineyards, Inc.

Silent Lot 109

One Bottle [750ml] of NV Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin Rosé

Madame Clicquot's wine has long been the standard that other Champagne houses have endeavored to match. *Wine Spectator* awarded it 91 points. "The color of ballet shoes, this offers a floral nose partnered with a rich palate of flavor, subtly woven with brioche, toasted nut, black raspberry, apricot and graphite notes. This vibrant wine maintains a sense of elegance throughout." Here is the wine to kick off your next big celebration. It would be difficult to find a better show-stopper to start the party.

Donor: Topside Wine + Spirits, Darrell Tipton

Silent Lot 110

Gift Basket From Maple Grove Inn

Built in 1799, Maple Grove Inn is one of Knoxville's oldest residences. The Inn has been restored to its original grandeur and is lavishly decorated with elegant antiques, hand carved fireplaces, and many family heirlooms. The Inn has provided a gift basket of fresh, locally roasted coffee, travel mugs, breakfast tea and coasters.

Donor: Maple Grove Inn

Silent Lot 111

One Bottle [750ml] of Dow 1985 Vintage Port

Wine Spectator has rated this vintage of Dow with 89 points on three separate occasions. James Suckling wrote the most recent notes: "Dark ruby-purple. Powerful aromas of raisin, blackberry and dark chocolate follow through to a full body, with medium sweetness and a firm, slightly chewy finish. Good fruit. Even nutty." That was in 2008. A good bottle of port ready to go and waiting on you.

Donor: June and Rob Heller

Silent Lot 112

En Passant Par La Demeure by Jean-Loup Daraux For the Francophile compliments of Michael Peters Home. An exquisite treatise on French living, *En Passant Par La Demeure* by Jean-Loup Daraux gives an intimate inside look at the author's charming chateau and gardens with rich photos taken in every season. Located in the heart of the Bearden District, Michael Peters Home provides a little oasis of home and garden accessories, inspiring gifts and interior design with a fresh interpretation of old world style!

Donor: Micheal Peters Home

Silent Lot 113

Trefethen Family Vineyards Tour and Tasting for Four

One of Napa's classic wine estates, Trefethen is still a hidden gem. Easy to find, but only if you're looking, the entry is on Oak Knoll Avenue, tucked away from the crowds of Highway 29. The driveway John Trefethen used to land his plane on runs through the middle of the vineyard, over the ground the winery has tended for over 40 years. Designated a National Historic Landmark, the 19th-century redwood winery is still a working cellar, and along with gracious staff it provides a warm, comfortable environment in which to sample Trefethen's distinctive, award-winning wines. Past awards include "Best Chardonnay in the World" at the World Wine Olympics in Paris and "Best Red Wine in America" at the Atlanta International Wine Challenge. There are many others. Trefethen looks forward to welcoming you.

Donor: Trefethen Family Vineyards

Silent Lot 114

Two Vera Wang Champagne Flutes

Vera Wang crystal stemware is designed by Vera Wang, one of the leading and most innovative designers of our time, and manufactured by Wedgwood®, one of the premier china and crystal manufacturers of all time.

Donor: Dillard's West Town

Silent Lot 115

One Bottle [750ml] of Delas Freres Domaine des Tourettes 2009 Hermitage

Another great negociant with significant vineyard holdings, and at the top of their game, is Delas, owned by the Louis Roederer/Deutz Champagne firm. Since they acquired Delas well over a decade ago, this firm has been under the management of Burgundian Jacques Grange, who has done an outstanding job producing a sensational array of wines. This wonderful bottle of Hermitage garnered 98 points from Robert Parker! "The magnificent 2009 Hermitage Domaine des Tourettes boasts a black/purple color as well as a wonderful nose of creosote, incense, charcoal, blackberry jam, acacia flowers, white chocolate and a hint of espresso roast. Full-bodied and unctuously textured with low acidity and magnificent density, this 2009 can be drunk in 5-6 years or cellared for 30-50 years." We don't know about you, but we can't be totally certain we will be here if 50 years. And, even if we were, you know we wouldn't have the patience to wait that long to drink this phenomenal bottle. Would you?

Donor: Barbara and Steve Apking

Silent Lot 116

One Bottle [750ml] of 2003 Silver Oak Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

Both Parker and Laube [WS] rated this wine with 89 points. Parker: "The 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa (78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc, and 2% Petit Verdot) possesses a sweet, jammy bouquet of black currants intermixed with barbecue smoke, tobacco, espresso, and herbs. It offers a sexy, fleshy entry. Heady, with plenty of superficial, up-front fruit." This wine will be at its peak through 2014. We have never had a bad bottle of Silver Oak Napa Valley over the years. We are sure you will enjoy this one.

Donor: Topside Wine + Spirits, Darrell Tipton

Silent Lot 117

Three Bottles [750ml] of Red Wine: Trinchero 2005 Mario's Reserve Napa Valley Meritage, Chester Kidder 2004 Columbia Valley Red Wine, and Snowden 2001 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Mario Monteicelli, whose father moved to Sonoma County to help create the Gallo wine estates there, is the winemaker at Trinchero. Mario's 2005 Reserve Meritage is a smooth, fruit-packed blend of three grape varieties, Cabernet, Petit Verdot and Merlot, from different Napa Valley vineyards. This isn't surprising since Mario spent several years as an assistant to the incomparable Philippe Melka who is a famous consulting winemaker with an expertise in Bordeaux-style wines. The Trinchero was not rated. The Chester Kidder 2004 was rated 91 points by Stephen Tanzer: "Subtly complex nose melds plum, cranberry, chocolate, tobacco and fresh herbs. Very ripe, fat and sweet, with a hint of game adding nuance to the redcurrant and chocolate flavors. An attractively plump wine that finishes sweet and long, with impressively lush tannins." Robert Parker rated the Snowden 2001 Napa Valley Cabernet 89 points: "Attractive notes of cedarwood, loamy soil, black currants and wood smoke emerge from this medium to full-bodied, fully mature Cabernet Sauvignon." These are three very nice bottle of red wine for your next party or to drink at home with a good steak.

Donor: Cedar Bluff Wine & Spirits

Silent Lot 118

One Magnum [1.5L] 2005 Schug Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma Valley "Heritage Reserve" signed by Walter Schug

Founded in 1980, Schug Carneros Estate Winery is the showcase and life-long dream of one of California's most celebrated winemakers. Walter Schug's reputation blossomed during his tenure as Founding Winemaker for Joseph Phelps Vineyards. Heritage Reserve wines are blended from their finest barrel lots to create wines of great depth and intensity. Winemaker notes state that the "Heritage Reserve" Cabernets: "Have dense color and structure and features bright aromas of violets and blueberries, with ripe fruit flavors reminiscent of cherries, chocolate and cassis. Nicely integrated tannins and oak give it a rich texture and a long and elegant finish." A well-known winery with good Cabernet.

Donor: Axel Schug, Managing Partner Schug Carneros

Silent Lot 119

Tour and Tasting of Markham Vineyards For Up To Four Adults and One Bottle [750ml] of Markham Merlot

Bordeaux immigrant Jean Laurent came to California in 1852 to seek gold, but instead founded one of the first wineries in Napa Valley. Bruce Markham arrived in Napa Valley almost 100 years later and purchased vineyards in Yountville, Oak Knoll and Calistoga and the old Laurent winery, which was operating as a cooperative at the time. In 1978, he founded Markham Vineyards. We are not sure which vintage this bottle will be, but the past two vintages of Markham Merlot have rated in the low 90's by *Wine Spectator*. Winemaker notes tell us to expect "Black pepper and tobacco aromas that swirl around the cherry cola core. Roasted nut and caramel oak flavors compliment the beautiful rich cherry fruit." Thanks to our old friend, Markham Vineyards and its President, Bryan Del Bondio for this lot.

Donor: Markham Vineyards

Silent Lot 120

A Light Weight Cashmere Scarf from Kinross

Kinross is a Dawson-Forte Cashmere Company, a division of Dawson International, the world's leading cashmere business founded in the 1870's. Dawson's expertise in cashmere extends from the sourcing of the world's finest cashmere fibers to premier cashmere yarn to the production of fine cashmere garments. Dawson maintains one of the world's most rigorous cashmere testing facilities to constantly monitor and challenge quality standards. Kinross stands for luxurious, modern classics. Crafted with adherence to 200 year-old Scottish tradition for the finest quality in cashmere. Made by hand, approved by touch. Pure, soft & strong. Kinross cashmere for living, for life.

Donor: M.S. McClellan for Women

Silent Lot 121

One Bottle [750ml] of 2003 Antinori Solaia IGT

Please see the Antinori lot for more description on the ancient and long-standing winery of Antinori that now has many investments in California. Robert Parker rated this wine 93 points: “The 2003 Solaia (75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Sangiovese and 5% Cabernet Franc) reveals the essence of blackberry jam, licorice, cassis, tar and minerals in a super-ripe, heady expression of the vintage. Richly sumptuous on the palate, this beautiful, expansive Solaia offers terrific length as well as stunning balance with plenty of style. It is sure to deliver much gratification over the next decade or so.” This is another great bottle from Antinori.

Donor: Milton and Mimi Turner

Silent Lot 122

One Magnum [1.5L] 2007 Silver Oak Alexander Cabernet Sauvignon

As we have stated over the years, Silver Oak was one of the original cult California Cabernet Sauvignon wines. Silver Oak Cellars produces only Cabernet Sauvignon. All other varietals are produced by sister company Twomey Cellars. The 2007 Silver Oak Alexander Valley is a medium to full-bodied wine. Winemaker notes tell us: “With a dark ruby color and a purple edge, it offers an inviting nose of ripe black plum, blackberry, baking spices and soy sauce. On the palate, this Cabernet is rich and full, with flavors reminiscent of a berry cobbler. It has a long, fruity finish and fine-grained tannins.” While it is obvious to say that some vintages are better than others, we have never had a bad bottle of Silver Oak. This one won’t disappoint, either.

Donor: Silver Oak Cellars and Twomey Cellars

Silent Lot 123

Three Bottles [750ml] of Bonaccorsi Wine Company Wines. One Each: 2007 Pinot Noir Nielson Vineyard; 2007 Pinot Noir Cargasacchi Vineyard; and 2006 Syrah Bien Nacido Vineyard

Michael Bonaccorsi was born in Chicago, Illinois. By the age of twenty-one, he knew he wanted to be a winemaker. He moved out to San Francisco to be closer to the California wine country, his first job as a stock boy at a wine shop. After a short time selling wine for a distributor, he became interested in becoming a sommelier, eventually landing him at Masa’s Restaurant. After a three-year course of study and exams, Bonaccorsi became the twentieth American to be awarded the Master Sommelier Diploma.

In addition to Masa’s, Bonaccorsi served as a sommelier and manager at Cypress Club and Zola’s until his arrival in Los Angeles to become Sommelier at the original Spago Restaurant, and then the Beverly Hills location. Jenne Lee Bonaccorsi was born in Seoul, Korea. One month after Michael arrived, Jenne Lee began her first of ten years at Spago restaurant. In 1999, Michael and Jenne Lee Bonaccorsi formed the Bonaccorsi Wine Company and set out to produce wine of their own with the love of Burgundy and the Rhone. Stephen Tanzer rated the 2007 Pinot Noir Nielson 90 points; *Wine Spectator* rated the 2007 Pinot Noir Cargasacchi 91 points and the 2006 Syrah Bien Nacido 91 points. All three are described as fruit-forward, balanced, full-bodied and long finish. Here are three very good wines from the Central Coast area of California worthy of your attention. They are made by two people with deep roots in California’s food and wine culture. You know they will be a great purchase.

Donor: Bonaccorsi Wine Company

Silent Lot 124

One Magnum [1.5L] Copain Pinot Noir Anderson Valley “Goutte d’Art” 2009

This wine is bottled exclusively in magnums for The Modern, a fine dining restaurant located at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. Neither Parker nor *Wine Spectator* has rated this wine. However, every review written by people who have tasted the wine extol it as “incredible” or “fantastic.” One review written for the Community of Wine Lovers blog stated: “The Copain was a complex and substantial wine, with hints of forest floor, a forever finish, and terrific aromatics. Serious stuff.” The Modern is an excellent respected restaurant in a city where food critics abound. If this wine is good enough to be bottled for them as an exclusive for the house, then we can rest assured it will be good enough for us. Yet another unique offering that will reflect wonderfully on any collection – not to mention that will drink fabulously.

Donor: Copain Wines

Silent Lot 125

Three Bottles [750ml] of Andesite Vineyard 2007 Spring Mountain District Mervignon

Andesite Vineyard occupies the heart of the old Robinson property at the 2000-foot level five miles up Spring Mountain road from St. Helena [at the top]. Andesite Mervignon is the only wine produced. The 2007 is a smooth blend of estate grown 47% Merlot, 44% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 9% Cabernet Franc. Tasting Notes: "Tightly wound and concentrated, featuring currant aromas and focused plum, black berry, spice and toasty sage flavors that finish with firm tannins." Annual production is limited to about 150 cases by both the growing practices used in their efforts to produce the best quality fruit and by the limited number of vines that were planted. This is a hands-on project by proprietors Jo Ann and Charles Howard who have contributed in the past as a part of the Spring Mountain Association lot. This is an interesting wine from a very interesting spot on a mountain renowned for its wine.

Donor: Andesite Vineyard

Silent Lot 126

One Bottle [750ml] of Taylor Fladgate 1977 Vintage Port

This fabulous vintage of Taylor Fladgate was rated 96 by Robert Parker and 97 by James Suckling writing for *Wine Spectator*. Parker: "This house must certainly be the Latour of Portugal. Their ports are remarkably backward yet still impressive when young. Of all the vintage ports, those of Taylor need the longest time to mature and even when fully mature seem to have an inner strength and firmness that keep them going for decades. Their tawnys are also among the very best. The 1977 has consistently been at the top of my list of vintage ports in this great vintage. It is a mammoth, opaque, statuesque vintage port of remarkable depth and power, but it should not be touched before 2000." – written in 1989! "Good ruby color. The nose is fresh, with lots of crushed berry and plum, with a hint of piecrust. Full-bodied, with firm tannins and a caressing texture. This delivers loads of complex fruit and spiciness. Medium-sweet. A beauty. Will improve for decades, but why wait?" – Suckling. This is mature and quite ready to drink; it will stay that way for a few decades to come. A very special bottle you need for your collection. Thank you, June and Rob Heller, for the great port donations this year.

Donor: June and Rob Heller

Silent Lot 127

Country Ham and Hickory Smoked Bacon from Allan Benton

Benton's Smoky Mountain Country Hams are slow cured using salt, brown sugar, and sodium nitrite and typically aged nine to ten months, though hams are available one year and older. This time-honored practice dates back to the era of our forefathers, when the preparation and preservation of meat was a way of life and sustenance. Although the hands of time and technology have sculpted many aspects of our modern world, Benton's Smoky Mountain country hams has upheld the traditional dry-curing process and is striving to produce world class country hams and bacon. This lot contains a six packages of hickory smoked country ham center cuts and six packages of hickory smoked bacon. This year's President of the Guild and your loyal catalog scribe each pitched in a new product – a Benton's T-Shirt – for your enjoyment. Long-time patrons of this event have sampled Alan's products before since they are regularly featured as a part of Blackberry Farm dishes. Benton's bacon has been featured in every culinary magazine that is of any repute, most of them two or three times. Yes, we know about the culinary police, but a little country ham and hickory smoked bacon in moderation never hurt anyone. Heck, the founders of Waffle House are in their 90s and still going strong and going to work everyday. These here victuals are as good as you can find anywhere. Be sure to check out the lot on the table as it will contain a surprise or two.

Donor: Allan Benton

Silent Lot 128

Three 750ml bottles of Morgan Pinot Noir. One Each: 2008 Rosella's Vineyard Santa Lucia Highlands, 2007 Double L Vineyard, 2007 Tondre Grapefield

Morgan Winery, founded in 1982, is a family-owned and operated business. Winegrower Dan Morgan Lee and Winemaker Gianni Abate collaborate to craft elegant wines from Morgan's organically-grown Double L Vineyard and select vineyards from the Santa Lucia Highlands and northern Monterey appellations. Stephen Tanzer rated all three of these wines with 90 points. Of the 2008 Rosella's Vineyard, he stated: "Deep ruby-red. Powerful, pungent aromas of cherry and dark berries, woodsmoke and dried flowers. Deeply pitched but lively black raspberry and bitter cherry flavors coat the palate and pick up spiciness with air. Finishes lush and smooth, with echoing notes of dark berries and flowers. This suave wine is drinking well now but has the stuffing to age." All three reviews read similar to that. All are award winners. This is mighty fine Pinot Noir that is just waiting for your next party.

Donor: Bistro by the Tracks

Silent Lot 129

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Donor: Florence and Russ Johnston

Silent Lot 130

Five Bottles [750ml] of California Zinfandel, Including a Mini-Vertical of Joseph Swan Vineyards [One Each: 1979, 1980, and 1982], Château Montelena 1975 Napa and Sonoma Counties, and 1987 Sebastiani Sonoma County

Joseph Swan Vineyards is a small family-owned winery located in the heart of Sonoma County, California's famed Russian River Valley. Among other wines, they make old vine Zinfandel. Château Montelena is famous for the Judgment at Paris in 1974. They make Chardonnay, wonderful Cabernets and Estate Zinfandel. Sebastiani is a name very familiar to almost all knowledgeable wine drinkers. One of the nice things about Zinfandel, and particularly old vine Zinfandel, is that it has the capability for a long life in the bottle. Here are five old Zinfandels for you to try.

Donor: Joe and Sharon Miller Pryse

Silent Lot 131

Two Bottles [750ml] of Viña Concha y Toro 2006 Don Melchor

Don Melchor, Chile's first ultra-premium wine, is the only one with 21 vintages to its credit, all prize-winning and renowned by world critics. Don Melchor is the maximum exponent of Chilean Cabernet Sauvignon from Puente Alto, and places Chile as one of the world's great producers of Cabernet Sauvignon. Parker rated the 2006 Don Melchor 95 points: "The 2006 Don Melchor Cabernet Sauvignon is a glass-coating opaque purple with an alluring bouquet of toast, tobacco, cedar, leather, mocha, and blackcurrant. Sweet, voluptuous (but not in a fruit bomb kind of way), layered, and complex already, its superb balance will ensure at least a decade of evolution and it should drink well through 2036." Quick, a steak, some roast leg of lamb, and dishes with truffles!

Donor: Beverage Control, Inc.

Silent Lot 132

One Bottle [750ml] of Heitz Cellars 2006 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

We have all known Heitz Cellars and their wines for years. And they have been really good years, too. Truth is that Heitz Cellars Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon has impressed wine enthusiasts since the first bottle was produced in 1961. It is made 100% from Cabernet Sauvignon grapes. Winemaker notes tell us: "The 2006 Napa Valley Cabernet unfolds with the authority of a classic wine from the Napa Valley! This wine makes a good first impression with its striking garnet color and vibrant bouquet, but it is memorable for the depth of its varietal character. Centrally focused around a rich core of fruit, it fills the mouth with tiers of bright cherry flavor and underlying notes of darker berry. With a nice balance of lively oak tannins and brisk acidity, this wine glides easily across the palate for a lengthy and satisfying finish." Heitz has always done a great job with Cabernet, and this bottle is no exception.

Donor: Northshore Wine & Spirits

Silent Lot 133

One Magnum [1.5L] 2008 Cakebread Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley signed by Dennis Cakebread and the Cakebread Cellars American Harvest Workshop Cookbook

Both Parker and Laube [WS] rated this wine with 89 points. Parker: "With time in the glass the wine opens up nicely. Dark plums, tobacco, grilled herbs and licorice take shape nicely in this attractive, mid-weight offering. This is a beautiful, sleek Cabernet Sauvignon. In 2008 the blend is 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot and 1% Malbec." This wonderful wine will drink well into the second half of this decade. Less well-known, perhaps, are the top-notch cookbooks produced by members of the Cakebread family. Every September during harvest season, the Cakebread family invites five up-and-coming chefs and a host of local farmers to their winery for a weekend of tasting, talking, cooking, and sharing. In The Cakebread Cellars American Harvest Cookbook, Jack, Dolores, and culinary director Brian Streeter present 100 recipes and wine pairings developed by workshop chefs and the winery in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of this groundbreaking annual event. Great wine and a plethora of recipes to choose from to drink it with – now that's an unbeatable combination!

Donor: Cakebread Cellars

Silent Lot 134

One Bottle [750ml] 2007 Diamond Creek Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Volcanic Hill, Napa Valley

Please see the description for the 2006 Diamond Creek Volcanic Hill Cabernet Sauvignon. James Laube, WS, rated the 2007 Diamond Creek Volcanic Hill a very good 89 points: "With loamy earth, dill, dried currant and dark berry fruits that are full-bodied and chewy ... Shows its range of flavor and complexity on the finish." We have been drinking Diamond Creek Cabernets since the mid-1990s and we have always been impressed by the depth and complexity of the wines. You will love it!

Donor: Dee and Jimmy Haslam

Silent Lot 135

One Magnum [1.5L] Bottle of Silver Oak 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

The story of Silver Oak is laid out elsewhere in this program. Winemaker notes: "2007 Silver Oak Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon combines elegance and depth in a balanced expression of this classic California vintage. It has a dark ruby color with a garnet edge and a complex nose of sandalwood, cedar, cassis, black cherry, dark chocolate and roasted coffee. On the palate, it is extremely rich and mouth-coating and has a long finish of concentrated fruit and spice with a slight tannic grip. With proper cellaring, this wine should give drinking pleasure through 2033." Experience tells us that this Cabernet will be superb. Silver Oak in a magnum isn't easy to find, particularly the Napa Valley. Here it is for your drinking pleasure.

Donor: Silver Oak Cellars and Twomey Cellars

Silent Lot 136

One Bottle [750ml] of 2000 Château Léoville Poyferré St. Julian 2nd Cru Classé

In the reign of Louis XIII, in 1638, a certain Jean de Moytié, Counsellor of the Bordeaux parliament and a noble bourgeois of the town, owned a beautifully sloped gravelly vineyard near the River. This place, as was the tradition, was named after its owner and thus became the Mont-Moytié. The domain remained part of the Maison de Moytié for a century, and then fell to the Maison de Gascq by marriage. Full of ambition for his property Alexandre de Gascq renamed Mont-Moytié as Léoville (or Lionville) after his first estate. In 1855 the entire Château Léoville was classified as a Deuxièmes Cru or Second Growth. The estate was subsequently divided into three pieces, all bearing the Léoville name, and all remaining Deuxièmes Crus. The arrival of Didier Cuvelier at the head of the property in 1979, hailed a new era for the success of the domain and the restoration of Léoville Poyferré to its rightful rank among the great Médoc wines. Parker rated the 2007 vintage 97 points: "The plushiest, most ostentatious and dramatic of all the Léovilles in 2000, this wine is already sumptuous, displaying some nuances in its huge nose of vanilla bean, black chocolate, jammy black cherries, cassis, and graphite in a flamboyant style. Opulent, savory, rich, and full-bodied, it is a head-turning, prodigious wine." A spectacular bottle of Bordeaux just into its prime drinking window awaiting your winning bid. This is a can't miss bottle!

Donor: Jennifer Holder

Silent Lot 137

One Magnum [1.5L] Bottle of Niebaum-Coppola Rubicon Inglenook Estate 2005 CASK Cabernet Sauvignon

Rubicon Estate CASK Cabernet epitomizes the property's illustrious history and winemaking tradition. Francis and Eleanor Coppola's 1995 reunification of the estate provided the inspiration to create a Cabernet Sauvignon that would pay tribute to John Daniel, Jr., founder Gustave Niebaum's grandnephew, who successfully ran Inglenook Winery from 1934 to 1964 and created wines since judged by critics to be among some of the best ever produced. The wine is made exclusively from estate Cabernet Sauvignon grapes. Winemaker notes: "2005 CASK Cabernet has layers of ripe, red cherries, plum, vanilla, cocoa, and toast. The wine is remarkable now, especially if served with intensely flavored meats or cheeses, but it also can be aged for 10 years or more. This is a monumental vintage for CASK." This is a fascinating large format bottle of Rubicon Inglenook Estate wine at its very best.

Donor: Bistro by the Tracks

Silent Lot 138

One Double Magnum [3L] of 2005 Ferrari-Carano PreVail West Face Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon Syrah Blend in a Fine Wooden Box

Robert Parker rated the 2005 PreVail West Face with 90 points. "The 2005 exhibits a dark ruby/purple color and a peppery nose with hints of black currants, loamy soil notes, and some black currant and herb. The wine is rich, medium to full-bodied, with sweet tannin and a nice, savory mouthfeel. This is a structured wine that should drink nicely for 10 - 12+ years if not longer." It is comprised of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon and 35% Syrah. This gem deserves a spot at your next barbecue party. Heck, there's enough to drink here that you can invite a crowd! All you need is the steaks.

Donor: Ferrari-Carano Vineyard and Winery

Silent Lot 139

One Signed Magnum [1.5L] of Corison 2002 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Many years of winemaking for others, including Chappellet Vineyard, Staglin Family Vineyard, York Creek Vineyards and Long Meadow Ranch, honed Cathy Corison's skills and left her eager to express her own winemaking voice. In 1987 she made the first vintage of Corison Cabernet. "There was a wine inside me that needed to be made", she says. So this 2002 Cabernet is from her 15th vintage of making this wine. Stephen Tanzer awarded 91 points: "Dark ruby-red. High-pitched aromas of cassis, violet and bitter chocolate. Juicy flavors of dark berries and baking spices, with a firm edge of acidity giving the wine shape and grip and a floral element contributing to the wine's inner-mouth aromatic character. Very fresh and firmly built wine, with balance and backbone." Here is another good Napa Valley Cabernet just waiting for your next party.

Donor: Corison Winery

Silent Lot 140

Beauty Inside and Out, a Day of Indulgence at SpaVisage and one Bottle [750ml] 1980 Gundlach Bundschu Zinfandel Barricia Vineyard

Be the guest of SpaVisage and enjoy the finest spa treatments in Knoxville. Package includes Swedish Massage, Visage Facial, Spa Manicure, Spa Pedicure, Makeup Application and Lunch. Voted Knoxville's Best Day Spa, SpaVisage is a comfortable, stress-free sanctuary from daily life where you'll find highly trained and caring therapists who specialize in service and provide you the best in relaxation and beauty techniques.

Donor: SpaVisage, Frank and Belinda Gambuzza, Joe and Sharon Miller Pryse

Silent Lot 141**Three Bottles [750ml] of 2009 ROAR Pinot Noir Santa Lucia Highlands. One Each: Rosella's Vineyard, Pisoni Vineyard and Gary's Vineyard**

"Monterey County is one of the most exciting on the California Pinot Noir frontier, and one of its most impressive producers is ROAR." This from *Wine Spectator* upon naming ROAR wines one of the top 30 Pinot Noir wineries. Roar is a family winery specializing in small lots of Santa Lucia Highland's Pinot Noir, Syrah and beginning in the summer of 2009, Chardonnay. Their roots in the Santa Lucia Highlands are quite deep. Both Gary and Rosella grew up in California's agricultural heartland where Gary's family has farmed for over 100 years. Recognizing the region's potential for premium wine grapes, they planted Rosella's Vineyard in 1996 and also co-own and manage the Gary's Vineyard with Gary Pisoni of Pisoni Vineyard. These three names are synonymous with world-class Pinot Noir in California. Kosta Browne and Siduri, to only name two, are wineries that purchase grapes from these vineyards for single vineyard Pinot Noir. Parker rated these wines 94, 94, and 93 points respectively – see what we mean? "The 2009 Pinot Noir Rosella's is a gorgeous, sensual wine that sweeps across the palate with layers of dark red fruit. It reveals striking inner perfume, fabulous mid-palate density and terrific overall balance. Hints of licorice and mint add depth to the delicate finish. The 2009 Pinot Noir Pisoni bursts from the glass with layers of exotic dark red and black fruit, menthol, spices and new leather. The Pisoni shows gorgeous balance between the elegant and powerful elements of Pinot Noir. Dark cherries, spices, licorice and a melange of balsamic aromas and flavors are beautifully layered on the long finish." THIS is California Pinot Noir the way it should be – from the people that actually grow the grapes!

Donor: Bistro by the Tracks

Silent Lot 142**Three Bottles [750ml] of 2004 Sfursat Nino Negri Tradizionale Valtellina DOCG**

The Nino Negri Estate was founded over 100 years ago in the Valtellina region of Italy north of Lake Como. The Sfursat Nino Negri is 100% Nebbiolo grapes picked by hand in the zones of Valtellina and Valtellina Superiore. Tasting notes: "This offers forest fruits, with a light raisiny edge and a hint of spicy oak. Full-bodied, with firm, integrated tannins." The Sfursat is known for its long finish. This is a very interesting Italian from a very interesting area. The quality is assured because it is a DOCG wine. Thanks to Bistro by the Tracks for making this intriguing offering available to the auction.

Donor: Bistro by the Tracks

Silent Lot 143**One Magnum [1.5L] Bottle of Paul Hobbs 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley**

Many of you will remember that Paul Hobbs Winery was the featured vintner for L'Amour du Vin in 2007. You will remember the wonderful wines that Jennifer Freebairn brought and shared with us on that occasion. Since that time, Paul Hobbs has expanded his portfolio and increased the wide acclaim his wines have received [if that's even possible]. Parker rated the 2006 with 90 points and Stephen Tanzer awarded 91 points. Tanzer: "Bright red berry and cherry aromas are complemented by dusty rose and mineral notes. Sweet raspberry and cherry flavors are smooth in texture and supported by fine-grained tannins. The red fruit notes linger impressively on the precise finish." We have been to the winery for a tasting, we have consistently purchased Hobbs' wines. This is a great bottle of Napa Cabernet in a large format awaiting your winning bid.

Donor: A Friend of the Museum

Silent Lot 144**One Bottle [750ml] of 1985 Château Lynch Bages Grand Cru Classé Pauillac**

The 1985 was designated the Wine of the Year by *Wine Spectator* in 1988. It was the first ever Top 100 listing by the magazine. It received a 97 point rating from the magazine when the wine was released. Since that time, it was scored 97 in April 1994, and 95 twice – September 1996 and again in 2007. James Suckling's WS notes from 2007: "The 1985 was the magazine's Wine of the Year in 1988. Today it shows loads of fruit, with blackberry, licorice and fresh herb character. Full, round and velvety. Long and delicious." Research indicates that the wine is still at peak and will remain so for the next 5 – 7 years or so. But truthfully, why would you wait any longer? It's absolutely ready to drink now. This Cinquièmes Cru or 5th Growth [based on the Classification in 1855] is a superb bottle waiting on a proud owner. Is it you?

Donor: Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Raulston, Jr.

Silent Lot 145

One Pair Bordeaux Glasses and One Wine Carafe (Waterford)

This collection by Waterford features beautiful pieces of stemware and crystal inspired by legendary winemaker Robert Mondavi's intimate understanding of fine wine, and how best to enjoy it. Recognizing the distinctive characteristics of famous varieties of wine, stemware from the collection is specifically designed to bring out the best when used to sample the wines they were named for. The Bordeaux glasses feature a generously proportioned bowl, which accentuates the rich bouquet characteristic of this famous full-bodied wine. The Waterford Carafe accentuates the Bordeaux collection.

Donor: Glass Bazaar

Silent Lot 146

Beautiful Early 20th Century Red Bohemia Etched Crystal Decanter and Six Glasses

Bohemian art glass was made in and around the present-day Czech Republic during the Art Nouveau or Jugendstil era. Antique pieces in this genre most often consist of a classic vase form that has been hand-worked and sometimes deformed into swirling, organic-looking shapes like seashells, flowers, and tree trunks. Decorative vases, cups, and pitchers were popular forms, and many of the pieces have an iridescent sheen from the firing and reduction techniques used at the time. The movement grew out of a rich tradition of Bohemian glass making, which goes back to the 16th and 17th centuries. While we don't know the exact nativity of this Decanter and glasses, we know it is beautiful and worthy of your fine home. Gorgeous work!

Donor: Lee Blair, Owner of Blair House Antiques

Silent Lot 147

One Magnum [1.5L] Bottle of Robert Foley Vineyards 2006 Claret

Robert Foley began his wine making career in the Napa Valley in 1977, working at a number of highly-regarded Napa Valley wineries including the famous Pride Mountain Vineyards, where he spent 15 years as founding winemaker. During this period he also created the highly-acclaimed Switchback Ridge, Hourglass, Paloma, School House, and Engel Family wines. James Laube, WS, awarded 94 points to the 2006 Claret: "Smooth, rich and complex, this is full-bodied, with firm, focused currant, sage and dusty berry fruit that runs deep with concentration, unfolding to reveal blackberry, mineral and light cedary oak flavors." This wine is top notch from one of the top winemakers in Napa! We regularly buy and drink his products from Foley Vineyards, as well as Switchback Ridge! It is hard to beat Robert Foley and his Claret.

Donor: Robert Foley Vineyards

Silent Lot 148

One Double Magnum [3L] 2007 Twomey Napa Valley Merlot

Twomey Cellars was founded in 1999 as a sister winery to Silver Oak with the purpose of creating food-friendly wine that is drinkable upon release. With Twomey the philosophy is applied to varieties other than Cabernet Sauvignon, the flagship varietal of Silver Oak. The Twomey 2007 Napa Valley Merlot is comprised of 94% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, and 1% Cabernet Sauvignon. Winemaker's notes tell us: "It has a dark ruby color and a nose of fresh, ripe black cherry and blackberry, dark chocolate and what the French call "torifaction", the alluring smell of roasting coffee. It has a long finish echoing berry fruit and chocolate and grainy well-integrated tannins that promise excellent cellaring potential." Here is a large bottle for your next party featuring roasted or barbequed meats, chicken, or frankly, just about anything.

Donor: Silver Oak Cellars and Twomey Cellars

Silent Lot 149

One Magnum [1.5L] Qupé 2006 Syrah 25th Anniversary Bien Nacido "X" Block

Our long-time friend, Bob Lindquist, was one of the very first Rhone Rangers from the Central Coast of California. Today, he still grows varieties of white wine normally found in wines from France's prestigious Rhone Valley. If you ever get a chance to buy one and try it, you are in for a unique treat. But, today, we have Bob's 2006 Syrah – 25th Anniversary. Stephen Tanzer rated this wine 93 points: "Saturated ruby. Suave aromas of black raspberry, cherry compote, olive, exotic flowers and cola, with a peppery quality that gains strength with air. Supple and deeply concentrated but with unlikely finesse too." *Wine Enthusiast* rated it 97 points: "A gigantic wine, one of the most powerful Syrahs in memory. Shows fabulously rich tannins from stem fermentation, sweet, spicy and earthy. The aromas and flavors are of mushrooms, grilled meat, blackberries, cherries, cola, black pepper and smoky cedar. Extraordinary depth and complexity, a very great California Syrah. Could soar off the charts in the next 2–3 years." The "X" Block houses the oldest Syrah vines in Bob's domain. It always makes superior Syrah. Whether you are familiar with Bob's wine at Qupé or not, you owe it to yourself to score this bottle. We will be looking for you at the bidding table.

Donor: Qupé

Silent Lot 150

One Magnum [1.5L] Bottle Coup de Foudre 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon

Coup de Foudre (koo dah foo drah) - the moment when “lightning strikes” or something unforgettable occurs that you want to capture forever. This is Coup de Foudre! Apparently lightning struck James Laube [WS] while tasting the 2009 Coup de Foudre because he gave the Cabernet Sauvignon 94 points! “A delightfully rich and seamless effort, with gorgeous ripe plum, blackberry and mocha flavors joined by a mix of herb and olive notes. Full-bodied and well-focused, this is persistent and elegant on a long, satisfying finish.” Laube doesn’t usually bestow such praise. Mark Twain said: “Life is not measured by how many breaths you take, but by how many moments in life take your breath away!” If you purchase this lot, here is one of them!

Donor: Coup de Foudre

Silent Lot 151

One Magnum (1.5L) Bottle of Landmark 2000 Pinot Noir Kastania and Two 750ml Bottles of Landmark 2007 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir Kanzler Vineyard

Robert Parker rated these wines 87 and 90 points respectively. *Wine Spectator* rated the the Landmark Kanzler Vineyard 94 points. Landmark has made great Pinot Noir and Chardonnay for well more than a decade. Founded in 1974, Landmark Vineyards was relocated from Windsor, CA, a town that was slowly being smothered by urban sprawl to a spectacular piece of land at the base of Sugarloaf Mountain in the Sonoma Valley in 1984. Helen Turley was engaged as consulting winemaker in 1993. Today, Greg Stach is the winemaker. Parker: “The medium ruby-colored 2000 Pinot Noir Kastania Vineyard exhibits aromas of animal fur, dried herbs, black cherries, and damp foresty/mushroom-like scents. The wine is Burgundian-like in its gamey characteristics. It is complex and medium-bodied.” James Laube, *Wine Spectator*, gave the 2007 Kanzler Vineyard the highest rating [94] he has ever bestowed on a Landmark Pinot Noir: “Very ripe, with great depth, touching on berry jam. Yet this is balanced, complex, focused and pure, with lively wild berry and black cherry fruit framed by spicy notes and firm tannins.” These single vineyard Landmark Pinot Noirs are outstanding.

Donor: Stephen and Laurie Natelson

Silent Lot 152

Four Bottles [750ml] of Zind-Humbrecht. Two Each: 1996 Tokay Pinot Gris Clos Jepsal and 2000 Pinot Gris

Robert Parker rated these wines 91, and 90 points respectively. We don’t see many Alsatian wines in this auction – more is the pity. Of all of the Alsatian winemakers, Zind-Humbrecht stands at the head of the class for quality and consistency. Domaine Zind-Humbrecht is located in Turckheim, Alsace, France. The domaine was created in 1959, following the marriage of Léonard Humbrecht to Geneviève Zind. The Humbrecht family has a history of winegrowing since 1620. As a domaine, Zind-Humbrecht only produces wines from its own vineyards. Domaine Zind-Humbrecht took a pioneering role in producing Alsace wines in concentrated, fruity style using low yields. Parker: “One of the undisputed success stories of the 1996 vintage in Alsace is Pinot Gris. The 1996 Pinot Gris Clos Jepsal possesses the lowest acidity of these blockbuster efforts, and also appears more austere. While that sounds like a contradiction, that’s the way the wine tasted. It is thick, rich and monolithic.” Surely your mouth is beginning to water. Both of these wines are at peak plateau and should be drunk over the next 2 – 3 years. If you like Pinot Gris, here are four great bottles for you.

Donor: Stephen and Laurie Natelson

Silent Lot 153

Three 750ml Bottles of Martinelli Red Barn Red Russian River Valley

The 2007 Red Barn Red Russian River Valley is a Syrah blend. There is virtually no information available regarding this wine. What we do know is that Stephen Tanzer rated every 2007 Martinelli Syrah he tasted with 90 – 93 points, and all but one 92 to 93 points. This one is probably not different. One lone blogger wrote: “This had a more intense nose of jackfruit, smoke, eucalyptus and forest floor. We tasted red and purple stone fruit and black pepper.” Given the history of Martinelli, and we all know them and their wines, given the donor, and given the scarcity of any notes about the wine, we think this will be a completely unique experience for anyone who purchases this lot. We DO know that it will be an outstanding wine – Martinelli wines always are.

Donor: Bistro by the Tracks

Silent Lot 154

One Bottle [750ml] of 1997 Opus One Proprietary Red Wine

As mentioned elsewhere in this program, Opus One is a joint partnership founded by Baron Philippe de Rothschild and Robert Mondavi. The first vintage was 1979. In 1981 a single case of the joint venture wine sold for \$24,000 at the first Napa Valley Wine Auction – the highest price ever paid for a California wine. From that time forward, Opus One has enjoyed a rich heritage. James Laube of *Wine Spectator* rated the 1997 Opus One with 94 points: “A rich, decidedly earthy style of Opus, showing currant, anise, black cherry, mineral, leather and sage flavors that are focused and complex.” This Opus One is ready to drink now. We think it would go marvelously with roast duck.

Donor: Geoff and Pat Wolpert

Silent Lot 155

Two Magnum [1.5] Bottles of 2009 Wagner Family Wines. One Each: Mer Soleil Chardonnay Santa Lucia Highlands and Caymus Vineyards Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Chuck Wagner reigns supreme at Caymus and has been producing great wine for more than three decades. Son Charlie’s Mer Soleil Chardonnay is always spectacular, as well. The Caymus 2009 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon rated 91 points from James Laube [WS]. “Supple and creamy-textured, with mocha, ripe plum and cherry flavors that show touches of tobacco, espresso and underbrush. Full-bodied, gaining tannic traction on the finish, elegant and readily approachable.” Yum! The Mer Soleil 2009 Chardonnay Santa Lucia Highlands has not been rated. Tasting notes tell us: “Rich and concentrated, with a mix of mandarin orange, fruit cocktail, ripe pear and earthy citrus shadings, ending with a touch of buttery pear aftertaste.” Mmmmm! Two great bottles from the Wagner Family in large format size.

Donor: Chuck Wagner - Wagner Family of Wines

Silent Lot 156

One Bottle [750ml] of 2008 Round Pond Estate Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon and Tour and Tasting for Six

James Laube awarded 91 points: “Shows taut herb and cedar-laced blackberry and wild berry flavors that firm up and give this a chewy, mineral aftertaste.” According to the winery website, the 2008 from Rutherford, Napa Valley, is “a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot and has complex and elegant aromas of dark cherries and fresh red fruits abound. They are complemented by cola, brown sugar, cocoa, chaparral and cloves on the nose.” This wine will be at its peak for the rest of the decade. In addition to this great wine, the winery is sweetening the pot with a tour and tasting for six at the winery. This wine is worth purchasing on its own merits, the tour and tasting are just icing on the cake.

Donor: Round Pond Estate

Silent Lot 157

Two Magnum [1.5L] Bottles of Rombauer Vineyards Red Wine. One Each: 2005 Merlot and 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon

The Rombauer family winery, founded in 1980, is located on the northeastern edge of the Valley on a secluded tree-covered knoll overlooking the Napa Valley – family-owned and operated, bringing you the Joy of Wine for over 30 years. The Joy of Wine – Rombauer’s philosophy of wine and food goes back to Koerner Rombauer’s ancestors from the wine growing region of Reingau, Germany, where wine is considered an essential complement to a meal. The Joy of Wine is a direct connection to The Joy of Cooking, written by Koerner’s great aunt, Irma Rombauer. The 2005 Rombauer Merlot is 100% Merlot fruit sourced from Napa Valley. The 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of 87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, and 3% Petit Verdot. Both are fruit forward and ready to drink.

Donor: Rombauer Vineyards

Silent Lot 158

One Magnum [1.5L] Bottle of Spottswoode Estate Vineyard 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon

Spottswoode is a family-owned historic vineyard and winery-renowned for its exceptional Cabernet Sauvignon. Established in 1882 by George Schonewald, the estate is distinguished by the historic Victorian home depicted on the Spottswoode label. Spottswoode was christened by Mrs. Albert Spotts, who owned the property from 1910 until its purchase in 1972 by Mary Weber Novak and her late husband, Dr. Jack Novak. The first Spottswoode Cabernet Sauvignon was produced in 1982, exactly one hundred years after the estate's founding. Robert Parker awarded the 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon 95 outstanding points: "The 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon is largely all Cabernet Sauvignon with just a small amount of Cabernet Franc in the blend. This wine, which I believe will evolve for 25 or more years, has a gorgeous nose of violets, black currants, licorice, camphor, and a hint of graphite. Layered, rich, and full-bodied, the wine has an opaque purple color as well as wonderful purity and balance. It could be considered the wine world's version of haute couture at a top address in Paris. It's a beauty, perfectly balanced and as flawless and seamless as a 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon from Napa can be." Folks, a review like that from Parker is money in the bank. This wine will last mid-way through the 2030's, but there is no way you will let that happen, is there? This is a stupendous bottle – buy it!

Donor: Bistro by the Tracks

Silent Lot 159

Six Bottles [750ml] of Bonaccorsi 2008 Syrah Central Coast

The story of Bonaccorsi is written in the lot donated by the Bonaccorsi Wine Company. The 2008 Syrah has not been rated. Winemaker notes tell us: "A blend of Star Lane Vineyard Estrella clone and Larner Vineyard Estrella clone. Medium ruby-black. Opening aromas of salami, smoke, char and green peppercorn changing to warm black raspberry and blue fruits, damp tree bark and spice. Plush mouth feel, flavors of ripe berry, vanilla caramel and chocolate." This Syrah is supple enough to be ready to drink now. Six good bottles from a winery that constructs its wines to be paired well with food.

Donor: Tom Black

Silent Lot 160

Four Bottles [750ml] Mini-Vertical of Silver Oak Cabernet Sauvignon Alexander Valley. Two Each: 2004 and 2005 Vintages

The history of Silver Oak is detailed elsewhere in this program. Both of these vintages were rated 89 points. Tasting notes for Silver Oak Alexander Valley almost always mention: deep red-ruby color; berries, black cherry and licorice on the nose; and, flavors of black cherries, currant, plum and tobacco leaf. These wines are ready to drink with your next meals of grilled or roasted meats – roast lamb, in particular. Thanks to Dr. Louis Browning and last year's Guild President Carolyn Koefoot for this fine lot.

Donor: Dr. Louis A. Browning and Carolyn Koefoot

Silent Lot 161

One Magnum [1.5L] Bottle of Frank Family 2006 Chardonnay plus a \$200 Gift Certificate From Ruth's Chris Steak House

The Frank Family Vineyards story is outlined in the lot donated by the winery. Tasting notes: "Frank Family Vineyards 2006 Chardonnay has beautifully ripe aromas of a freshly baked apple pie, old fashioned vanilla cream soda, and roasted almonds. Finely textured, fleshy and smooth on the palate this wine has seamlessly integrated toasty oak and concentrated fruit flavors leading to a long elegant finish." Additionally, the winning bidder receives a \$200 Gift Certificate from Ruth's Chris Steak House. Ruth's Chris Steak Houses recently celebrated their 45th Anniversary. From a single steak house in New Orleans purchased by Ruth Fertel to the more than 115 domestic and 15 international locations. You know the quality and value is there to enable a success story like this. A great steak and a great bottle await you at Ruth's Chris.

Donor: Ruth's Chris Steak House

Silent Lot 162

Four Bottle [750ml] Vertical [1999-2002] of Silver Oak Cabernet Sauvignon Alexander Valley Cabernet

Our thanks go out to Russ and Florence Johnston who have donated superb wines to L'Amour du Vin for all these years. All four of these wines were rated 90 points by Parker. The history of Silver Oak is detailed elsewhere in this program. Parker: "The 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon Alexander Valley offers abundant quantities of spice, vanillin, cedar, herbs, and smoke, soft, round, creamy-textured flavors, good black cherry and currant notes, and a spicy, medium-bodied, easy-going personality." Truth is, you could change out the vintage and those comments would be accurate for all four vintages. Silver Oak was long the measuring stick for wanna-be big boy Cabernets. This vertical shows you the consistency and quality that made the Silver Oak brand famous. You can't go wrong serving Silver Oak at a party.

Donor: Florence and Russ Johnston

Section Two - Closing at 7:40 pm

Silent Lot 200

Two Bottles [750ml] of Cliff Lede Vineyards 2008 Poetry

Established in 2002, Cliff Lede Vineyards encompasses sixty acres in the famed Stags Leap District. Not just any property mind you, but the former highly-respected S. Anderson Vineyards and across the street and around the corner from Stag's Leap Cellars. Canadian owner Cliff Lede, Viticulturalist David Abreu, Winemaker Kale Anderson and Consulting Winemaker Philippe Melka have come together to form an unrivalled team, making the most of this remarkable property. This is an extremely talented team working with a very intense and respected terroir. The 2008 Poetry received 93 points from Robert Parker: "Ratcheting up the level of elegance and complexity, the 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Poetry Stags Leap (composed of 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Cabernet Franc and the rest Merlot, Petit Verdot and a tiny bit of Malbec) is very Chateau Margaux-like with its floral notes interwoven with black currants, graphite and toast. With admirable power, finesse and freshness, it is a beautifully balanced, medium to full-bodied wine with a layered richness and a long, supple finish. Elegant, well-made Cabernets continue to emerge from this reputable as well as increasingly high quality producer in the tiny corridor of Stags Leap. Cliff Lede's forward, delicious 2008s merit attention from readers." You can't ask for a better recommendation than that.

Donor: Beverage Control, Inc.

Silent Lot 201

Four Bottles [750ml] of Kingpin Cabernet Sauvignon Vertical [2006 – 2009] with a Complimentary Barrel Tasting

Chris and Kelly Sparkman are Knoxville natives. Over a couple of decades, Chris served as sommelier and wine buyer in restaurants from Commander's Palace (New Orleans), to Michael's (Los Angeles) and Olive's (Washington, DC). After a stint at Mackay Restaurants in Seattle, Chris and Kelly started Sparkman Cellars in Washington state in 2004. The accolades Sparkman has achieved include being named *Wine & Spirits* Top 100 Wineries in the World for 2011 and a rising star by *Wine Spectator* in December 2010. Parker rated the 2006 - 2009 vintages of Kingpin Cabernet with 90+, 92, and 90+, 92 points. That's awfully good for what is still a virtual start-up winery. In addition to the Cabernet vertical, the winning bidder will receive a complimentary barrel tasting at the winery. Here is some great juice from one of our own. Let's support this wonderful family venture.

Donor: Sparkman Cellars

Silent Lot 202

One Bottle [750ml] of Taylor Fladgate 1963 Vintage Port

This fabulous vintage of Taylor Fladgate was rated 95 by Robert Parker and 97 by James Suckling writing for *Wine Spectator*. Parker: "This house must certainly be the Latour of Portugal. Their ports are remarkably backward yet still impressive when young. Of all the vintage ports, those of Taylor need the longest time to mature and even when fully mature seem to have an inner strength and firmness that keep them going for decades. Their tawnys are also among the very best. The 1963 is quite fabulous yet still seemingly capable of developing for another decade or more." – written in 1989! "A big wine with superb balance, a shining example of this exuberantly fruity vintage. Deep ruby, with violets and coffee on the nose, full-bodied, with dried cherry flavors and plenty of tannin, balanced and long on the finish," – Suckling. This is mature and quite ready to drink. Nowhere near over the hill. Due to its age, it is now rare and can only be found on the internet ... and in our auction. If you have never drunk old vintage port, you don't know what you are missing. You simply have to have this bottle!

Donor: June and Rob Heller

Silent Lot 203

Two Magnums [1.5L] of Martinelli Red Wine. One Each: 2005 Zinfandel Giuseppe & Luisa, and 2006 Pinot Noir Bondi Home Ranch Water Trough Vineyard

Robert Parker rated these wines 94 and 91 points respectively. We know the Martinelli story. Two years ago, Martinelli was the guest vintner for L'Amour du Vin and you will remember how great the wines were. The Martinelli wines in this lot are special. Parker: "Of course, the Martinellis made their reputation with their extraordinary Zinfandels, and the newest of the cuvées is the Zinfandel Giuseppe & Luisa. The 2005 is a blockbuster, with deep ruby/purple color and a big, sweet nose of ripe figs, strawberry and cherry jam, mincemeat, and peppery spices. It is full-bodied, heady, opulent, and ideal for drinking over the next 5-7 years [through 2013], although I suspect it will last a lot longer." And, "There are 650 cases of the 2006 Pinot Noir Bondi Home Ranch Water Trough Vineyard. It exhibits a classic Burgundy Côte de Nuits nose of forest floor, plums, black cherries, and darker fruits. Medium to full-bodied with good acidity as well as loads of complexity. On a fast evolutionary track, this fragrant, full-throttle Pinot should be drunk over the next 3-4 years (through 2012)." Remember, these are mags and therefore will have a slower development plane and longer prime drinking window. Both of these great wines are ready now and will provide tremendous accompaniment to grilled or roasted meats.

Donor: Stephen and Laurie Natelson

Silent Lot 204

Two Bottles [750ml] of 2000 Bordeaux Red Wine: One Each: Château La Conseillante Pomerol and Château Margaux Pavillon Rouge

The name of La Conseillante first appeared in the middle of the 18th century. It was named for Mrs. Catherine Conseillan, who ran the estate almost 300 years ago. In 1871, the Nicolas' family bought the property, and the surface and plots have remained unchanged since then. Today, the estate is managed by the fifth generation, assuring continuity and the attachment of a family to a great wine. Pavillon Rouge, the second wine of Château Margaux, first appeared in the 19th century and took on its present name, Pavillon Rouge du Château Margaux, in 1908. After vanishing from the scene between the 1930s and the 1970s, its production was started up again as soon as André Mentzelopoulos took over the estate in 1977, and has continued to grow in order to improve the quality of the first wine. It is made from wines which were not selected at the blending to go into Château Margaux. Robert Parker awarded the La Consillante 96 points. As a Pomerol, it is required to be made of 100% Merlot grapes. Wine Spectator rated the Pavillon Rouge with 94 points. As a right bank Bordeaux, Pavillon Rouge is predominantly made from Cabernet Sauvignon with lesser amounts of Merlot, Petit Verdot, and Cabernet Franc. The 2000 vintage was a stunning vintage – likely one of the best of the century although it is still too early to tell. What we do know is that no bad wine came out of Bordeaux in 2000. These two bottles are much better than that – they are outstanding. You need these for your cellar or next dinner party.

Donor: W. Bedford Waters, MD

Silent Lot 205

Two Magnum [1.5L] Bottles of Kenwood 1996 Cabernet Sauvignon Artist Series

After 35 years, Kenwood Vineyards' Artist Series Cabernet Sauvignon remains the ultimate expression of artistry and fine winemaking. The art featured on every bottle combines with fine wine to make each new Artist Series release an event and every vintage a prime collectible. During its first decade, the Artist Series highlighted works by contemporary artists. The 1987 vintage broke with tradition by featuring a painting from Joan Miro, and in years since, the Artist Series has presented works from other renowned artists including Pablo Picasso, Henry Miller, Alexander Calder and Vincent van Gogh. Artwork ranges in style from impressionist and romantic to modern and abstract, with Kenwood Vineyards redesigning the label annually to enhance the presentation of each piece. James Laube, *Wine Spectator*, gave this wine 93 points: "Spicy, floral and perfumed Cabernet, a late-release from the '96 vintage, showing off earthy, cedary black cherry and blackberry flavors, and pretty, toast- and vanilla-scented notes. Unusually supple and polished version of this wine." This is a great bottle of Cabernet from a familiar well-known winery. This will be great in your collection.

Donor: Beverage Control, Inc.

Silent Lot 206

Two Bottles [750ml] of Diamond Creek Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Volcanic Hill Napa Valley. One Each: 2006 and 2007 Vintages

Diamond Creek was California's first exclusively Cabernet Sauvignon Estate Vineyard. It was established in 1968 by Al Brounstein, a visionary who defied modern conventions and planted Bordeaux varietals on secluded Diamond Mountain in the Napa Valley, thus creating one of the first California cult wines. Sadly, he died in 2006. The Volcanic Hill microclimate has consistently produced the most acclaimed wines of the estate. James Laube, *Wine Spectator*, rated the 2006 Diamond Creek Volcanic Hill a solid 93 points: "Deep, rich and concentrated, with loamy earth, currant, dried berry, leather, peppery tobacco and sage flavors that are bold and, at points, fleshy in texture. Impressive for its depth, focus and complexity, with plenty of backbone for the cellar." While the 2007 vintage garnered a few less points, Laube still gave it a very positive review citing currant and dark berry fruits that are full-bodied and chew plus a complex finish.

Donor: Diamond Creek Vineyards - Boots Brounstein

Silent Lot 207

Enjoy a Great Week of Golf with the PGA TOUR at the Players Championship!

Two Weekly Grounds Tickets to The Tournament Players Championship, May 7-13, at TPC Sawgrass Stadium Course in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. The package includes a weekly parking pass. Airfare, hotel accommodations, and transportation are excluded. This golf course was specifically designed to provide maximum viewing for the tournament. If there was a fifth major tournament, this would likely be it. All of the stars will be there, including your favorite. The last five winners were: KJ Choi – 2011; Tim Clark – 2010; Henrik Stenson – 2009; Sergio Garcia – 2008; and Phil Mickelson – 2007. And what about Tiger Woods, you ask? He won only in 2001. All right all you ardent golfers out there, this is YOUR lot!

Donor: PGA Tour

Silent Lot 208

One Double Magnum [3L] 2008 Williams Selyem Westside Road Neighbors Pinot Noir Signed by Director of Winemaking Bob Cabral

With thirteen separate Pinot Noirs, Williams Selyem has something for just about everybody. With eight Russian River bottlings, the two with the largest availability are the Eastside Road Neighbors and Westside Road Neighbors, which are blends from different fruit sources. Robert Parker: "The 2008 Pinot Noir Westside Road Neighbors displays notes of loamy soil and underbrush mixed with red currants, cherry and spice. It is medium-bodied and slightly more supple than the Eastside, but seductive." This bottle is signed by Winemaker Bob Cabral, who was named Winemaker of the Year for 2011 by *Wine Enthusiast Magazine*. This double magnum should be a peak between now and late in the decade. When Parker calls a wine seductive, we have found it advantageous to get some. What a great accompaniment to a grilled dinner for you and your friends.

Donor: Williams Selyem Winery

Silent Lot 209

One Magnum [1.5L] Bottle of Joseph Phelps 2005 Insignia Proprietary Red Wine

In the late 60s, Joseph Phelps was running one of the largest construction companies in the U.S. when he won the bid to build Souverain Winery (now Rutherford Hill) located a few miles outside of St. Helena. Enamored with the beautiful Napa Valley and contemplating a career change, in 1973 he bought the 600-acre Connolly cattle ranch in Spring Valley, and began planting vineyards. The winery was completed in 1974 and that same year the first Syrah was made, the first grapes were crushed at the new facility and the first Insignia was produced. Nearly four decades later, the flagship wine, Insignia, is recognized as one of the world's great wines. Twenty-nine of 34 vintages have been rated 90 or more points by various wine publications. And, 2005 was no exception. Parker rated the 2005 Insignia 95 wonderful points: "The beautiful, dense ruby/purple-tinged 2005 Insignia (a blend of 92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Petit Verdot, and 1% Merlot) possesses sweet aromas of black cherries, cassis, chocolate, camphor, and a subtle hint of roasted herbs. Medium to full-bodied and elegant, with a European style imposed on the rich, velvety, California fruit, this cuvee will benefit from several years of bottle age, and should easily keep for three decades." This wine is in the front part of the prime drinking window and will run easily through the end of the next decade. We're betting you can't wait that long to drink it!

Donor: Bob Gilbertson, Bob's Liquor and Wine

Silent Lot 210

Three Bottles [750ml] of Fonseca 1983 Vintage Port

Fonseca Guimaraens, often simply called Fonseca, is one of the largest Port wine houses in Portugal. Manuel Pedro Guimarões established the company in 1822 when he acquired control of the Fonseca and Montiero Company from the Fonseca Family by purchase of the majority of Fonseca owned shares. A condition of the sale of Fonseca's shares was that the name Fonseca remain as the brand name. David Guimarões, the great-great-grandson of the founder Manuel Pedro, has been the head winemaker since 1994, and oversees the winemaking and blending for all four Taylor Fladgate Port houses: Taylor Fladgate, Fonseca Guimaraens, Croft, and Delaforce. The Fonseca 1983 Vintage Port received 92 points from Parker." The 1983 is magnificently scented, full-bodied, creamy, rather forward, but showing great length and character." This wine paired with a magnificent fruit and cheese plate would make a stupendous closing for any dinner party.

Donor: Vicki and Tim Keller

Silent Lot 211

Six Waterford Goblets

Waterford Crystal designs, manufactures and markets an extensive range of crystal stemware, barware and giftware for distribution throughout the world. In recent years, Waterford has built upon its reputation as a leading source of prestigious tabletop and gift products by expanding into several new businesses.

The company of Waterford was first established in 1783 on land adjacent to Merchants' Quay in the heart of the Irish harbor town of Waterford. Its founders were two brothers, William and George Penrose, who were important developers and principal exporters in the city. Their vision was to "create the finest quality crystal for drinking vessels and objects of beauty for the home." More than two hundred years later, the reputation they established for creating glass of unsurpassed beauty and quality has transcended the intervening centuries.

Donor: Belk West Town

Silent Lot 212

Clos Pegase Winery Private Tour and Tasting for Eight

Stroll amidst the world-recognized architecture, sculpture and art-laden caves of Clos Pegase, America's first monument to wine as art. After an informative and humorous tour, you will be guided to a tasting of Clos Pegase award-winning wines. Come experience the beauty and style of this "temple to wine." And the wines, you ask? Robert Parker and James Laube, *Wine Spectator*, have both shown an affinity for Clos Pegase wines over the years. Parker tends to favor the whites a little more, particularly the Chardonnay Mitsuko's Vineyard, while Laube particularly likes the Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Hommage Artist Series Reserve Tenma Vineyard, awarding the last vintage a solid 93 points. Clos Pegase makes solid wines that are always enjoyable. Please call at least four weeks in advance to book your appointment. Certificate must be present at redemption. Use is subject to availability. Expires March 3, 2013.

Donor: Clos Pegase Winery

Silent Lot 213

Twelve Bottles [750ml] of Zinfandel. One Each: 2008 Seghesio Family Vineyard Old Vines; 2009 Williams Selyem Winery Forchini Vineyard; 2007 Rockpile Winery Rockpile Ridge Vineyard; 2007 Ridge Vineyards Lytton Springs; 2008 Frank Family Vineyards; 2006 Rosenblum Cellars Rockpile Road; 2007 Steele Wines Clear Lake Catfish Vineyard; 2009 Orin Swift "Saldo;" 2006 Ravenswood Winery Pickberry Vineyard Proprietary Red Wine; 2007 Rodney Strong Estate Vineyards Knotty Vines; 2009 Mauritson Winery Dry Creek Valley; and 2007 Ravenswood Winery Big River Vineyard

If you like Zinfandel, and most of us do, this is a great lot for you. Not all of these wines were rated, but between Parker, *Wine Spectator*, and Stephen Tanzer, nine of them were rated receiving between 90 and 93 points. Space doesn't allow to review all of these wines. Picking one or two representative reviews on such a diverse lot of Zinfandel is virtually impossible. We will tell you that the two Ravenswood single vineyards are unique and not easy to find; both received a 92 rating from Tanzer. Think of the wonderful nights of grilled steak represented here. If you are a vegetarian, move on perhaps. Meat-eaters, step up and bid!

Donor: Bistro by the Tracks

Silent Lot 214

Five Bottles [750ml] of Bordeaux Red Wine. One Each: 1995 Château Branaire-Ducru St. Julien Quatrièmes Cru; 1996 Château Beychevelle St. Julien Quatrièmes Cru; 1998 Château Bellegrave Pomerol; 1998 Château Smith-Haut-Lafitte Pessac-Leognan; and 1998 Château Grand Mayne St.-Emilion

So here we have three left bank wines, i.e., Cabernet Sauvignon is the most dominant component with Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petite Verdot also possible, and two right bank wines, i.e., Merlot is the most dominant component with Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petite Verdot (among others) also possible. Both right bank wines (Château Bellegrave and Château Grand Mayne) rated 93 from Wine Spectator. The three left bank wines (Château Branaire-Ducru, Château Beychevelle, and Château Grand Mayne) rated in the lower 90's by either Parker or *Wine Spectator*. To pick one review, 93-rated Grand Mayne by WS: "California in St.-Emilion. Black color, with spice, coffee and tobacco aromas. Full-bodied and thick, with loads of fruit and velvety tannins. A blockbuster." All five are in their peak drinking window. All of these are very good wines from good vintages. Further, the French classification system makes it possible for us to know what the terroir is from each estate and how each should taste from year to year. We can assure you these are a great buy.

Donor: Florence and Russ Johnston

Silent Lot 215

One Double Magnum [3L] Bottle of Peju 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley PLUS a Private Barrel Tasting and Tour for Four People

Envisioned by Tony Peju even before he purchased the property, the 50 foot tower at Peju was designed by Southern California architect Calvin Straub in 1980-81, and its rendering has graced the label of every estate-bottled Peju wine. Resembling a French Provincial tower, the structure encloses 1600 square feet with mezzanine and is built from stucco and stone. It is this tower that will welcome you and your 3 guests when you arrive at Peju for your private barrel tasting and tour. Peju makes Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Syrah, Fifty/Fifty, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and Provence, a proprietary blend of red and white varietals. With a lineup like that, you know the tasting will be special. The 2008 Peju Cabernet Sauvignon has not yet been released, so consequently there are no ratings or tasting notes. We do know the wine will be a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Petit Verdot. The single 3L Bottle can be shared among the four guests or as the winning bidder determines. Since Peju promises 100% customer satisfaction, you know you can't go wrong with this lot.

Donor: Peju Province Winery

Silent Lot 216

Six Bottles [750ml] of Martinelli 2008 Syrah. Three Each: Hop Camp Vineyard "Gravel Lense" and Lolita Ranch Red River Valley

The 2008 vintage of the Hop Camp Vineyard "Gravel Lense" is only the third vintage of this wine. The term gravel lense refers to a very rare soil type referred to as "Cortina." Over the eons the ancient river bed changed its course, depositing layers of gravel throughout the years at different depths, creating a rare and wonderful alluvial soil layered with these gravel lenses. This type of well drained soil is imperative in the successful production especially of high-quality Syrah, as it is and as it controls the vigor of the vines. The wine has not been rated. The 2008 Lolita Ranch was rated 90 points by James Laube [WS]: "Ultrarich and dense, with tiers of melted black licorice, bacon fat, roasted herb, sage, cedar and tobacco flavors. Full-bodied and persistent, ending with chewy tannins." Both of these wines are small case productions – under 250 cases each. Laube rarely makes excessive claims on wines. You can accept at face value the fact that these Syrahs are top notch. Roasted meats anyone?

Donor: Bistro by the Tracks

Silent Lot 217

Two Magnums [1.5L] and Two Bottles [750ml] of Fabulous Turley Wines. One Each: 2005 Petite Sirah Hayne Vineyard [Magnum]; 2009 Zinfandel Duarte Vineyard [Magnum]; 2009 Zinfandel Uberroth Vineyard [750ml]; and, 2009 Zinfandel Fredericks Vineyard [750ml]

For all of these wines, we only have Robert Parker's barrel tasting ratings, which are in order: (92 – 94); (87 – 89); (91 – 94); and, (90 – 93), respectively. Sometimes, ratings after bottling can fall outside the range of the barrel tasting, but that doesn't happen often with Parker, and it is always on the upside when it does happen. So, the ratings are very solid for this line up. "Not surprisingly, one of the great Petite Sirahs made in this vintage has again come from the Hayne Vineyard. Turley's inky/blue/purple-tinged 2005 Petite Sirah Hayne Vineyard possesses a boatload of tannin as well as a fabulously concentrated attack and mid-palate. This full-bodied monster reveals beautiful purity and intensity as well as a superb attack and richness." And, "Not surprisingly, the 2009 Zinfandel Ueberroth Vineyard exhibits lots of structure as well as a chalky minerality, lavish kirsch and black currant fruit and more muscle and density than many of its siblings. Larry Turley and his sidekick, longtime winemaker Ehren Jordan remain the reference point for world-class, quintessential old vine Zinfandels." That's enough for us. See you at the bid sheet!

Donor: Turley Wine Cellars

Silent Lot 218

Bell Wine Cellars Cabernet Clonal Collection. Four Bottles [750ml] of Different 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Clones, All in a Wooden Display Box PLUS a Grape to Glass Tour and Tasting for Two

The four 2008 Cabernet Clones – 4, 6, 7, and 337 – in a beautiful wooden box, with the clonal story etched into the lid. What a unique opportunity! Bell Wine Cellars makes only 48 of these collections for each vintage! Only the Cabernet Clone 6 is sold as a wine by itself. The rest of the clones, along with Clone 6, are blended to form the other Cabernets the winery offers. The Clone 6 vineyard is part of the Beckstoffer Georges III vineyard, located adjacent to Caymus, off the Silverado Trail. Winemaker notes: “On the nose, aromas of cassis and dark fruit abound with an undertone of blueberry. On the palate, an explosion of blackberry, dark cherry and dark chocolate combine beautifully with the vanilla and cedar notes of French oak bringing a polished finish to the wine.” This unique collection would be a great addition for any cellar, but it can only be acquired from the winery. In addition, there is a tour and tasting for you at the winery where you follow the process from “Grape to Glass.”

We know the Georges III vineyard well. A close friend makes an outstanding Cabernet Sauvignon using fruit from this vineyard and the wine is highly rated and brings a triple digit price. This is a must have!

Donor: Bell Wine Cellars

Silent Lot 219

Six Juliska Sage Wine Glasses

Juliska glass is mouth-blown by artisans in the hills outside Prague. The techniques they use have been passed down through generations. To watch these skilled glassmakers work is breathtaking. Being handmade, no two pieces of Juliska are identical. Each has its own exquisite, individual character. Uniqueness is valued and guaranteed. Every piece of Juliska glass is individually signed as a hallmark of its origin and authenticity. With such heritage, attention to detail and beauty, it is no wonder Juliska glass has extraordinary magic.

Donor: G&G Interiors

Silent Lot 220

One Magnum [1.5L] Signed Bottle of Marston Family Vineyard 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon with Wood Box PLUS a VIP Visit to the Vineyard for Six Guests, Including a Tour and a Tasting of Library Wines Paired with Artisan Cheeses

Marston Family Vineyard was first planted in the late 1890s on the southern slopes of Spring Mountain, just west of St. Helena. The vineyard is part of the appellation known as the Spring Mountain District. The vineyards comprise about 10 percent of the 500 acres of heavily forested land. Today the vineyard is planted solely to Cabernet Sauvignon. It only took forty years for to whittle the vineyard's focus from eleven varietals to one-- truly Cabernet is "king" in the hills of the Napa Valley. James Laube, *Wine Spectator*, gave the 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon 92 points: “Complex and supple, with layers of smooth plum, blackberry, mineral, sage and cedar. Full-bodied, big but not overdone, this is pleasingly graceful and balanced on the finish.” This is a reasonably small lot wine (450 cases) from a terroir that has a great history and reputation. Now imagine touring this historic vineyard and then sitting down to a wonderful library tasting paired with artisan cheese. With all that great Cabernet, you know the artisan cheeses will taste magnificent. This is an great lot for your upcoming trip to Napa Valley and Spring Mountain.

Donor: Marston Family Vineyard

Silent Lot 221

Six Bottles [750ml] of California Wines. One Each: Merryvale 2000 Starmont Chardonnay, Schug 2002 Chardonnay; Ridge 1999 Monte Bello, Dominus 2001 Proprietary Red Wine, Cakebread 2001 Cabernet Sauvignon, and Quail Ridge 1997 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve Volker Estate

An interesting assortment of California wines. The two Chardonnays come from well-known respected names – Schug and Merryvale. The four reds come from equally well-pedigreed wineries, including Ridge, Dominus and the very popular Cakebread. The Quail Ridge is lesser-known but comes from Napa Valley and produces very respectable wines. All of these bottles are ready to drink now. This lot would make for a great reception or dinner party.

Donor: Meg and Alex Lonon

Silent Lot 222

Six Bottles [750ml] of 1985 Cabernet Sauvignon. One Each: Dunn Vineyards Napa Valley, Kenwood "Jack London Vineyards" Sonoma Valley, Cain Cellars Napa Valley, Cakebread Cellars Napa Valley, Joseph Phelps Eisele Vineyard Napa Valley and Robert Mondavi Reserve Napa Valley

Wine Spectator rated the Dunn 94 points and the Kenwood "Jack London" Vineyards 89 points; Parker rated the Joseph Phelps Eisele Vineyard 93 points; the others were not rated. Each of these wines were at the top of the acquire lists in 1987 when they were released. It is virtually impossible to find these wines for sale, even on the internet. They are all fully mature and ready to drink. This is your last chance to try them – you don't want to miss this opportunity.

Donor: Dick and Anne Ince

Silent Lot 223

Four-Course Dinner for Six Persons with Wine Pairings at the Northshore Brasserie

Northshore Brasserie is a full-service restaurant and bar serving homemade French Belgian cuisine in a relaxed yet elegant atmosphere. The name for a brewer in French is 'brasseur', thus Brasserie originally meant brewpub. The name has since evolved to mean any restaurant that serves a variety of beer, wine, and hearty food. Like British pubs or American diners, brasseries are the social meeting and dining places of Europe. They remain warm, inviting places that celebrate the joys of dining, drinking, and socializing. Northshore Brasserie aims to create a vibrant, unpretentious atmosphere that will serve as the neighborhood gathering place for the business and residential communities surrounding the South Northshore/Pellissippi area of West Knoxville. Did we mention that the Northshore Brasserie is obsessed with three things? Food, quality and service. Based on our experience, this is a great lot. You can really have a nice party when six friends gather to enjoy each other's company in the cozy comfortable atmosphere of the Northshore Brasserie. Purchase this lot and that part will be on the house.

Donor: Northshore Brasserie

Silent Lot 224

A Twelve Bottle [750ml] Three Year [2003 – 2005] Vertical of Marquis Philips Shiraz McLaren Vale Padthaway 9. Four Bottles Each of the 2003, 2004, and 2005 Vintages

Marquis Philips is a collaborative effort between American Dan Philips and highly respected South Australian Viticulturists/Winemakers, Sarah and Sparky Marquis, to make the most delicious, power-packed wines on the planet. Marquis Philips began with a simple goal: to control the entire winemaking process from concept, market, wine style, to price. The winemakers aim to create wines that are pleasure-giving, dark, ripe, sweet, gulpable, loud, yet subtle, sweet and gentle with a long finish, elegant, Turley-esque, and powerful. These three vintages of Marquis Philips Shiraz 9 were Robert Parker rated: 93, 92, and 97 respectively. Parker: "The 2005 Shiraz 9 reveals a big, toasty, smoky nose, but the oak is beautifully absorbed by extravagant quantities of blackberry and cassis fruit intermixed with licorice, incense, and spice. This full-bodied, powerful, rich, layered stunner should drink well for a decade. The 2003 Shiraz 9 is a flamboyant, opaque purple-colored, full-bodied effort revealing notes of espresso roast, chocolate, smoked meats, and toasty American oak. Fleshy, full-throttle, pure, and intensely concentrated, it is a classic South Australian Shiraz." Don't we all want wines that are "gulpable, loud yet subtle, sweet and gentle?" A case of glorious Shiraz from a long-time supporter of L'Amour du Vin.

Donor: James Mason

Silent Lot 225

One Magnum [1.5L] of Chappellet 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Pritchard Hill plus a Tour and Tasting for Six Persons

The Chappellet family's romance with Pritchard Hill started more than four decades ago when Donn and Molly Chappellet first glimpsed its magnificent vista of forests and wildflower-filled meadows. Inspired by the notion that Bacchus loves the hills, the Chappellets followed the advice of renowned winemaker André Tchelistcheff and settled on Pritchard Hill's rocky slopes, becoming the first winery to plant vineyards exclusively on high-elevation hillsides. From these Pritchard Hill vineyards, the Chappellets have been crafting extraordinary, age-worthy wines since 1967. Pritchard Hill's rugged terroir has become legendary for producing wines with great intensity and depth—qualities that define the world's finest Cabernet Sauvignons. James Laube [WS] rated the 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Pritchard Hill 91 points: "Tough-edged, earthy and leathery, though deeply concentrated and muscular. Built around a core of dense dark berry fruit, mineral, cedar and graphite." Laube goes on to suggest that a couple of years in the bottle will help smooth out the brute force in this wine. Chappellet has long been on our favorite winery lists and the Pritchard Hill Cabernet has been wonderful for many years. This is a great bottle if you have patience for a couple of years.

Donor: Chappellet Vineyard and Winery

Silent Lot 226

Three Bottles [750ml] of 1991 Burgundy. One Each: Gevrey-Chambertin Clos Saint Jacques, Chambertin Clos De Beze and Corton-Pougets

The village of Gevrey-Chambertin dates back to Roman times. Once the influence of the Roman Empire had waned other religious institutions began to take hold, and for many centuries much of the Gevrey vineyard was owned by ecclesiastical orders based at nearby Cluny, Bèze and Langres. After the Revolution many prestigious sites - including Chambertin and the neighbouring Clos de Bèze, named no doubt for the abbey - were seized and sold off during the reign of Napoleon, and the fragmentation that turned Burgundy into what it is today began. Both Gevrey-Chambertin and Chambertin Clos De Beze are grand cru vineyards in the Côte du Nuits. Corton is a grand cru vineyard in the Côte du Beaune and "Les Pougets" is a single microclimate within Corton. So, three different grand cru burgundies from 1991. Research tells us that 1991 was a good year for all three grand crus good fruit, richness, and sufficient tannins to last for the long haul. These wines are certainly ready to drink. We think they would be an elegant addition to any dinner party – or just to keep to yourself. If you don't know about grand cru burgundy, here is a good place to start.

Donor: Peter and Dianna Stimpson

Silent Lot 227

Wine Dinner for Four at The Orangery

Dinner at The Orangery for four people, including appetizer, salad, entrée and dessert. This also includes two bottles of wine specially selected by the restaurant. This iconic Knoxville restaurant boasts great atmosphere and elegant meals. Knoxvilleians will enjoy the great cuisine and charm under the management of local businessman David Kiger and Executive Chef Amber Lloyd. Come see why AAA of East Tennessee awarded Four Diamonds to The Orangery. We recently had dinner at the Orangery with another couple who are true L'Amour du Vin patrons. Chef Amber's cooking was top-drawer on that occasion. If you haven't been there recently, you need to go! And here is your chance.

Donor: The Orangery - David Kiger

Silent Lot 228

The Ultimate Trio. One Each: Magnum [1.5L] of 2010 Far Niente Estate Chardonnay; Magnum [1.5L] of 2008 Nickel & Nickel Cabernet Sauvignon John C Sullenger Vineyard Oakville; and One Bottle [750 ml] of 2007 Dolce Napa Valley Late Harvest

Long a premier name in Napa Valley Chardonnays and Cabernets, Far Niente and sister winery Nickel & Nickel have solid reputations of superior wines on a consistent basis. The Far Niente Estate is a gorgeous facility on the hillside above Oakville that is a destination by itself. Far Niente Chardonnays are built to last. They always carry strength but plenty of finesse. Nickel and Nickel Cabernet Sauvignons are built in the older backward style that requires aging for the full character to come through. Dolce always has a rich texture and flavors with honeyed apricot, dried pineapple, peanut brittle and hints of earthy horseradish notes. It is made from Sémillon and Sauvignon Blanc. Far Niente makes simply top-notch Chardonnays. Although there were no ratings available, these wines always shine through and usually garner ratings in the 90s. Here we have unsurpassed elegance coupled with wonderful wine.

Donor: Far Niente Winery, Nickel & Nickel Winery

Silent Lot 229

Six Bottles [750ml] of 1997 California Cabernet Sauvignon. One Each: Hartwell Vineyards Stags Leap District; Robert Keenan Winery Napa Valley, B.R. Cohn Winery Sonoma, Robert Sinskey Winery Reserve Stags Leap; Martin Ray Winery Santa Cruz; and Livingstone Moffett Stanley's Napa Valley

The 1997 vintage was the overall highest-rated vintage for California Cabernet Sauvignon in the past two decades. Here are six outstanding reasons why. Not all of these Cabs are household names, but most of us know Keenan, Cohn, and Robert Sinskey to be top-notch producers. Martin Ray always has good interesting wines. The lesser known, but not to be confused with lesser quality, of the group are probably Hartwell and Livingstone Moffett. Most all of these wines had ratings in the low 90's if one could be found. The star was the Martin Ray Cabernet Sauvignon Santa Cruz Mountains which received 95 outstanding points from James Laube [WS]. Laube: "Dark, ripe and richly flavored, with a core of blackberry, wild berry, earth, sage, anise, cedar and mushroom, revealing uncommon depth and finesse, with a long, long, peppery finish." All of these wines are in their prime drinking window and are ready to go. Thanks to Russ and Florence Johnston for yet another interesting lot of California Cabernets.

Donor: Florence and Russ Johnston

Silent Lot 230

Three Bottles [750ml] of BOND Estates Matriarach 2006 Proprietary Red Wine in a Wood Box

BOND: A portfolio of wines that are diverse in their geographic representation and 'Grand Cru' in quality, all under the umbrella of one philosophy, one team, one mark. Sourced from select hillside estates, the Cabernet Sauvignon-based wines of BOND vividly demonstrate the range of Napa Valley's finest terroirs. From the more than sixty vineyards they have worked with over the past quarter century BOND have slowly and vigilantly selected five sites. BOND became the covenant and shared commitment to produce only the best expression of the land. Rigorous selection is employed at every stage of the wine's development. Many components, though singularly attractive and possessing lavish attributes, are not utilized in the final blends for BOND. This provides the opportunity to create a second wine. This blend, offered under the Matriarch label, will always be evocative of its pedigree and distinct in its hillside character. James Laube, *Wine Spectator*, rated the 2006 Matriarach with 92 points: "Delicious, pure, rich and structured, with ripe cherry, plum, blackberry, mineral, anise and sage flavors that gain weight and depth. Full-bodied and firmly tannic, ending on a pleasant earthy note." Robert Parker has written: "BOND is the world-class project of Harlan Estates owner Bill Harlan. It is a simple concept – take 20+-year leases on some of the finest vineyard sites in all of Napa Valley, bring in your own winemaker (the well-known Bob Levy, along with Michel Rolland in the background), and produce these single vineyard wines." Based on that, you know the Matriarch is outstanding, even if it is their second label.

Donor: Thad Cox, Jr. - Ashe's Wine & Spirits

Silent Lot 231

Bell Wine Cellars Cabernet Clonal Collection - Two Magnums [1.5L] of Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 6 [One Each: 2006 and 2007] PLUS Grape to Glass Tour and Tasting for Four

As mentioned elsewhere in these notes, only the Cabernet Clone 6 is sold as a wine by itself by Bell Wines. The rest of the clones, along with Clone 6, are blended to form the other Cabernets the winery offers. The Clone 6 vineyard is part of the Beckstoffer Georges III vineyard. Winemaker notes: "Our 2006 vintage is characterized by dark ruby color, firm supple tannins, good natural acidity and concentrated flavors. Overtones of black cherry, currant and blackberry in combination with undertones of chocolate, coffee and pepper meld with the vanilla and cedar nuances of French oak in waves of complexity. Our 2007 vintage is characterized by dark ruby color, firm supple tannins, good natural acidity and concentrated flavors. Overtones of black cherry, currant and blackberry in combination with undertones of chocolate, coffee and pepper meld with the vanilla and cedar nuances of French oak in waves of complexity. In addition, there is a tour and tasting for you at the winery where you follow the process from "Grape to Glass."

Donor: Dr. and Mrs. Reinhold C. Mann

Silent Lot 232

2009 Kosta Browne Pinot Noir. Two Magnums [1.5L] One Each: Russian River Valley and Gap's Crown Vineyard. Two Bottles [750ml] of Sonoma Coast

Kosta Browne has become one of the most sought-after Pinot Noirs from California in just a few short years. If there was a true "American Burgundy," this might well be it. James Laube, WS, rated these wines 91, 92, and 95 points respectively. The Russian River is: "Fresh, bright, ripe black cherry, raspberry and light floral scents lead off in this supple, fleshy, full-bodied red, which is complex and layered on the palate." The Gap's Crown is: "Trim and focused, with a spicy herbal edge to the dried berry, mineral, tar and cedar notes. Full-bodied, ending with a neatly tapered finish that ends on a fresh earthy, pebbly aftertaste." Finally, the Sonoma Coast is: "Ripe and deeply flavored, concentrated and well-structured, this full-bodied red offers a complex mix of black cherry, wild berry and raspberry fruit that's pure and persistent, ending with a pebbly note and firm tannins." Are you convinced yet? What if we told you that these wines are at peak through the end of this decade? What if we told you that the 2009 Sonoma Coast was named the 2011 Wine of the Year by *Wine Spectator*? You can only buy it if you outbid us!

Donor: Kosta Browne Winery, Glenn and Dottie Irwin

Silent Lot 233

Sticks Large Tray Finely Crafted from Birch, Poplar and Driftwood

This tray is designed with hand drawn imagery, etched contouring and vibrantly blended paint. Started by Sarah Grant in 1992, *Sticks* has received national acclaim for their distinctive line of furniture, accessories and object art. Each piece is handcrafted within *Sticks'* award-winning studio in Des Moines, Iowa.

Donor: Bennett Galleries

Silent Lot 234

One Bottle [750ml] 2008 Joseph Phelps Insignia Proprietary Bordeaux Blend and an Insignia Blending Seminar at Joseph Phelps Vineyards for up to Six Guests

Joseph Phelps produced the first vintage of Insignia in 1974, the same year the new winery was completed. Nearly four decades later, the flagship wine, Insignia, is recognized as one of the world's great wines. From 1990 through 2010, every vintage has rated 91 or more points by Robert Parker. From 1990 to 2008, the average score from Robert Parker is 94.7 points, with the lowest score still a fabulous 91. The 2008 received 97 points. "The 2008 Insignia is a towering, statuesque wine bursting with blackberry jam, tar, spices, leather and licorice. It shows fabulous depth and richness backed up by serious, imposing tannins that suggest it has a long life. The blend is 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Petit Verdot and 4% Malbec." The Insignia Blending seminar will include a tasting of current release wines as well as tasting, comparing, and blending barrel sample components used to produce the flagship wine. Call at least one month in advance to schedule your visit (707-963-2745). Expires March 2013, blackout dates: 5/18-20/12, 7/4/12, 11/22/12, 12/24-25/12 and 1/1/13. Now really, what more can you ask? A 97 point Parker-rated wine and a chance to taste and sample a lot more – if you don't want it, we will gladly take it and schedule the trip now!

Donor: Joseph Phelps Vineyards

Silent Lot 235

One Magnum [1.5L] 2008 Leonetti Cellar Reserve, Etched, Painted and Signed PLUS an Immediate Spot on the Mailing List

This Walla Walla, Washington beauty garnered 97 points from Robert Parker. "The winery flagship is the 2008 Reserve, a blend 69% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Petit Verdot, 11% Merlot, and 9% Cabernet Franc aged in barrel, some of it new, for 23 months. Sandalwood, exotic spices, herbs, violets, and assorted black fruits inform the nose of a layered, succulent, plush, bordering on opulent wine that is beautifully balanced and already complex." It will last well into the next decade, if you have an iron will. Plus, you will receive a certificate that allows you to jump a four-year wait on the mailing list for the Spring release which occurs between February 1st and May 1st of this year. Here is a very special bottle and a guaranteed spot for future purchases of a truly special wine. You know you have to have this one!

Donor: Leonetti Cellars

Silent Lot 236

Three Bottles [750ml] of Biltmore Wines. One Each: 2010 Reserve Chardonnay North Carolina, 2009 Reserve Pinot Noir Russian River Valley, and N.V. Estate Blanc de Blanc PLUS a One-Night Stay at the Inn at Biltmore Estate for Two

Explore George Vanderbilt's extraordinary home, beautiful gardens, and Antler Hill Village & Winery, nestled on 8,000 acres in the mountains of Asheville, NC. George Vanderbilt envisioned Biltmore in 1888, while on a short vacation to Asheville. His imagination was sparked by the area's beauty. He felt inspired to create a relaxed country estate in the Blue Ridge Mountains that would welcome family and friends for weeks, even months. You will win a one-night stay at the Inn at Biltmore Estate. Included in this stay: a chef's buffet breakfast; length of stay admission to Biltmore House, Gardens and Antler Hill Village; and a tour and premium wine tasting. Trip expires September 30, 2012 – major holidays excluded. The 2010 Reserve Chardonnay won a gold medal at the 2011 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, the largest competition for American wines in the World. The Reserve Pinot Noir Russian River took home a Class Championship at the 2011 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo International Wine Competition, and the N.V. Blanc de Blanc won exceptional awards at the second annual Consumer Wine Awards in Lodi, California and the San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition. Come visit this magnificent estate just across the border in North Carolina and taste these award-winning wines.

Donor: Biltmore Wines

Silent Lot 237

One Magnum [1.5L] of Frank Family 2008 Winston Hill Red Wine PLUS a Private Tour and Tasting for Up to Eight People Hosted by Dennis Zablosky

In 1992, Rich Frank, a Disney Executive, purchased the Kornell Champagne Cellars on the site of historic Larkmead Winery. You need to review the website to appreciate how gifted and talented Rich is outside the wine world. Inside the wine world, he is equally good. Robert Parker designated 94 points: "The 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Winston Hill covers every inch of the palate with deeply expressive layers of dark fruit, mocha, spices, leather and licorice. All of the elements are wonderfully in balance in this large-scaled, dramatic wine. The finish alone is striking. This is a fabulous effort from Frank Family. The 2008 Winston Hill is 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc, 4% Merlot and 2% Petit Verdot." Actually, all Frank Family wines we have ever tasted were impressively constructed. This is a great large format bottle to impress your friends and family at a cookout this summer. But, perhaps, even more interesting is the private tour and tasting for 8 persons at the winery. A major reason Frank Family Vineyards is famous for its distinctly friendly and approachable atmosphere is because of Dennis Zablosky. Over the past 20 years, the Napa native, touted a "wine legend" by Robert Mondavi and considered one of Napa's best-known personalities, has personally ensured that every visitor to the winery has the best experience possible. And, it is Dennis that will personally host your tour and tasting experience. Everyone who goes to Frank Family Vineyards comes back blown-away by the quality and consistency of the wine and the wonderful atmosphere at the winery. Find out why.

Donor: Frank Family Vineyards

Silent Lot 238

Two Magnums [1.5L] 2006 Heitz Wine Cellars Martha's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

We have all known Heitz Cellars and their wines for years. And they have been really good years, too. In fact, the winery celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2011. The first single-vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon in Napa Valley was produced at Heitz Wine Cellars in collaboration with the May family. The 1966 Martha's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon received instant accolades from around the world and remains today a cornerstone in the heritage and success of Napa Valley wines. James Laube, *Wine Spectator*, tells us: "The core mint-chocolate-covered cherry and berry flavors are tight and structured, true to the vintage." The winemaker describes: "This is a well-integrated wine with a generous core of dark, rich fruit, lightly embraced with mint. Layers of black cherry unfold gracefully across the palate, building to a long, lovely finish." The 2006 vintage was a great one. Here are two magnums of great Cabernet from a very-respected winery just waiting for your next party.

Donor: Heitz Wine Cellars

Silent Lot 239

One Imperial [6L] Shafer 2005 Merlot

Robert Parker awarded the 2005 Merlot with 88 points. "The 2005 Merlot, which has 12% Cabernet Sauvignon and 8% Cabernet Franc in the blend, is a sensual, elegant style of wine. Soft, richly fruity, with notes of herb, mocha, coffee bean, and plenty of berry fruit, the wine has crisp acidity and a good finish." He goes on to say: "One of Napa's most prominent and respected wineries, Shafer is a poster boy for remarkable and consistent quality across the board. This is a winery that never seems to disappoint." It is difficult to get any better press than that! Buy it, you'll like it.

Donor: Shafer Vineyards

Silent Lot 240

One Double Magnum [3L] of Rudd 2003 Oakville Estate Proprietary Napa Valley Red

Leslie Rudd's journey into the food and beverage industry began when he joined his father's alcoholic beverage wholesale distribution business in Wichita, Kansas. Not content with the business' growth potential and sustainability, he successfully transformed the industry structure within the state by introducing the concept of exclusive distributors in order to incentivize investment in brand building. Today, Standard Beverage Corporation has grown to be the state's largest alcoholic beverage wholesaler and represents most of the world's premium quality brands. Leveraging his understanding and experience in the premium alcoholic beverage industry, Leslie expanded into the premium food market successfully launching and investing in several national restaurants as well as adding the iconic Dean & DeLuca, a national purveyor of fine foods, housewares and wines, to the portfolio in 1996. The most recent addition to the restaurant group is PRESS Restaurant, a modern steakhouse located in St Helena, California. Although each of these ventures shares a commitment to excellence and appreciation of artisan products, the winery is the only one of the businesses to bear the family name. The 2003 Oakville Estate received 93+ points from Parker: "The 2003 Oakville Estate Proprietary Red is a blend of 79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Petit Verdot, and equal parts Cabernet Franc, Merlot, and Malbec. This opaque purple-colored 2003 offers sweet aromas of scorched earth, tobacco leaf, blackberries, and currants. Layered, beautifully-textured, broad, elegant, and refreshing, this is a well-structured, superb effort." This is a great large format bottle donated as a salute to our great Featured Vintner this year. You know you want this one.

Donor: Dr. Ruth Bailey and Dr. Sarkis Chobanian

Silent Lot 241

Two Magnums [1.5L] Bottles of Caymus 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Special Selection

Both Robert Parker and James Laube, *Wine Spectator*, rated the 2008 Special Selection 94 points. It is a rare event when these two agree on anything, so you know this one is great. Parker: "The 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Special Selection is the first example of this cuvée to include Merlot (about 14%) in the blend. The Merlot component has given the wine a cocoa/chocolate nuance to its black currant, licorice-infused fruit. The tannins are velvety soft and the wine is beautifully textured and full-bodied. It is ideal for drinking now and over the next 15 years." Laube: "Beautifully crafted, rich, intense and powerful, yet supple, graceful and polished, offering a generous core of spicy blackberry, black licorice, wild berry and light cedary notes. Full-bodied and expressive." The Caymus Special Selection is always a highly-rated, top flight wine. It stands up to any competition and has for a very long time. A stunning wine from a consistently high-performing winery.

Donor: Bob Gilbertson, Bob's Liquor and Wine

Silent Lot 242

Two Magnums [1.5L] of Great Robert Sinskey Wine PLUS a Farm to Table Tour and Paired Wine and Food Tasting for Four Guests. One Each: 2007 Marcien Proprietary Red Wine Los Carneros Napa Valley and 2007 Pinot Noir Four Vineyards Los Carneros Napa Valley

Rob Sinskey is an atypical vintner. He is a native Californian and a wine guy who did not attend wine school. Instead, Rob received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Parsons School of Design in New York City, where the only thing happening in agriculture was conducted in apartment closets. Over the past twenty years he has grown his 100% organic and Biodynamic certified winegrowing operation to over 200 acres of premium vineyards in the Carneros and Stags Leap districts of Napa and Sonoma Valleys.

It all began when a six-month assignment assisting his father turned into a twenty-year obsession. "My father called for help. His avocation in wine growing had developed into a fledgling business and he needed assistance. I think a week had passed before I discovered that his avocation had become my obsession." The goal is to make "pure wines of character that pair well with cuisine." Rob believes that wine should not be a "quick study," but rather, sneak up on you, seduce you, and evolve in the glass and in the bottle. Given Rob's focus on wines that pair wonderfully with food, you are sure to enjoy your Farm to Table Tour through the Organic and Biodynamic garden, the wine caves, cellar and crush pad. This experience ends with a seated wine and food pairing featuring Robert Sinskey Vineyards wines and treats from the vineyard kitchen and local artisan purveyors. Expires March 2013. Must be scheduled by appointment or email to reserve. This is a chance for a fascinating experience with a great winery plus you get great wines, too.

Donor: Robert Sinskey Vineyards

Silent Lot 243

Twelve Bottles [750ml] of Martinelli Pinot Noir. Four Each: 2008 Lolita Ranch Red River Valley, 2009 Lolita Ranch Red River Valley and 2007 Bondi Home Ranch Water Trough Vineyard

All three of these wines were rated with 92 points. The 2008 Lolita Ranch by Robert Parker and the 2009 Lolita Ranch and 2007 Bondi Home Ranch by Stephen Tanzer. Parker: "The 2008 Pinot Noir Lolita Ranch's medium garnet/ruby hue is followed by a big, sweet kiss of wild strawberries, forest floor and earth. This medium to full-bodied, sexy, seductive Pinot possesses adequate acids, sweet tannins and loads of fruit." Tanzer: 2009 Lolita Ranch – "Bright ruby-red. Spicy red berries and cherry on the nose, with suave floral and Asian spice qualities adding complexity. Raspberry and cherry flavors are framed by dusty tannins and given a tangy edge by bitter berry skin and blood orange. Quite deep but surprisingly brisk and refreshing, with excellent closing thrust and cling;" Bondi Home Ranch – "Vivid red. Vibrant red and dark berry scents are complicated by white pepper, dried rose and smoky minerals. Impressively fresh strawberry and black raspberry flavors stain the palate, picking up a bitter licorice quality on the back end. Puts on weight with air and finishes with a jolt of smoky Indian spices." Three gorgeous Pinots from Martinelli – clearly a case for your cellar and future enjoyment.

Donor: Bistro by the Tracks

Silent Lot 244**Six Bottles [750ml] of Penfolds 1998 Bin 707 Barossa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon**

Penfolds was founded by a young English doctor who migrated to one of his country's most distant colonies over a century and a half ago. Dr. Christopher Rawson Penfold was born in 1811. He studied medicine at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, graduating in 1838. In 1844 Dr Penfold and his wife Mary purchased the Mackgill estate, "comprising 500 acres of the choicest land." By all accounts it was Mary Penfold who was responsible for the management and early winemaking responsibilities of the fledgling wine estate. Initially the wines - made from grenache - were prescribed as tonic wines for anemic patients and the famous Penfolds slogan '1844 to evermore' harks back to its origins as a prescribed tonic. Stephen Tanzer rated the 1998 Bin 707 Cabernet 92 points: "Saturated bright, deep ruby. Captivating aromas of blackcurrant, lead pencil, tar, vanilla, mint and bourbon. Supple, juicy and intensely flavored, with bright, ripe acids framing the fruit and giving the wine lovely inner-mouth perfume. Lively and consistent from start to finish. Finishes very long, with ripe tannins and a note of bitter chocolate. A particularly strong vintage for this wine." Anemic or not, we bet the Bin 707 will be a great tonic for you. We were always partial to Grenache-flavored medicines.

Donor: Stuart and Karen Kendrick

Silent Lot 245**One Bottle [750ml] of 1988 Château Mouton-Rothschild Premier Cru Pauillac plus a Gift Certificate to The Grille at Highlands Row**

Château Mouton-Rothschild is the most recent addition to Bordeaux's famous First Grown Classification (aka Premier Crus). Mouton joined this elite group in 1973; the other four Premier Crus were in the original classification constructed in 1855. *Wine Spectator* originally rated this wine with 100 points in April 1991. "A magnificent wine that's ripe, powerful, seductive and amazingly deep. Massively concentrated and bursting with currant, plum, berry, cedar, chocolate and all sorts of exotic spice flavors, yet it keeps its balance, never going to excess. Lingers on the finish for minutes. A classic." In addition to this great wine, you will also receive a \$100 gift certificate to The Grille at Highlands Row - the locally-owned and operated steak and seafood restaurant featuring sophisticated Southern cuisine.

Donor: The Grill at Highland Row

Silent Lot 246**Ken Wright Cellars Winemaking Experience and Wine Dinner for Two at Chez Liberty**

The history description of Ken Wright Cellars is set forth in the live auction lots. Chez Liberty has arranged to double the pleasure of one lucky couple with your interaction with Ken Wright Cellars. First, Ken and Karen Wright will join you on April 25, 2012 at 6:30 PM for a wonderful wine dinner at Chez Liberty featuring their beautiful Oregon Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Pinot Blanc wines. Located in rural Carlton, Oregon, Ken Wright Cellars is devoted to showcasing the inherent quality of selected vineyard sites. With a clarity and breadth that is unequaled by other varieties, Ken Wright believes Pinot Noir best expresses the character of these sites. Rather than stamping wine with a varietal trademark, Pinot Noir is the ultimate vehicle for conveying the aroma, flavor and texture of the location in which it is grown. Ken Wright also has a place in their hearts for the limited production of two white wines, Chardonnay from Celilo Vineyard near White Salmon, Washington, and Pinot Blanc from Freedom Hill Vineyard and Meredith Mitchell Vineyard. After meeting with the Wrights at Chez Liberty and experiencing their wonderful wines, you will then participate in a winemaking experience at Chez Liberty in the fall. The date of the winemaking experience will be dependent upon the actual dates of harvest. Please call with name for reservation. Dinner is April 25, 2012, winemaking will be scheduled in the fall as timing gets closer and can be more accurately predicted.

Donor: Chez Liberty

Silent Lot 247

A Horizontal of 2005 Black by Black. One Each: Bottle [750ml], Magnum [1.5L], and Double Magnum [3L]

Tom Black is a graduate of the Clive Coates Burgundy School, as well as the Jim Clendenen University of Pinot Noir (ha!). If you know Jim, you know that would be a degree worth having, if it were available. Tom makes two wines with Jim Clendenen of Au Bon Climat. One is a Bordeaux blend called Black by Black, and the second is White by Black, made from Sémillon. These wines are not sold to the public, and are only available through charity wine auctions. Jim selected only the finest grapes from their 300 acre ranch in Santa Barbara County to create a special meritage wine, a combination of 40% California Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot and 20% Petit Verdot. With a cellar at one time consisting of over 30,000 bottles, Tom has formed one of the largest and most well-rounded collections of the great wines of the world in the United States. The cellar has strong verticals of Beringer, Heitz Cellars, Stag's Leap, Grace Family, Opus One, and Caymus, with many other wineries represented. So what does all of this mean? Here we have an interesting bottle size collection of a rare wine [75 cases produced]. The label is an original work of art. The artist is one of seven master Sumé artists in the US. The painting is a representation of the friendship between Tom Black and Jim Clendenen. These bottles are virtual one-of-a-kind items worthy of any collection. You know you need them for yours because you will likely never have another chance to find them again.

Donor: Tom Black

Silent Lot 248

Three Bottles [750ml] of Fonseca 1970 Vintage Port

The Fonseca story is outlined elsewhere in this program. Robert Parker has stated: "Fonseca is one of the great port lodges, producing the most exotic and most complex port. If Fonseca lacks the sheer weight and power of a Taylor, Dow or Warre, or the opulent sweetness and intensity of a Graham, it excels in its magnificently complex, intense bouquet of plummy, cedary, spicy fruit and long, broad, expansive flavors. With its lush, seductive character, one might call it the Pomerol of Vintage ports. When it is young, it often loses out in blind tastings to the heavier, weightier, more tannic wines, but I always find myself upgrading my opinion of Fonseca after it has had 7-10 years of age." The 1970 vintage is the highest Parker-rated vintage of Fonseca – 99 points. "Lastly, we had a real elixir, the 1970 Fonseca Vintage Port. It is pure essence of Fonseca, filled with spicy notes of incense, licorice, and caramelized red and black fruits, with an intoxicating, extraordinarily ostentatious, but perfectly balanced, pure style. This is as good as vintage port can be, and it has another two decades of life remaining." That was in July of 2009! This is just about as good as it gets! We want you to close your eyes, lean back and experience this vision: a good Cuban and a glass of the Fonseca 1970. Now that will cure just about everything that ails a person.

Donor: Vicki and Tim Keller

Silent Lot 249

Enjoy a Day of Guided Nature Photography and Instruction with Local Photographer, Writer and Author Nye Simmons

The winning bidder and optional guest will choose a mutually agreeable date for a dawn to dark photo expedition in the neighboring Smokies, Blue Ridge Parkway, Roan Mountain – or other regional destination of the winner's choice. The date will be flexible to take advantage of the best that the area and chosen season have to offer. Since weather can make the difference between humdrum and dynamic images we will not venture out in "no go" conditions but reschedule. The package also includes an evening in the digital darkroom learning some Photoshop techniques with the goal of printing a selected image from the day's session. Fatigue and logistics dictate this will be on a separate evening – the winner will be Nye's guest for dinner at his house – and yes – there will be wine – but you knew that didn't you? – makes dinner more enjoyable and Photoshop, too.

Nye is the sole author of "Tennessee Wonder and Light" and "Best of the Blue Ridge Parkway," co-author of "The Smoky Mountain Photographer's Guide" and "Great Smoky Mountains Wonder and Light," and contributing photographer and author for the "Ultimate Guide to Digital Nature Photography." Nye's work has also been feature in regional and national calendars and magazines including Blue Ridge Country, Outdoor Life, National Geographic Traveler and National Geographic Adventure.

Donor: Nye Simmons

Silent Lot 250

Two Magnums [1.5L] of Cabernet Sauvignon from Vineyard 7 & 8. One Each: 2008 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon and 2009 “7” Cabernet Sauvignon PLUS a Farm to Table Lunch for Six at the Winery

We are sure that everyone remembers L'Amour du Vin's great Vintner Sponsors from last year. We know that the wines that Wesley Steffens and Luc Morlet make at Vineyard 7 & 8 are truly special. This year we received two magnums of wonderful Cabernet. *Wine Spectator's* James Laube awarded the 2008 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 91 points and Stephen Tanzer awarded 92 points [the 2009 has not yet been rated]. We could talk about the tasting notes, but really – don't you remember the power in the Cabernets that are built last but approachable young? Don't you remember the finesse that is instilled in each wine that gives it that supple intriguing mouthfeel and taste? Don't you want to buy these two magnums before someone else steals them away from you? Have you been to the winery at 7 & 8? If not, you should know that it is spectacular. Further, you already know that Wes and Jessica like to party. Just imagine the good times looking out over Napa Valley from the 7 & 8 property while having lunch and knocking back that wonderful wine. Relive the glories of last year with these great wines and this super lunch in Napa.

Donor: Vineyard 7 & 8

Silent Lot 251

Hanzell Vineyard Private Tour, Tasting and Picnic for Four Persons PLUS Two Bottles [750ml] 2009 Hanzell Wine. One Each: Pinot Noir and Chardonnay

A very private and exclusive event will be created for four guests. The afternoon will start with a tour of the private estate grounds, the heritage winery, the new winery and barrel aging cave. The heritage winery, founded in 1957 by Ambassador J.D. Zellerbach was modeled on the winery of Clos de Vougeot. Hanzell's Winemaker will join you for a wine country picnic luncheon paired with Hanzell Vineyards Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, in the Heritage Winery Proprietor's office. This will be a memorable afternoon. To be scheduled at a mutually agreeable time. Valid weekdays, excluding holidays, until March 3, 2013. Individuals must be 21 years of age. Winemaker's Chardonnay notes: "Subtle floral aromas of honeysuckle and jasmine lift the pear and lemon scents in the nose. The flavors are still quite tightly wound; Hanzell minerality and lemon zest acidity balanced with ripe pear, honeydew and clove." The Pinot Noir: "Lovely red fruit aromas of pomegranate and cherry are enhanced by scents of rose petal, cardamom and clove. The wine unfolds to reveal orange peel, pipe tobacco and a distinct earthiness reminiscent of a woody forest floor. Flavors of blackberry, pomegranate, tangerine and clean mineral are concentrated, yet lively and buoyant across the palate." We had the honor of participating in this luncheon and tasting their wines. You get our total endorsement of the experience and the wines – it is unbelievable!

Donor: Hanzell Vineyards

Silent Lot 252

One Double Magnum [3L] D. R. Stephens 2006 Moose Valley Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon and a Tasting at D. R. Stephens Estate for up to Six Guests

Robert Parker described the 2006 Moose Valley Cabernets as "outstanding" and labeled it as the best wine made by D. R. Stephens to date in December 2008. He rated it 90 points. James Laube, *Wine Spectator*, adds: "Firm, rich, intense and concentrated, framed by dry, herbal tannins, but also offering a core of dense dried currant, sage, loamy earth, underbrush and tobacco." D. R. Stephens makes excellent Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay. You and five guests [six persons total] will enjoy a tasting at their winery in St. Helena. Tasting through horizontals and/or verticals of D. R. Stephens juice is a great way to spend an afternoon. You will love it.

Donor: D.R. Stephens Estate

Silent Lot 253

Tour of Alan and Patricia Rutenberg's Personal Art Collection Followed by a Traditional Tuscan Dinner Paired with Wine for Eight

Tour a small but select art collection assembled in Chicago when Alan Rutenberg was a member of the advisory committee of the Department of Prints and Drawings at the Art Institute of Chicago. The collection includes old master and impressionist prints and drawings by Italian, French, and British artists, as well as contemporary art from Chicago. The artists represented include Giovanni Domenico Tiepolo, Henri Fantin-Latour, and James Barry. Perhaps the highlights of the collection are a late drawing by Jacques-Louis David and a contemporary painting by Julia Fish, whose work was included in the Whitney Biennial in 2010. Expires December 31, 2012. Black-out dates: negotiable. Come and visit this stunning personal art collection.

Donor: Alan and Patricia Rutenberg, Wines provided by a Friend of the KMA

Silent Lot 254

“Upstairs, Downstairs with Todd Richesin”

A Wine And Cheese Reception For 20 That Literally Reeks With Charm

Invite up to 20 of your most “designing” friends for a wine and cheese party and a private viewing of Richesin’s treasure trove of interior delights at his new shop and design studio located on the edge of Sequoyah Hills.

The nationally-recognized designer will play host to your exclusive, two-hour event and be on hand to answer questions, advise or discuss any interior issues with you and your guests.

During the course of the evening, should anyone wish to purchase some of his “treasures,” Todd has graciously agreed to give 10% of the proceeds to Knoxville Museum of Art’s Educational Programs. Love it!

Donor: Upstairs – Todd Richesin Interiors

Silent Lot 255

Kamado Joe Ceramic Charcoal Grill with Stand and Side Shelves

The term "brand" is used a lot today when someone describes a business, yet very few people understand what it means. In simple terms, Kamado Joe (the company) makes grills and accessories (the product), but both are distinctly different than the Kamado Joe Brand. The brand is everything they do and say. That is why their relationship with you is just as important as the products they make. For them, the brand is one of the most valuable assets. This item is a Kamado Joe Ceramic Charcoal Grill with stand and side shelves. Unused item may be exchanged to any other appliance sold at Friedman’s for a comparable trade-in value.

Donor: Friedman's Appliances

Silent Lot 256

Two Bottles [750ml] of Rocca Family Vineyards 2007 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon and a Big Green Egg Grill

When Mary Rocca and Eric Grigsby moved to the Napa Valley in 1989, they knew they wanted to purchase vineyard land. The hunt for just the right spot to grow grapes took three years. In 1999, they purchased what is now known as the Grigsby Vineyard, in the heart of the Yountville appellation, and Rocca Family Vineyards was born. The 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley was rated 90 points by Parker: “An attractive deep ruby/purple-colored wine with cedar and an evolved hint of bay leaf, forest floor, and earth, the 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Grigsby Vineyard is a medium-bodied, deliciously ripe, round Cabernet Sauvignon.” What would go better with that than grilled or roasted meats? Well, your prayers have been answered. Included with this lot is a Big Green Egg – The Ultimate Cooking Experience. Widely acclaimed as the original American-designed ceramic cooker, the Big Green Egg was derived from an ancient clay cooking device known as a “kamado”. Originally a clay vessel with a lid, today’s EGG® is a modern ceramic marvel known for producing amazing culinary results for novice and experts alike for over thirty years! It can be used as a grill, an oven or a smoker – and as many new ingenious ways as your imagination can invent. So, there you have it, an instant backyard grilling party and all you need is the meat!

Donor: Mike Milner, Knoxville Beverage Company

Silent Lot 257

One Magnum [1.5L] of 2007 Darioush Signature Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, and a "By Invitation Only" Wine Tasting Experience For Six People

First of all, the 2007 Signature Cabernet Sauvignon is a stunner. Parker rated it with 93 points: “The beautiful 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon is more complex with a more opulent texture, full-bodied richness and plenty of sweet black currant fruit intermixed with cedar, spice box and Asian spice. Drink this opulent 2007 now and over the next 15+ years.” If you have never been to Darioush Winery, you are in for a very unique and interesting experience. Everyone who ever goes there spends a lot of time talking about the winery – and THEN they start on the wines – a conversation that goes on for hours. All of the wines Darioush makes are big, lush wines full of fruit, well balanced, and virtually always spectacular. The “By Invitation Only” tasting will be something you will not soon forget. Darioush does not usually contribute to wine auctions, so this is a real coup. If you like the best that Napa has to offer, this lot is for you!

Donor: Darioush Winery

Silent Lot 258

Dine Around Town at Locally Owned Independent Eateries

With over 250,000 restaurants, hospitals, schools, hotels and other customers, US Foods is proud to be one of America's leading foodservice distributors. US Foods, KEEPING KITCHENS COOKING.® This lot consists of twelve [12] \$100 gift certificates for fun dining at the following: Aubrey's, Bistro by the Tracks, Brazeiros, Café 4, Copper Cellar, Litton's, Naples, Northshore Brasserie, Parkside Grill, Seasons, The Orangery, and Original Louis. The concept here is to have a certificate for a dinner a month, or all in a single month, or however you wish. These are all good restaurants; several of the owners are either current or previous lot donors. We won't bother to review them; we hope you know them already. Now that your diet after the holidays is concluded and your New Year's resolutions are blown to heck, we offer you this as a means of consoling yourself with great food.

Donor: US Foods

Silent Lot 259

Chef Hambright Serves Dinner for Eight in Your Home Paired with Wine

You provide the appetites and Holly will provide the vittles!! Wine will be provided. Multi-course, seasonal dinner for eight in your home. Mutually convenient date. Expires March 3, 2013.

Donor: Holly Hambright, Holly's Eventful Dining, Copain Wines, Twomey Cellars and Chehalem Wines

Silent Lot 260

Wine Dinner with Wine for Eight Guests in Your Own Home with Chef David Pinckney

A dinner fine enough to grace any restaurant or club paired with the perfect wine selections served in your own home. All you provide is the guest list and your home will become the most intimate fine dining experience in Knoxville. A mutually agreeable date, before August 31, 2012, may be determined between Chef Pinckney and the winning bidder.

Donor: David Pinckney, Copain Wines, Hall Winery, Twomey Cellars and Bob's Liquor and Wines

Silent Lot 261

Custom Wine Rack Designed and Executed by Preston Farabow

Born in 1965 in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Preston Farabow has called Tennessee home for nearly 20 years. Preston began preparing for a career in art at the School of Design at North Carolina State University before earning his bachelor of arts in 1992 from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. He is a professional artist who also owns and operates Aespyre Metal Design at Ironwood Studios, a gallery and working studio in Knoxville, Tennessee. Preston enjoys making art that can be appreciated by people from all walks of life. "I do not believe that art serves as an exclusive language for the elite; rather the art that I know and endeavor to produce serves as a universal language that encourages further dialogue. It is my intention as an artist to simply encourage creative thought- an idea that is not exclusive to the artist, but something we are all born with."

Donor: Preston Farabow

Silent Lot 262

Two-night stay at Demetria Estate's Guest Cottage, Wine Tastings and a Tapas Lunch with the Owners, and a Private Production Tour for Four, PLUS Six Bottles [750ml] of Demetria Estate Wine. Two Each: 2008 Cuvée Matia, 2008 "North Slope" Syrah and 2008 Cuvee Constantine

Four guests will enjoy the peacefulness of the stunning estate and a two-night's stay at Demetria Estate. This beautiful, shabby-chic decorated, 3 bedroom/2 bathroom cottage sits atop a hill surrounded by vineyards. Take a two-mile hike through the vineyards on our walking trail, play tennis on the private tennis court or just sit back and watch the epic sunsets from the front porch of the cottage. These lucky guests will also enjoy wine tasting and tapas with owners John and Sandra Zahoudanis on the gorgeous courtyard overlooking the rolling hills of vines. This exclusive package will also include a private Production and Winery Tour, showing you the behind the scenes at a boutique winery including the "crush pad", barrel room, laboratory and bottling line. Parker rated these wines 95, 94, and 93 points. He summarized his tastings of Demetria: "This range from Demetria was among the most thrilling I tasted for many reasons, not the least of which is the superb value many of these wines offer. The wines are stunning. . . .and Demetria has to be considered one of the most exciting 'new' wineries in California's Central Coast." Expiration: March 1, 2013. We have drunk Demetria wines for several years, they are always well-balanced with finesse. A great Central Coast package complete with excellent wine.

Donor: Demetria Estate

Silent Lot 263

Step Back in Time with a Wine Tasting Dinner for Fourteen

Enjoy a wonderful evening on the river. Stroll through the garden at the home of Sherri Lee as you make your way to her Orangerie. Appetizers and four courses will be prepared and served by Bistro by the Tracks. These will be paired with wines from Silver Oak, Twomey, and Chehalem. This dinner is for 14 people. It must be held from May through October, 2012. This will be an evening you will not soon forget.

Donor: Ms. Sherri Lee, Bistro by the Tracks, Silver Oak Cellars, Twomey Cellars and Chehalem Winery

SIGN UP - A Five-Session Survey of Spanish, Portuguese, Argentine and Chilean Wines for 10 couples at Bistro by the Tracks. To be on Consecutive Sunday Afternoons at 5:00 pm Starting April 15, 2012. \$250 Per Person.

This will be a five-session event to talk about and experience Spanish and Spanish-influenced wines conducted by Glenn Irwin. All sessions will be held at the Bistro by the Tracks. They will occur at on the following Sundays: April 15, April 22, April 29, May 6 and May 13 – all at 5:00 pm. The five sessions will cover: Spain (two sessions), Portugal, Argentina, and Chile. Sessions will last approximately two hours. In each session we will explore the classifications for the wines of the regions of focus for the session, sample quite a few wines from the regions, and pair it all up with the great cuisine of Chester Miller and the kitchen at Bistro by the Tracks that will display the food of the regions. Most of the wines we sample will be obtained from distributors in Knoxville so that you will be tasting wines available at retail in the Knoxville area. Last year's Survey of French Wine was a lot of fun. You don't want to miss out this year.

Donor: Bistro by the Tracks, Glenn and Dottie Irwin

SIGN UP - Discover and Enjoy the World's Greatest Wines For Under \$25 a Bottle. For Up to Thirty (30) Guests; Will Be Held on Sunday, May 20, 2012, 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Served with Heavy Hors d'oeuvres at the Home of Jay and Marga McBride. \$50 Per Person.

Taste incredible finds from Washington, Italy, Spain, Oregon, California and France! Here's a great opportunity for first hand insight into the world of mega-value wines. Enjoy an evening at the home of Jay and Marga McBride, overlooking Fort Loudoun Lake, off Toole's Bend Road. The evening will begin with a sparkling wine and a tour of the McBride's home to view their amazing art collection, many from local area artists, including Marga Hayes McBride's works of ceramic and canvas paintings, and Jay's woodturning pieces. Their collection also includes many works from their travels around the country and abroad.

Wines and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be appropriately matched throughout the evening, and enjoyed in both their indoor and outdoor venues. Wines selected by Roger Killen, Bob's Liquor and Wine.

Donor: Jay and Marga McBride, Roger Killen, Bob's Liquor and Wine

SIGN UP – Sunset Cruise on the Tennessee River for Up to Forty Guests –

To be held on Sunday, October 7, 2012, 3:30 – 7:00 pm, (Rain date – Sunday, October 14, 2012). \$125 Per Person.

An outstanding time is sure to be had by all aboard the M/V Sensation, a 112' Westport. We'll be serving sparkling, red and white wines from a few of our favorite California and Oregon vineyards. Light hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

Note: A buyer may purchase the entire event for \$6,000. In this case, a date and time can be arranged by mutual agreement between the vessel's owners and the successful bidder. The cruise could be scheduled between June and November, excluding home ball game and holiday weekends.

Donor: Dr. William Smith and Nyda Brook