

# Champagne Level Silent Auction

## LOT 801

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### Steltzner Vineyards 6 L Cabernet

*Donated by Beth Morrison*

(1) 6.0 L 2005 Steltzner Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

This massive, elegant bottle from our Chairs in honor of the Steltzner Honorary Vintners. Steltzner's Stags Leap District Cabernet Sauvignon is a wine that deftly showcases the rocky, volcanic soils and cool evening breezes from San Pablo Bay that give the region its distinct character. Their 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon is ink-dark in the glass with ruby-tinged edges. On the nose it's effusive: aromas of black currant, blackberry, caramel and smoke are highlighted by subtler notes of baking spice, cedar and minerals. In the mouth, the wine is fresh, with ripe fruit and well-integrated tannins that provide excellent structure. Flavors tend toward the cherry and blackberry end of the spectrum, kissed with a hint of smokiness carried over from the nose. Aged for 24 months in French oak, this wine is drinking beautifully now, but will gain complexity with some time in the cellar. (CT-90)

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### Rare 1st & 2nd wines of Marilyn Velvet

*Donated by Richard and Karen Brown*

(1) 1.5 L 2002 Marilyn Red Wine, Napa Valley

(1) 1.5 L 2003 Marilyn Red Wine, Napa Valley

**The Photos:** They were taken on May 27, 1949 during a two hour photo session where neither professional photographer Tom Kelley nor the nude 22-year-old blonde posing sensuously before his lens could have realized what was about to happen. The beautiful photographs from this historic session became known as the "Red Velvet" Series. The wines themselves are proprietary blends of some of the finest red wine varietals - predominately Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot - grown in Napa Valley. Each label of Velvet Collection wine is covered with a protective vinyl overlay that, when removed, reveals the complete, original portrait. The Velvet Collection wines are as sumptuous, inviting, and rare as the images of Marilyn Monroe that grace their labels, and are sure to find favor with connoisseurs and collectors alike.

**2002 Marilyn Velvet Collection:** Pose #2, Bottle # V372 in original window box; removable overlay reveals "the real Marilyn". First vintage release of The Velvet Collection.

**2003 Marilyn Velvet Collection:** Second Vintage Bottle # R039, in original window box; removable overlay reveals the "Real Marilyn".

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### Stately Gruaud Larose

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(6) 750 ml 1995 Chateau Gruaud Larose, St. Julien-Bordeaux

The 1995 Gruaud-Larose exhibits a dark ruby color, and a nose of sweet black cherries, licorice, earth, and spice. Rich, with medium to full body, high tannin, and subtle oak in the background. (WA-89)

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### Powerful Brunello

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(6) 750 ml 2000 Casanova Di Neri Brunello Cerratalto, Brunello di Montalcino

Neri's 2000 Brunello di Montalcino Cerretalto is another powerful, muscular effort. Its aromatics are somewhat suppressed by the hot vintage, although it offers plenty of fruit and notable expansiveness on the palate. Anticipated maturity: 2007-2017. (WA-91,WS-93)

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### Pahlmeyer Passion

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(6) 750 ml 2003 Pahlmeyer Red, Napa Valley

Amazing! Amazing! Could use some decanting. A "blow your socks off" wine with huge dense fruit. I get cassis, plums, etc. Very smooth tannins that softened further with time in the glass. (CT-95)

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### Dominant Dominus

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(6) 750 ml 1999 Dominus Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

A wine of great intensity, depth and complexity. Beautifully crafted, ripe, rich and creamy, showing off pretty vanilla and mocha-scented oak before a deep core of currant, blackberry, black cherry and mineral flavors fold in. Firm tannins add structure on the finish. Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot. (WS-95)

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### Elegant Egelhoff Cabernet

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(8) 750 ml 2004 Egelhoff Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

One of our 2008 Honorary Vintners has become a hit with our A Night for Sight Friends.

**2004 Egelhoff Cabernet Sauvignon:** Had this last night after a 2002 Ladera Lone Canyon Cabernet and before a 2001 Robert Craig Affinity. The Egelhoff was just outstanding and the clear favorite, though the other two bottles were also very nice. Deep dark fruit, lovely chocolate with leather tones and a touch of mint on the finish. Felt like silk in the mouth. Wonderful. (CT-95)

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### A '98-'99 Duckhorn Retrospective

*Donated by John and Nancy Vesper*

- (1) 750 ml 1998 Duckhorn Vineyards Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 1998 Duckhorn Vineyards Monitor Ledge Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 1998 Duckhorn Vineyards Three Palms Merlot, Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 1999 Duckhorn Vineyards Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 1999 Duckhorn Vineyards Monitor Ledge Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 1999 Duckhorn Vineyards Three Palms Merlot, Napa Valley

Enjoy these lovely wines from our 2004 Honorary Vintner side-by-side at a gathering this summer!

**1998 Duckhorn Three Palms Merlot:** Lots of complex flavors, with a range of herb, currant, olive, cedar, leather and spice, gaining depth and nuance on the long, intricate finish. (WS-88)

**1999 Duckhorn Three Palms Merlot:** Smooth and harmonious, with layers of supple, well-integrated currant, herb, tobacco and light mocha-scented oak. An elegant, well-crafted wine that wows you with finesse and grace. (WS-92)

**1998 Duckhorn Monitor Ledge Cabernet Sauvignon:** Rich and complex, with focused herb, currant, plum, coffee and leathery flavors, right down to the trace of bitterness. Firms up on a dry, tannic finish, revealing depth and concentration. Drink now through 2012. (WS-90)

**1999 Duckhorn Monitor Ledge Cabernet Sauvignon:** Intense, concentrated and beautifully crafted, with ripe, focused mocha, plum, chocolate, spicy berry, coffee and raspberry notes. Finishes with a sharp focus and a long, rich, integrated aftertaste. Best now through 2012. (WS-93)

**1998 Duckhorn Estate Cabernet Sauvignon:** Ripe blueberry and plum flavors; tender and fleshy, yet this shows its age on the finish, where gunmetal and flint are evident.--1998 California Cabernet retrospective. (WS-90)

**1999 Duckhorn Estate Cabernet Sauvignon:** Wonderful balance and sense of harmony and focus, with ripe, rich currant, spice and blackberry fruit, picking up shades of herb and coffee grounds. Finishes with firm yet supple, ripe tannins and excellent length. (WS-93)

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### **A Turley Petite Syrah Review**

*Donated by Robert and Meribah Bodack*

- (1) 750 ml 2005 Turley Petite Syrah Hayne, Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 2005 Turley Petite Syrah Library, Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 2006 Turley Petite Syrah Hayne, Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 2006 Turley Petite Syrah Library, Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 2006 Turley Petite Syrah Rattlesnake Ridge, Howell Mtn - Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 2007 Turley Petite Syrah Rattlesnake Ridge, Howell Mtn - Napa Valley

As always, a mind-boggling array of Zinfandels and Petite Syrahs has been produced by the world's premier Zinfandel specialist, Larry Turley. He deserves remarkable credit for his "holy grail" quest to locate largely forgotten parcels of old Zinfandel vines, and preserve as many of these historic sites as possible. Like most Zinfandels, Turley's are best drunk during their first 5-6 years of life, although in certain vintages, some wines can handle a decade worth of cellaring. However, the glory of Zinfandel is its youthful, exuberant, flamboyant, spicy, peppery, briery fruit. It will not achieve greater complexity or flavor dimension by extended cellaring. All of these Zinfandels come from dry-farmed vineyards, a majority of them being old head-pruned sites planted by Italian immigrants in the late 19th century. The wines are aged in 20% new French oak, and are bottled with little clarification. Total production for Turley Wine Cellars is slightly more than 15,000 cases.

No one makes more concentrated or ageworthy wines than Larry Turley's Petite Syrahs. This is California's most underrated, long-lived varietal, and having had experience with 20-30 year old Petite Syrahs, they actually do improve in the bottle, becoming remarkably civilized with outstanding aging potential. They can match Cabernet Sauvignon for the longest lived varietal in California. (WA)

2005 Turley Petite Syrah Hayne (WA-94) 2006 Turley Petite Syrah Hayne (WA-96) 2005 Turley Petite Syrah Library (WA-93) 2006 Turley Petite Syrah Library (WA-94) 2006 Turley Petite Syrah Rattlesnake Ridge (WA-92) 2007 Turley Petite Syrah Rattlesnake Ridge (WA-91)

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### **Turley Zin's ... An American Classic**

*Donated by Robert and Meribah Bodack*

- (1) 750 ml 2000 Turley Junvenile Zinfandel, California
- (1) 750 ml 2000 Turley Old Vines Zinfandel, California
- (1) 750 ml 2003 Turley Zinfandel Rattlesnake Ridge, Howell Mtn - Napa
- (1) 750 ml 2006 Turley Junvenile Zinfandel, California
- (1) 750 ml 2006 Turley Old Vines Zinfandel, California
- (1) 750 ml 2006 Turley Zinfandel Rattlesnake Ridge, Howell Mtn - Napa
- (1) 750 ml 2007 Turley Junvenile Zinfandel, California
- (1) 750 ml 2007 Turley Old Vines Zinfandel, California
- (1) 750 ml 2007 Turley Zinfandel Rattlesnake Ridge, Howell Mtn - Napa

**2000 Zinfandel Juvenile:** A composite blend of fruit from young vines from all the top Zinfandel vineyards Turley farms (i.e., Moore/Earthquake, Hayne, Duarte, and Presenti). Offers abundant quantities of cassis and blackberry fruit, a big, peppery, spicy nose, medium to full body, and loads of berry fruit offered in an extravagantly rich, grapy style. (WA-90)

**2006 Juvenile:** Made from the young-vine cuvees at Turley, this is a sensual, up-front, medium-bodied Zinfandel with dark ruby color, plenty of berry fruit, but some underbrush, pepper, and spice. (WA)

**2007 Zinfandel Juvenile:** Offers good berry fruit, pepper, and spice as well as medium body, and no hard edges. (WA-89)

**2000 Zinfandel Old Vines:** (1,100 cases) reveals a macerated, sweet jammy cherry-scented bouquet, loads of glycerin, and soft, low acid, plum/prune flavors displaying hints of balsam wood and pepper. It is a luscious Zin to enjoy now. (WA-91)

**2006 Zinfandel Old Vines:** Has a deeper ruby color, with hints of roasted herbs, pepper, nori (seaweed wrapper) intermixed with black cherry, raspberry, plum, and some spice. It is a fleshy wine with loads of fruit, medium to full body, and a supple texture. (WA-90)

**2007 Zinfandel Old Vines:** It is a softer, slightly fuller offering than the Juvenile, with blacker fruits, and notes of damp earth, plums, and pepper. Ripe and fleshy, enjoy now. (WA)

**2003 Zinfandel Rattlesnake Ridge:** (a 350-case cuvee with 15% alcohol) comes from a vineyard adjacent to the Howell Mountain Black Sears Vineyard that the Turleys made so famous. Dense and full-bodied with loads of fruit and a cool climate character. (WA-94)

**2006 Zinfandel Rattlesnake Ridge:** At 15.9% alcohol, one wouldn't expect a Zinfandel with a Pinot Noir character to it, but the 2006 Zinfandel Rattlesnake Ridge from the cool upper elevations of Howell Mountain displays a lighter style, medium body, a fragrant, up-front, almost Pinot Noir-like delicacy, but some real strength in the background. Drink it now - 2012. (WA-91)

**2007 Zinfandel Rattlesnake Ridge:** Reveals a more floral character intermixed with black fruits, crushed rocks, blueberries, and graphite. It is another impressive, elegant yet full-bodied, powerful Zinfandel to enjoy over the next 5-7 years. (WA-92)

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### **Noble Red Burgundy**

*Donated by Robert and Meribah Bodack*

- (1) 750 ml 1990 Louis Latour Corton Grancey, Burgundy
- (1) 750 ml 1993 Louis Latour Corton Grancey, Burgundy
- (1) 750 ml 1995 Louis Latour Corton Grancey, Burgundy
- (1) 750 ml 1996 Louis Latour Corton Grancey, Burgundy
- (1) 750 ml 1997 Louis Latour Corton Grancey, Burgundy
- (1) 750 ml 1999 Louis Latour Corton Grancey, Burgundy

In Burgundy, Grand Cru is the top of the vineous food chain. Corton-Grancey is indeed Grand Cru -- and is only produced in years when the Pinot Noir grapes reach perfect maturity. The vines have an average age of over 40 years. All are drinking well now -- want some highlights? The 1990 leads this parade: the intensity is there, with mint and milk chocolate notes, a very creamy, supple mouth-feel and smooth, round finish (WS). Unlike some other wine regions, 1993 was a success in Burgundy: Sleek and racy berry, plum and vanilla character. Very fresh on the palate with fine tannins (WS). 1996 was an even superior vintage: showing a purity of pretty berry flavor that's sweet-tasting on the midpalate. Well made in a subtle style. Should gain depth with age (WS).

## LOT 812

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### **Larkmead**

*Donated by Robert and Meribah Bodack*

- (1) 750 ml 1994 Larkmead Cabernet Sauvignon Solari Reserve, Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 1995 Larkmead Cabernet Sauvignon Solari Reserve, Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 1996 Larkmead Cabernet Sauvignon Solari Reserve, Napa Valley
- (1) 1.5 L 1996 Larkmead Cabernet Sauvignon Solari Reserve, Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 1999 Larkmead Cabernet Sauvignon Solari Reserve, Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 2000 Larkmead Cabernet Sauvignon Solari Reserve, Napa Valley

**Larkmead Reserve:** Larkmead has been an integral part of Napa Valley's history since the late 19th Century. Larkmead was one of the four great Napa Valley wineries before prohibition and an early founder of the Napa Valley Vintners Association. Larkmead is proud to be embarking on its third century of crafting 100% Estate grown, 100% Napa Valley wines. This wonderfully diverse vineyard is located on Larkmead Lane in the Northern part of Napa Valley. Our vision is in the tradition of our forbearers: to create consistently excellent wines from our Estate - wines that are a true expression of place. -Larkmead All wines 90+ points

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### A Burgundy Collection for a Burgundy Expert

*Donated by Joseph and Janine Meadows*

- (2) 750 ml 1993 Christian Clerget Chambolle Musigny, Burgundy
- (1) 750 ml 1993 Domaine Guy Girardin Vosne Romanee les Petits Monts, Burgundy
- (2) 750 ml 1994 Pascal Corton Grand Cru, Burgundy
- (1) 750 ml 1995 Domaine La Maladiere Muzard Santenay 1er Cru, Burgundy
- (2) 750 ml 1996 Jehan Emonin de Vergy Gevery-Chambertin, Burgundy
- (2) 750 ml 2000 Domaine Château de Chorey Beaune Les Thurons 1er Cru, Burgundy
- (2) 750 ml 2003 Domaine Château de Chorey Beaune Vignes Franches 1er Cru, Burgundy

This writer just spent a long weekend with the donors and has visited most of these Burgundy domains with the Meadows. Joe imports these for his Ann Arbor-based wine co-op. They are very good, if maybe unknown to many, and they are very well cellared. Your writer has many of these in his cellar too, and will be watching the bidding on this lot closely. In fact, rich is not the right word: opulent would be more accurate. Perfect for those who like majestic wines. It has a very pure, powerful and generous taste.

## LOT 814

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### Original Hospice de Beaune

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

- (2) 750 ml 1998 Meo-Camuzet Corton Hospices de Beaune
- (2) 750 ml 2000 Louis Latour Corton Hospices de Beaune
- (1) 750 ml 2003 Louis Jadot Corton Hospices de Beaune

Over the centuries, the Hospices de Beaune has been given some extraordinary vineyards by generous benefactors; every year, they auction the wine from the new vintage of these vineyards to support this ancient and highly respected hospital. This occurs the third weekend of November in Beaune and is one of the most important festivals in the French wine trade calendar. Sunday is the famous wine auction of the Hospices de Beaune, and Monday marks the Paulée de Meursault, the traditional end of harvest celebration. This lot contains two bottles from each of the 1998, 2000 and 2003 auctions.

1998 was a mixed year for red Burgundy, but the top producers such as Meo-Camuzet did very well. 2000 was a very good vintage and the Louis Latour Domaine made a special Corton with the barrel that was acquired at the Hospices auction.

2003 was a vintage of record-setting proportions: high temperatures and an earliest-ever harvest were the hallmarks. Due to unusual climatic conditions lasting for a period of several consecutive weeks, consisting of uninterrupted sunshine, very high temperatures and virtually no rainfall, the maturation of the grapes accelerated, forcing winegrowers to revise the harvesting calendar. The first bunches were cut on the 13th of August in southern Burgundy on sites with the best southern exposure, thus making the 2003 vintage the earliest ever recorded in Burgundy. The wines can be dense, rich and long-lived. This is good Burgundy which now benefits the second of two fine charities.

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### The American Syrahs

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

- (1) 750 ml 1995 Neyers Syrah, Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 1996 Caldwell Petite Sirah, Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 1996 La Jota Petite Sirah, Howell Mountain - Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 1997 Cline Syrah, Carneros - Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 1999 Ojai Syrah Thompson Vineyard, Central Coast
- (1) 750 ml 2000 Kongsgaard Syrah, Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 2001 Copain Syrah, Sonoma Coast

Syrah is the great grape varietal of France's northern Rhone Valley. An increasing number of California wineries have begun to bottle 100% Syrah wines, and this group is exquisite. The style ranges from light, fruity, almost Beaujolais-like wines to black/purple colored, thick, rich, age worthy, highly extracted wines bursting with potential. American Syrah will possess a hickory, smoky, tar, and cassis/blackberry-scented nose, rich, full-bodied, occasionally massive flavors, and considerable tannin. Like Cabernet Sauvignon, a Syrah-based wine is a thoroughbred when it comes to aging, easily lasting for 10-20 or more years. (RP)

## LOT 816

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### Not Your Everyday 11 Year Olds

*Donated by James and Barbara Karchon*

- (1) 750 ml 1998 Charles Cimicky Reserve Shiraz, Barossa Valley, Australia
- (1) 750 ml 1998 E & E Black Pepper Shiraz, Barossa Valley, Australia
- (1) 750 ml 1998 Kay Brothers Block 6 Shiraz, McLaren Vale, Australia
- (1) 750 ml 1998 Oddfellows Shiraz, Langhorne Creek, Australia
- (1) 750 ml 1998 Torbreck The Factor Shiraz, Barossa Valley, Australia
- (1) 750 ml 1998 d'Arenberg Dead Arm Shiraz, McLaren Vale, Australia

This donor knows how to hand-pick wines to thrill charity auction goers. If you're a fan of Aussie Shiraz, here is a great opportunity to benefit from great wines stored in a great cellar -- all for 6 great experiences (or one terrific evening for a group). Critics' ratings? Start with the WA 98 Kay Brothers Block 6: "... mammoth concentration and extravagant richness ... black/purple color and an extraordinarily sweet nose of black fruits intermixed with spice box, licorice, and a touch of pepper. A monster wine on the palate ..should keep for up to 2020 or so. Then go to the d'Arenberg WA 96: "outrageously rich, spectacular stuff ... opaque purple-colored offering is loaded with blackberry liqueur, smoke, charcoal, pepper, cassis, and licorice ... promises to age well for two decades or more". Then the WS 95 E&E Black Pepper: "many layers that interweave intriguingly as they play out their cherry and raspberry fruit against exotic spice and minty, earthy nuances". And the others -- 93 -91 points by WA. No whimpy wines here.

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### **A Dozen of Château Beau-Site**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(12) 750 ml 2005 Château Beau-Site, St. Estephe

Shows wonderful spice, sweet tobacco, currant and sultana. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a dried fruit finish. A slightly old style, but rich and delicious. (WS-90) Dark ruby in the glass, medium bodied, with crisp acidity and fairly smooth tannins. Cassis and mint on the pleasant but not overwhelming nose. On the palate, more fruit throughout, with earthy notes, and black pepper. Really nice cassis on the very long finish (CT-91).

## **LOT 818**

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### **A case from Pauillac-Bordeaux**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(12) 750 ml 2005 Château Batailley, Pauillac-Bordeaux

Offers a beautiful nose of crushed blackberry and cherry, with hints of flowers. Full-bodied, with a lovely balance of silky, caressing tannins and ripe fruit. Very long and minerally, with mint and eucalyptus character. A wonderful wine from this estate. (WS 93) Quite a subtle nose with black fruit and a general tobacco overtone, almost tending to ashtrays. Quite open on the palate and approachable. Good structure with fine-grained tannins towards and on the finish. Very good length - persistent fruit and pencil flavours linger long after. Very Good Indeed. (CT-91)

## **LOT 819**

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### **Collect 90+ Bordeaux**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(12) 750 ml 2005 Château Pedesclaux, Pauillac-Bordeaux

The vineyard is located on the gravel plateau overlooking the town of Pauillac, and is adjacent to Mouton Rothschild, Lafite Rothschild and Pontet Canet. The Château was created at the beginning of the 19th century, in 1810, by Mr. Urbain Pierre Pedesclaux, a well-known wine broker in Bordeaux. The Château has been classified since 1855 as a Fifth Grand Cru Classé. So deep and bright, almost black, a really serious nose of cassis and black olives, layer upon layer, chewy, rich sweet, big tannins balanced by so much wonderful fruit. If this is typical of the 2005's then thank goodness I have some and will hope to live long enough to savour this wonderful vintage. (CT-94)

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### **Elegant Etude Merlot Dozen**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(12) 750 ml 2001 Etude Merlot, Napa Valley

This is made by Tony Soter. A Napa legend before many of today's "stars" were old enough to drink wine. Tony founded Etude Wines in 1982 and its name, "study," describes his reverence for the ongoing learning process that is winegrowing. Impeccably balanced, rich and polished, with a pure, plush core of blackberry, wild berry and black cherry fruit that picks up hints of anise, cedar and sage, finishing with a long, rich, intricate aftertaste. Excellent structure, too, with a complex aftertaste that echoes vanilla and fruit. (WS-92) One of the best Cali Merlot that you can buy. Soter blends a little cab in his merlot to help with bottle age and it is outstanding. Heavy black cherry and licorice notes and a wonderful concentrated finish (CT-94).

## LOT 821

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### **A Collection of Ports and Dessert Wines**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

- (1) 750 ml 1979 Domaine de la Coume du Roy Maury
- (1) 750 ml 1985 Taylor Fladgate Vintage Port
- (1) 750 ml 1989 Marcell Deiss Tokay Pinot Gris Vendange Tardive, Alsace
- (1) 750 ml 1991 Graham Vintage Port
- (1) 750 ml 1994 Dow Vintage Port
- (1) 750 ml 1994 Fonseca Late Bottled Vintage Port, Porto
- (1) 750 ml 1994 Ramos-Pinto Vintage Port, Porto
- (2) 375 ml 1994 Warre Vintage Port
- (1) 750 ml 1995 Fonseca Vintage Port Guimaraens
- (1) 750 ml 1995 Taylor Fladgate Vintage Port Quinta de Vargellas
- (1) 750 ml 1997 Dow Vinatge Port
- (1) 500 ml 1997 Francois Pinon Cuvee Botrytis, Vouvray

One of the pleasures of a winter blizzard is sipping a glass of Port whilst sitting in front of a roaring fireplace. It is not too early to begin preparations for this and the opportunity is now. Here we have 9 different ports, all from well-known, highly regarded producers. And the port is superb! 8 of the 9 have been evaluated by the Wine Spectator and only one of these scored lower than 92. In addition to the ports, this lot has three other wines.

1979 Maury, a port-like dessert wine from Languedoc-Rousillon, Domain de la Coume du Roy (RP 91) 1989 Alsace late-harvest Pinot Gris Marcell Deiss 1997 "Cuvee Botrytis", a dessert wine of Chenin Blanc, Francois Pinon (RP 93)

A splendid lot for any wine drinker with a sweet tooth.

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### **Terrific Terre da Vino Barolo La Mora**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(12) 750 ml 2000 Terre da Vino Barolo, Italy

Extremely fresh with plums, spice and light coffee. Full-bodied, with silky tannins and a long finish. Tight and not giving all that's there still. Best after 2007. (WS-90) I really enjoyed this wine and the brilliant aromatics Nebbiolo almost always offers. The aromas showed beautiful aromas of a classic fig, tea leaf, ripe plum, and loads of cherry. Very soft and sleek on the palate showing flavors of mouthwatering Rainier cherries, soft hints of leather, sweet tobacco, and tea leaf. A very nice and developed Barolo with great complexity and a long seductive finish of plums and figs. The aromas, flavors, and overall complexity of these Piedmontese wines grabs my attention every time. (TheBlogWineCellar-92)

## **LOT 823**

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### **Lovely Large Format by Honorary Vintner**

*Donated by Richard and Karen Brown*

(1) 6.0 L 2003 Steltzner Cabernet Sauvignon, Stags Leap-Napa Valley, Etched and Signed

This beautiful 6.0L made by our Honorary Vintner is bound to impress and hold the wine for a very special occasion for years to come. "Since 1965 the Steltzner Family has been dedicated to producing wines of exceptional quality in the heart of the Stags Leap District. Our winemaker, Tim Dolven, works closely with the Steltzner family to produce world class wines that embody the uniqueness of the Stags Leap District." (Steltzner.com) A nice solid cab with great structure. Deep cassis and strong tannins on the mid palate. (CT-92)

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### **Northern Cottage, Lake and Wine**

*Donated by Michael and Patti Schafer & Richard and Karen Brown*

- (1) 750 ml 1985 Quinta do Noval Vintage Port, Portugal
- (1) 750 ml 1996 La Chapelle de La Mission Haut Brion, Pessac-Leognan- Bordeaux
- (1) 750 ml 1999 Regusci Estate Bottled Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 2006 Matanzas Creek Chardonnay, Sonoma Valley
- (1) 750 ml 2007 Black Star Farms Barrel Aged Chardonnay, Michigan
- (1) 750 ml NV Masse Pere et Fils Brut, Champagne

**Northern Cottage, Lake, and Wine:** A wonderful wine weekend at a delightful three bedroom home between Charlevoix and Boyne. Situated on the sixth hole of Ye Nine Olde Holes golf course, and with beach and lake access to lake Charlevoix close by, a fun weekend awaits you and your guests. Up to six guests will enjoy an A-frame home only a few minutes from Charlevoix or Boyne City. Your weekend will begin Friday afternoon or evening and will conclude Sunday afternoon at 5:00pm. Enjoy your bottles of wine while contemplating your weekend activities. Championship golf & Avalanche Bay at Boyne Mountain is a mere 15 minutes away. The wineries of the Old Peninsula and Leelanau Peninsula are but a beautiful drive away. Petoskey, the pearl of Northern Michigan is only a 1/2 hour leisurely drive. Or just "hang-out" at the beach and do a whole lot of nothing!

**Masse Pere et Fils Brut Champagne:** Features bright fruit flavors, a lively texture and a slightly sweet finish; weaves together fig, pear and toast accents on a backdrop of crisp acidity. (WS)

**2006 Matanzas Creek Sonoma Valley Chardonnay:** On appearance, this Chardonnay is the color of golden straw. The first nose delivers notes of vanilla and lemon zest. After a swirl, the deeper notes of honey, pear and quince become evident. On the palate, delicate flavors of lemon creme, white peach and pear progress into honeysuckle and butterscotch.

**2007 Black Star Farms Chardonnay:** This Chardonnay is the most full-bodied white wine we produce. It presents a flavor-packed sensation on the palate. Because the flavors of Chardonnay are so compatible with oak, this wine has been fully fermented and aged in new French and American oak barrels. (BSF)

**1996 La Chapelle de la Mission Haut-Brion:** The new second wine of La Mission-Haut-Brion, Chapelle-Haut-Brion, is a worthy addition to the Dillon family's portfolio. The 1996 is a soft, round, lovely, cedary, smoky, complex wine with medium body, and luscious sweet fruit. It will not make old bones, but for a textbook Graves to enjoy now, this wine has considerable merit. (WA)

**1985 Quinta do Noval Vintage Port:** This is undoubtedly the most famous port producer. The 1985 is quite concentrated, seductive, and amazingly delicious now, and it should mature quite quickly. The finish is long and flavorful, but I wonder about the lack of tannic structure to this wine.(WA)

Date and time to be determined and confirmed by the bidders and the Schafers. Must be used on or before September 27, 2009.

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### Rombauer Entertaining Duet

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

- (11) 750 ml 2005 Rombauer Vineyards Merlot, Napa Valley
- (12) 750 ml 2006 Rombauer Vineyards Chardonnay, Carneros

A beautiful duet from our two-time Honorary Vintner KR Rombauer, who is a much valued part of A Night for Sight.

**2006 Rombauer Chardonnay:** Fresh and floral aromatics highlight the fruity attributes. Clean, balanced and perhaps a touch sweet, with pretty oak shadings. Refreshing. (WS-89)

**2005 Rombauer Merlot:** Excellent Merlot. Smooth but with a great body and structure. Fruit was pure and well balanced. (CT-90)

## LOT 826

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### Oceanique Dinner with Wine

*Donated by Oceanique & Richard and Karen Brown*

- (1) 750 ml 1996 Joseph Phelps Insignia, Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 2004 Domaine Wm Fevre Chablis Le Clos Grand Cru, Burgundy

**Oceanique Dinner:** This is a Chef's Five Course Dinner for 2 (two) at Oceanique in Evanston, IL donated by owner/chef Mark Grosz, brother of Paul Grosz of Cuisine fame and a huge Red Wings fan.

**2004 Domaine Wm Fevre Chablis Le Clos Grand Cru Chardonnay:** BIG French Style! (WA-96+)

**1996 Joseph Phelps Insignia Bordeaux Blends:** BIG California Style (WA-92)

Mark has generously waived the corkage fee if you bring these or any two wines of your choice to the dinner. Taxes, other drinks and gratuity are not included.

Oceanique Dinner: Expires: May 30, 2010 and excludes Saturdays.

## LOT 827

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### Beautiful 6 Liter Beaulieu Vineyards

*Donated by Eugene and Lois Miller*

- (1) 6.0 L 1991 Beaulieu Vineyards Georges de Latour Private Res. Cabernet, Napa Valley

**Collector's Notes:** Fuller ruby-garnet than the 1990. This has a deeper, more original bouquet as well; mineral, spicy, soy and black fruits. Ripe and weighty on the palate, there is a lot of muscle combined with sweet fruit flavors, the tannins melting into the finish but cut by clean acidity. The texture of this wine is fleshier than those before, perhaps due to 5% Merlot added. (bvwines.com)

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## LOT 828

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### Magnificent Mount Mary Decathalon

*Donated by Richard and Karen Brown*

(5) 750 ml 1997 Mount Mary Vineyard Pinot Noir Yarra Valley, Australia

(5) 750 ml 1997 Mount Mary Vineyard Quintet Yarra Valley, Australia

Mount Mary wines in the Yarra Valley, Victoria, are amongst Australia's very best. The vineyard is unirrigated and low-yielding and is situated on northern, well drained slopes. Historically this has been recognized as an exceptional site. Established in the early 1970's by Dr. John Middleton, the Cabernet is regarded as the country's finest and rarest and positioned along side Penfolds, Grange, Hermitage, and Henschke Hill of Grace as wine icons. Mount Mary wines are generally only available via mail order and the winery is open to wine collecting enthusiasts only 2 weekends a year.

**1997 Mount Mary Pinot Noir:** Nice creaminess but finish dominated by strong tannins. Classic flavours, similar to the 1996: Supple, classic smooth tannins, good length. (Notes from the donor: Burgundian character and nicely matured; this is ready to be enjoyed with a mushroom pasta entree or other dish with earthy flavours).

**1997 Mount Mary Quintet:** Long finish but the tannins are very strong at this stage. Needs rich fatty food. (Notes from donor: Very Bordeaux-ish ~ plums and roasted meats on the palate. Very enjoyable, especially with a dinner of game or beef.)

## LOT 829

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### Matriarch by Bond

*Donated by Richard and Karen Brown*

(6) 750 ml 2003 Bond The Matriarch Proprietary Red Wine, Napa Valley

The 2003 Matriarch (1,500 cases) is a ripe, spicy, supple textured effort offering beautiful plum, anise, black currant, tobacco, and toasty oak notes. Full bodied, lush, and concentrated, it should drink well for 10 to 15 years. Bob Levy refers to the Matriarch Proprietary Red as "our elegant leftovers," a four vineyard blend of juice that did not make the cut for the top cult wines. It is a beautiful effort. The 2003 exhibits a saturated purple color in addition to a big, sweet nose of blueberries, cassis, and earth. Richly concentrated, with supple tannin and a long finish, it is ideal for drinking now and over the next 10 to 12 years. This is the newest brainchild of the irrepressible Bill Harlan and his sensational winemaking team of Bob Levy and Michel Rolland. These are all 100% terroir based Cabernet Sauvignons from distinctive sites in Napa Valley. (WA-90)

# *Champagne Level Silent Auction*

## **LOT 830**

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### **Classic 1993 Chateau Margaux**

*Donated by John Marasco*

(2) 750 ml 1993 Chateau Margaux, Margaux-Bordeaux

Margaux's admirable consistency is well displayed in the 1993-95 wines. An excellent dark ruby/purple color accompanies a soft, smoky, blackcurrant-scented wine. Although round, generous, sexy, and alluring. It is a beautifully made, elegant, rich style of Margaux. (WA-89)

## **LOT 831**

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### **Vega Sicila with Right to Purchase**

*Donated by Frank and Karen Nesi*

(2) 750 ml 1996 Vega Sicilia Unico, Ribera del Duero, Spain

Unico, from the legendary Vega Sicilia winery, is only produced in exceptional years. This wine, made from mostly Tempranillo and a little Cabernet Sauvignon, is barrel-aged for a minimum of 10 years before being released. Intense complexity and layer upon layer of co-mingling flavors makes this an unforgettable wine. This wine will continue to age for many decades to come. (WS93+)

The winning bidder of this lot will get the exclusive opportunity to purchase up to 6 additional bottles of Vega Sicilia Unico at wholesale.

Expires May 31, 2010.

# Champagne Level Silent Auction

## LOT 832

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### **Making a Case for the Tops in California**

*Donated by Richard and Janna Bull*

- (1) 750 ml 1994 Hess Collection Cabernet Sauvignon, Mt. Veeder-Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 1997 Barnett Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, Spring Mtn Dist-Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 1998 Seavey Vineyards Merlot, Mt. Veeder-Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 1998 Staglin Family Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford-Napa Valley
- (2) 750 ml 1999 Plumpjack Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville-Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 1999 Viader Red, Howell Mountain-Napa Valley
- (2) 750 ml 2001 Paoletti Winery Non Plus Ultra Red Wine, Calistoga-Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 2002 Turley Zinfandel Duarte Vineyard, Contra Costa County
- (2) 750 ml 2004 Chateau St. Jean Cinq Cepages, Sonoma County

12 bottles of red wine from fine California estates, some old and established and some new and exciting.

### **Here are some highlights:**

**1999 Plumpjack Cabernet Sauvignon:** A sleek, rich and beautifully balanced wine that combines layers of plush currant, black cherry and plum-laced Cabernet fruit with touches of earth, cedar and tobacco. (WS92)

**1999 Viader Red:** Very rich and distinctive, with spicy currant, leather, tobacco, cedar and mocha aromas and complex, concentrated, earth, currant, spice and cedar flavors. (WS94)

**1998 Staglin Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon:** It is all charm and velvety richness, with plenty of succulence in the mid-palate, as well as a gorgeous evolved bouquet of black fruits, cedar wood, spice, and vanilla. (WA91)

**2002 Turley Zinfandel Contra Costa County Duarte Vineyard:** Full-bodied and dense, with no hotness, but copious quantities of raspberries, blackberries, balsam wood, pepper, and Provencal herbs, this is a rich, layered, hedonistic turn-on. (WA91-93)

## LOT 833

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### **Giordano Barolo by the case ...**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

- (12) 750 ml 2004 Giordano, Barolo

This aristocratic wine - aptly defined the "king of wine" is made from selected grapes grown around the village of Barolo in the Langhe hills of Piedmont. After vinification it ages patiently for at least two years in small oak casks. The color is a brilliant garnet hue with hints of orange on the rim. The bouquet is ethereal and intense. To the taste it is elegantly austere, with a long bitter cherry finish.

# Champagne Level Silent Auction

## LOT 834

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### **A Case of Lush Fattoi Brunello**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(12) 750 ml 2001 Fattoi, Brunello di Montalcino

A life and a passion devoted to agriculture . . . A life that has its roots in a strong and generous territory, the territory of Montalcino. (Fattoi)

Aromas of strawberry jam and Indian spices. Full-bodied, with jammy fruit and a medium finish. Slightly one-dimensional on the palate. (WS)

## LOT 835

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### **Recline with a Case of Pillow Road**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(12) 750 ml 2006 Pillow Road Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley

When we purchased the Pillow Road vineyard, we all agreed that it was important to not make a Pinot that tastes like a Cabernet, our term being "no Pinot Sauvignon". So we talked about elegance and silky tannins, balanced acidity, fresh red fruit aromas, complexity and soft rich, mouth watering flavors. All nice talk, knowing full well that the vineyard is mostly in control of the wine style. Needless to say, we were all pleased to see that the 2006 Pillow Rd Pinot Noir has all of our wish list and much more. (Pillowroadvineyard.com)

Ripe, vivid, full-bodied plum, blackberry, black licorice and black cherry fruit is pure, ripe and complex, lingering on the finish. (WS 90)

## LOT 836

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### **Bordeaux Graceful Gruaud Larose '95 & '03**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(6) 750 ml 1995 Chateau Gruaud Larose, St. Julien-Bordeaux

(6) 750 ml 2003 Chateau Gruaud Larose, St. Julien-Bordeaux

**2003 Gruaud Larose:** Dark plum/garnet color is followed by sweet aromas of damp earth, forest floor, herbs, espresso roast, cassis, licorice, and plums. Medium-bodied as well as surprisingly up-front and precocious, it possesses sweet tannin, very nice concentration, and loads of earthy/herbal characteristics intermixed with black fruits, and an attractive, but supple, evolved finish. Drink it over the next 12-15 years. (WA88)

**1995 Gruaud-Larose:** Exhibits a dark ruby color, and a nose of sweet black cherries, licorice, earth, and spice. Rich, with medium to full body, high tannin, and subtle oak in the background, the 1995 is nearly as structured and tannic as the 1996. The two vintages are more similar than dissimilar. Anticipated maturity: 2009-2020. (WA89)

# *Champagne Level Silent Auction*

## **LOT 837**

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### **Pearls Plus Sapphires and Diamonds**

*Donated by Goldcorp Inc*

**18" of Pearls:** A beautiful 18 inch pearl strand. It is a great length to go with almost any piece in your wardrobe.

**A Sapphire and Diamond Ring:** This very interesting design is 18 karat gold with two pear shaped Sapphires and 5 round Diamonds.

## **LOT 838**

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### **Pearls and Rubys**

*Donated by Goldcorp Inc*

**16" of Pearls:** A lovely 16 inch strand of pearls with a white gold clasp. This could be a beautiful way to start a collection for that special lady!

**A Ruby and Diamond Ring:** This unique design includes three marquise rubies with 4 diamonds to set them off in the most sparkling way.

## **LOT 839**

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### **Grand Hotel 2 Night Stay**

*Donated by Grand Hotel*

This package is for one (1) room for up to four (4) people for two (2) nights. This package includes tax and baggage handling charges. There is no tipping within the hotel.

This package can be used between May 31 thru July 1 or August 16 thru October 26, 2009. Subject to availability. Must be a Sunday thru Thursday arrival/departure pattern. This package is non-transferable and non-refundable. No meals are included. Transportation to and from the island is not included. Nor does it include incidental charges such as cocktails, phone calls, gift shop purchases, or recreation charges.

# Champagne Level Silent Auction

## LOT 840

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### Charming Chave White Rhone

*Donated by Robert and Meribah Bodack*

- (1) 750 ml 1988 JL Chave Hermitage Blanc, Rhone
- (1) 750 ml 1989 JL Chave Hermitage Blanc, Rhone
- (1) 750 ml 1990 JL Chave Hermitage Blanc, Rhone
- (1) 750 ml 1991 JL Chave Hermitage Blanc, Rhone
- (1) 750 ml 1994 JL Chave Hermitage Blanc, Rhone
- (1) 750 ml 1996 JL Chave Hermitage Blanc, Rhone

What a great "vertical" of one of France's finest white wines. This wine is composed of 85% Marsanne and 15% Roussanne, made from the fruit of four vineyards: Les Roucoles, L'Hermitage, Peléat, and Maison Blanche. The grapes are harvested by hand, before a gentle bladder-pressing and temperature-controlled fermentation in a mix of casks and stainless steel. The end result is a fabulous wine which has both elegance and power, with the ability to age for years.

**1988:** Petrol nose, lime, minerals, lighter bodied, nicely silky finish.

**1989:** Medium golden yellow color, lemon, pineapple and sherry notes. Concentrated with almond, sweet lemon and minerals, good finish.

**1990:** Medium golden yellow color; focused, ripe lemon and almond nose, with a touch of honeysuckle; tasty, mature, sweet lemon butter palate with oily texture, good acidity, well balanced.

**1991:** A stunning, complex nose keeps evolving with time to show white fruits, flowers, honey, toast and musk. Palate is full bodied and slightly viscous with complex flavors of peach, citrus fruits, flowers, toast and nuts, and a long, rich finish.

**1994:** Very harmonious balance of licorice and honeyed minerality, great medium feel with mangos, beeswax, honeysuckle, and tropical citrus tones. Flows well on the palate.

**1996:** A thick wine, showing great intensity of fruit, clean, balanced, even racy despite the illusion of off-dryness; seduces with honey, kiwi, lime and almond character. (WS 90)