

# *Silent Auction - Wine*

## **LOT 601**

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### **A Vintner from the past**

*Donated by Beth Morrison*

(1) 750 ml 1973 Château Beychevelle, Saint Julien-Bordeaux

This beautiful 1973 Beychevelle, from long time patron and chair of our vintner coordination, Beth Morrison, is one of the truly great and legendary properties of the Medoc, Beychevelle owes its name to the rank of its long-ago owner, the Duc d'Epéron who was Grand Admiral of France. To salute the revered nobleman, all ships on the Gironde lowered their sails (baisse-voile) as they passed in sight of the Chateau. From "baisse-voile" came Beychevelle, and a fame that has endured for centuries.

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### **Can You Hear the Music**

*Donated by Wine Sync*

(1) 750 ml NV d'Anbino Quadraphonic

(1) 750 ml NV d'Anbino Vineyards & Cellars Orchestration

D'Anbino Vineyards and Cellars was founded by a family of professional musicians who strive to blend wine with music, food, and family. Proud to be located in beautiful Paso Robles, California, their vineyards practice sustainable agriculture to produce small lots of premium hand-crafted wines.

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## **LOT 603**

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### **A Pair of Aces**

*Donated by Richard and Janna Bull*

(1) 750 ml 2002 Turley Zinfandel Duarte Vineyard, Contra Costa County

(1) 750 ml 2004 d'Arenberg The Dead Arm Shiraz, McLaren Vale, Australia

**Turley Zinfandel:** Several hundred cases were produced of the 2002 Zinfandel Estate (16.4% alcohol). Made from cuttings taken from the Hayne Vineyard, it represents the youngest vines of the Turley single vineyard offerings. It comes from the vineyard adjacent to the winery, and what will ultimately be a new AVA (Calistoga) when approved by the government. This full-bodied offering reveals notes of kirsch liqueur, melted licorice, black raspberries, and notions of pepper, beet roots, and underbrush. Ripe and fleshy, with admirable fruit purity, this hedonistic turn-on should be enjoyed over the next 5-6 years. (WA92-94)

**D'Arenberg The Dead Arm Shiraz:** The renowned 2004 Shiraz The Dead Arm, fashioned from ancient head-pruned vines, is stunning. An inky/purple color is accompanied by a glorious perfume of creosote/melted road tar, blackberry and cassis liqueur, pepper, and spice. This deep, rich, full-bodied, tannic Shiraz should be drinkable in 2-3 years, and will last for two decades or more. It is the finest Dead Arm since the 2001. (WA95+)

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#### **Halves for your Sweet Tooth**

*Donated by Richard and Janna Bull*

- (1) 375 ml 1927 Alvear Solera Pedro Ximenez, Montilla-Moriles, Spain
- (1) 375 ml 2001 Eos Zinfandel Port, Paso Robles
- (1) 375 ml 2003 Château Coutet, Sauternes
- (1) 375 ml 2003 Château La Tour Blanche, Sauternes
- (1) 375 ml NV Jacquesson & Fils Brut Perfection, Champagne
- (1) 375 ml NV R L Buller & Son Muscat, Victoria, Australia

**1927 Alvear Solera:** The impressive 1927 Pedro Ximenez Solera, from a Solera begun over 80 years ago, boasts a dark amber color as well as an extraordinary nose of creme brulee, liquefied nuts, marmalade, and maple syrup. (WA94)

**2003 Château Coutet:** A Sauternes Blend Sweet White Dessert wine from Barsac, Bordeaux, France. (WA92)

**2001 Eos Zinfandel Port:** A sumptuously delicious, complex, deep ruby/purple-colored Zinfandel, this 2001 boasts outstanding ripeness as well as a fragrant, in-your-face style, and medium to full-bodied, luscious flavors that tail off slightly in the finish. Drink this seductive offering. (WA89)

**NV Jacquesson & Fils Champagne:** The NV Brut Cuvee N° 732 is a gorgeous, minerally wine with notable delineation and clarity in its aromas and flavors. This medium-bodied, finessed Champagne offers terrific persistence with a long and incredibly pure finish. (WA90)

**2003 Château Latour Blanche Sauternes:** A rich, sweet vintage of powerful, full-bodied wines that possess huge levels of glycerin, alcohol, and residual sugar. (WA96)

**NV RL Buller & Son:** The winery remains one of the benchmarks in the production of fortified sweet wines from the warm terroir of Rutherglen. (WA96)

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#### **The Winemakers' Collection**

*Donated by Richard and Karen Brown*

- (2) 750 ml 2005 Michel Roland Haut Medoc Cuvee No 1, Medoc-Bordeaux

This is the first release of a special project of Jeremy Renard and the proprietor of Château d'Arsac in Margaux. Under Renard's guidance, each year a single vineyard parcel from Château d'Arsac is completely controlled by a single, world-renowned winemaker. Michel Rolland launched the project, and he has been followed by other luminaries in the wine world. Rolland had the good fortune to benefit from an excellent vintage, and the result is a 5,000-case lot of sensational wine. The 2005 possesses a forward, voluptuous style, so it will have early appeal, but don't discount its potential to last 15-20 years. It offers a dense ruby/purple hue along with a smoky perfume of sweet cherries, blackberries, roasted coffee, and a hint of tobacco leaf. There is a seamless integration of acidity, tannin, and wood in this complete, full-bodied wine. The finish lasts for 35-40 seconds. This beauty can be drunk now or cellared for 15-20 years. (WA 93)

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#### **Comte Lafon Monthelie Les Duresses**

*Donated by Beth Morrison*

(2) 750 ml 1992 Domaine des Comte Lafon Monthelie Les Du 1re Cru, Burgundy

A stylish red from a village in Burgundy. It has attractive spicy, cedary, chocolatey aromas, good cherry and berry flavors and a lean, tart, rather tannic finish. Drink now. (WS)

### **LOT 607**

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#### **Marques de Caceres Magnifico**

*Donated by Beth Morrison*

(5) 750 ml 1998 Bodega Marques de Caceres, Rioja

This plush red offers plum and cherry flavors with plenty of chocolate oak, integrated tannins and enough acidity to keep it lively. The sweet, lingering finish brings you back for more. Drink now. (WS)

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### **Fire Reds by the Half**

*Donated by Richard and Janna Bull*

- (1) 375 ml 1996 Jarvis Lake William Meritage, Napa Valley
- (1) 375 ml 1997 Viader Meritage, Napa Valley
- (1) 375 ml 2002 Bouchard Pere & Fils Le Corton, Grand Cru, Burgundy
- (1) 375 ml 2004 Ridge Lytton Springs Zinfandel, Dry Creek- Sonoma Valley
- (1) 375 ml 2004 d'Arenberg The Dead Arm Shiraz, McLaren Vale, Australia
- (1) 375 ml 2005 Tablas Creek Vineyards Esprit, Paso Robles

**1997 Viader:** Beautifully proportioned, rich and complex, with ripe, concentrated plum, currant, black cherry, mocha, toasty oak and spice nuances. Turns smooth and silky on a long, elegant finish. Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. (WS97)

**2002 Le Corton:** Intense, displaying kirsch and wild cherry aromas and flavors, accented by rosemary and earth. Tannins need time to integrate. A slim version. Best through 2012 (WS90).

**2005 Tablas Creek Vineyards:** This is the New World version of Chateau de Beaucastel, arguably the finest estate in Chateauneuf du Pape. It got 92 - 94 points from the Wine Advocate.

**2004 d'Arenberg The Dead Arm Shiraz:** Firm in texture, with crisp acidity against mineral-accented berry flavors, finishing with a harsh edge. Gamy, bitter flavors blow off with enough airing. Best after 2008. (WS)

**2004 Ridge Lytton Springs:** A perfect pairing for home-made vegetable soup, with a kick of spice. The spice in the wine matched well with the spice in the spicy vegetable soup. (CT91)

**1996 Jarvis Lake William Meritage:** A very important wine, our Lake William, is actually a blend of four varietals. Added to the Cabernet Sauvignon, its principal ingredient, are helpings of Cabernet Franc, Merlot, and Petit Verdot.

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### **LOT 609**

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#### **2001 Bordeaux Pleasures**

*Donated by Richard and Janna Bull*

- (2) 750 ml 2001 Château La Garde, Pessac Leognan
- (2) 750 ml 2001 Château Le Boscq, St. Estephe
- (2) 750 ml 2001 Château Ramafort, Medoc

**2001 Château Le Boscq:** A pleasant red with plum and chocolate character, medium body and a fresh finish. (WS)

**2001 Château La Garde:** A good red with plum and tobacco character, medium body and a plummy, berry aftertaste. Not as big as I remember from barrel but very good (WS)

**2001 Chateau Ramafort:** Pleasant, with tobacco, fruit and cedar character, medium body and a fresh tannin structure. Nice, early-drinking red. (WS)

### **LOT 610**

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#### **Saint-Julien Sends 2 of it's Best**

*Donated by Richard and Karen Brown*

- (1) 750 ml 1993 Château Ducru Beaucaillou, Saint Julien-Bordeaux
- (1) 750 ml 1993 Château Gruaud Larose, Saint Julien-Bordeaux

**1993 Château Gruaud LaRose:** A seductive beauty. Medium in body, lovely, silky tannins and plenty of minty, cherry, berry character. Delicious now but will improve with age. Drink now. (WS)

**1993 Château Ducru Beaucaillou:** Strict selection and fine winemaking have once again resulted in a classic 1993 Ducru-Beaucaillou, with a dark ruby/purple color, and a moderately intense nose of black and red fruits, minerals, vanilla, and lead pencil. The wine possesses outstanding flavor intensity, medium body, a sweet inner-core of fruit, and a long, dry, moderately tannic finish. The 1993 is reminiscent of this property's outstanding 1988. Give it at least 5-7 years of cellaring, and expect it to age gracefully for 20-25 years. (WA92)

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### **The Baron and The Countess**

*Donated by Richard and Karen Brown*

(1) 750 ml 1993 Château Baron de Pichon Longueville, Pauillac-Bordeaux

(1) 750 ml 1993 Château Pichon Longueville Lalande, Pauillac-Bordeaux

**1993 Château Pichon Longueville:** The other half of the original Pichon-Longueville estate, Pichon Lalande makes wines that are silky, stylish, spicy and sweet, with a sizable dollop of Merlot frequently contributing an almost chocolatey richness..(CT91)

**1993 Château Baron de Pichon:** Powerful bouquet. A lot of liquorice. Spicy. Full bodied, black fruit juice and luxurious, almost Californian like, oak. This wine is beautiful NOW! Enough good soft tannin for a few more years. (WA)

## **LOT 612**

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### **Golden Earth makes Big Zins**

*Donated by Richard and Karen Brown*

(3) 750 ml 1997 Montevina Deaver Vineyard Old Vine Zinfandel, Amador County

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**1997 Montevina Terra d'Oro Zinfandel:** Muddled, with dried berry flavors and tart tannins, finishing with prune notes. Drink now. (WS)

**1998 Montevina Terra d'Oro Zinfandel:** The medium dark ruby-colored 1998 Zinfandel Terra d'Oro reveals amber at the edge. Peppery, dried herb, sour black cherry, plum, and smoky notes emerge from this medium to full-bodied, compactly built wine. The wine is well-made and attractive. (WA)

## **LOT 613**

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### **Sumptuous Case of Terre da Vino Barbera**

*Donated by Eric Adams*

(12) 750 ml 2003 Terre Da Vino Barbera D'Asti, Piemonte

Sumptuously smooth; refined fruit; a balance to die for. Without doubt one of my top five wines of the year and I am probably understating this by only awarding 90 point. (CT)

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### **LOT 614**

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#### **Well Regarded Wellington Roussanne**

*Donated by Eric Adams*

(11) 750 ml 2001 Wellington Roussanne, California

The Roussanne appeared light golden, but bright in the glass. The nose picked up noticeable hints of melon and honeysuckle, with traces of citrus and minerals. The Wellington Roussanne is soft and elegant, showcasing a smooth and clean taste. It doesn't possess sharp edges like other white wines so often have. (bottleofwine.wordpress.com)

### **LOT 615**

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#### **Top Rated Sparklings from our Backyard**

*Donated by Larry Mawby*

(8) 375 ml NV L Mawby Talisman Sparkling Wine, Leelanau, Michigan

(8) 375 ml NV L Mawby Vineyards Cremant Sparkling, Leelanau, Michigan

**L Mawby Cremant Sparkling Wine:** Tasty. There's a distinctive yeast aroma and flavor, along with vanilla pastry and hazelnut in this lightweight, delicate sparkler. It's a little short in the end, but I like this. Drink now. (CT)

**L Mawby Talisman Sparkling Wine:** Nice bread, pear and green apple flavors, on a medium-weight texture, with a creamy finish. Drink now.(CT)

### **LOT 616**

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#### **East - West 45th Parallel 19 Bottles**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(8) 750 ml 2005 Château Grand Bateau, Bordeaux

(11) 750 ml 2007 Chateau Grand Traverse Late Harvest Riesling, Michigan

**Chateau Grand Traverse Late Harvest Lot:** This exceptional Late Harvest Riesling from Michigan abounds with dazzling fruit and crisp citrus flavors balanced with a naturally sweet finish. We created this exquisite after-dinner wine to match well with cheese and fruit as well as roast pork, glazed ham, poultry, or most barbecued fare. Serve slightly chilled.

**Château Grand Bateau:** Nice nose of cherries and blackberries with a hint of black licorice. Tannins are there but pretty well integrated at this point. Good flavors of cherries with some black fruit notes and a solid amount of vanilla. (CT)

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#### **Fess Parker Chardonnay Marcella's Vineyard**

*Donated by Eric Adams*

(6) 750 ml 2001 Fess Parker Marcellas Vineyard Chardonnay, Santa Barbara County

This wine exhibits many classic Santa Barbara county Chardonnay characteristics of citrus combined with prominent tropical fruit, apple, pear, and melon. It displays subtle toast and butter notes and a leesy complexity on the palate. Stylistically it tends toward a white Burgundy with its crisp acidity and a noticeably mineral finish.

### **LOT 618**

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#### **Nimble Nelms Road Cabernet**

*Donated by Eric Adams*

(11) 750 ml 2002 Nelms Road Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley, Washington

Lithe in texture, nicely fleshed out with earthy, licorice-scented blackberry and pepper flavors, finishing firm, with length. Enjoy now through 2012. (WS 90)

### **LOT 619**

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#### **Shimering Silverado Chardonnay**

*Donated by Eric Adams*

(5) 750 ml 1997 Silverado Vineyard Reserve Chardonnay, Napa Valley

A crisp, flinty style, with a pretty band of intense pear, spice, fig and melon. Gains nuance, with hints of toast and earth. Drink now (WS90)

### **LOT 620**

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#### **Igor Larionov Sends His Best**

*Donated by Richard and Karen Brown*

(2) 750 ml 2005 Slap Shot Shiraz, South Australia

(2) 750 ml 2005 Triple Overtime Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley-Sonoma

**2005 Slap Shot Shiraz:** A deep crimson delight filled with liquorice, dark chocolate, and mulberry. The tannins are fine-grained and the finish is somewhat quick; drink now.

**2005 Triple Overtime Zinfandel:** A classic example of why Dry Creek Valley excels with zinfandel velvety, intense, black raspberry-driven wine with enough peppery spice to stand up to the most aggressive barbecue.

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## **LOT 621**

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### **Luxurious Louis Latour**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(12) 750 ml 2005 Louis Latour Marsannay , Burgundy

Lean and solidly built, despite its ripe cherry notes up front. Tannins and acidity dominate now, but this has a stony character and length, with loads of mineral on the aftertaste. Best from 2010 through 2020. (WS 90)

## **LOT 622**

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### **Marsannay from Louis Latour**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(12) 750 ml 2005 Louis Latour Marsannay , Burgundy

Lean and solidly built, despite its ripe cherry notes up front. Tannins and acidity dominate now, but this has a stony character and length, with loads of mineral on the aftertaste. Best from 2010 through 2020. (WS 90)

## **LOT 623**

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### **A case of Ermitage**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(12) 750 ml 2005 Ermitage du Pic St Loup Languedoc Red Wine, Coteaux du Languedoc

Nose was very earthy - in the woods and turning over a mossy log. This is a big boy. It is full and big on the nose, full and big on the taste. Loved it. (CT 92)

## **LOT 624**

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### **Ermitage du Pic St Loup**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(12) 750 ml 2005 Ermitage du Pic St Loup Languedoc Red Wine, Coteaux du Languedoc

Nose was very earthy - in the woods and turning over a mossy log. This is a big boy. It is full and big on the nose, full and big on the taste. Loved it. (CT 92)

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## **LOT 625**

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### **Sensational Amari Semillon**

*Donated by James Nicholson*

(12) 750 ml 2007 Amavi Cellars Semillon, Columbia Valley, Washington

Aromas of orange peel, ripe pear and linden tree blossom introduce our complex, yet beautifully balanced 2007 Semillon. Intensely rich and creamy flavors of honeyed citrus and mineral are supported by a zingy, lively acidity.

## **LOT 626**

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### **Mining in the Shadows**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight & Eric Adams*

(2) 750 ml 1996 Miner Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville-Napa Valley

(3) 750 ml 1999 Merryvale Silhouette Chardonnay, Napa Valley

**Merryvale Silhouette Chardonnay:** Ripe, round and complex, with rich fig, vanilla, coconut, hazelnut and subtle pear notes that are focused and lively on the finish. Drink now. (WS89)

**Miner Napa Valley Cabernet:** Nose immediately makes you think of Bordeaux varietal blend with the cedar, cigar and savory red fruited notes, this also had some teriyaki aromas. Very bright palate with strong cedar Can flavors. Very nice and more in line with what makes me enjoy Cabernet. (CT89)

## **LOT 627**

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### **Regal South African Rupert Rothschild Cab**

*Donated by Leet and Patsy Denton*

(5) 750 ml 2002 Rupert and Rothchild Baron Edmond Cabernet Sauvignon, S Africa

This harmonious blend releases elegant blackberry flavours wrapped in layers of cigar box aromas with delicate coriander undertones creating a smooth, lingering aftertaste.

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### **LOT 628**

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#### **Bordeaux from 3 Great Vintages**

*Donated by Richard and Janna Bull*

- (1) 750 ml 1986 Château Talbot, St. Julien
- (1) 750 ml 2000 Château de Reignac, Bordeaux
- (1) 750 ml 2005 Château Cantemerle, Haut Medoc
- (1) 750 ml 2005 Pavillon Rouge du Château Margaux, Marguax

**Château Talbot:** It's my gut feeling that the 1986 is, along with the 1982, the finest Talbot made at this estate since the legendary 1945. The wine, which has been so special since the first taste from cask, is classically structured, with a penetrating fragrance of peppery, spicy, weedy black currants and tar, an enormous concentration of flavor on the palate, and staggering length. The tannins are noticeable, but they are ripe tannins, somewhat softer than those found in many of the 1986 Medocs. Anticipated maturity: Now-2020. (WA96)

**Château De Reignac:** An amazing accomplishment for a Bordeaux Superieur. Exhibits an opaque ruby/purple color, an impressively complex nose of black currants intermixed with graphite, vanilla, and cedar. The wine is medium to full-bodied, dense, rich, and the qualitative equivalent of a top classified growth from the Medoc. A revelation! (WA92)

**Château Cantemerle:** The deep ruby-hued 2005 displays aromas of licorice, roasted herbs, sweet cherries, and flowers. In the mouth, the wine seems almost light in comparison to its peers, but it possesses an ethereal seriousness, purity, and overall harmony that are striking for its delicacy and finesse. (WA90)

**Pavillon Rouge Margaux:** Margaux's second wine gets better with each vintage. Fleshy, opulent, and nearly decadent, with terrific fruit, a creamy texture, and supple tannin, it can be enjoyed over the next 12-15+ years. (WA91)

### **LOT 629**

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#### **Tiziano Gold**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

- (12) 750 ml 2003 Tiziano Chianti Classico Gold Label

Nice balance of fruit (tart cherries) and earthiness, good mouth-feel (silky) with a medium finish. Very fine effort; delicious Chianti. (CT 91)

### **LOT 630**

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#### **Wines selected by Jorge Ordoñez**

Please check the Addenda for details of this lovely lot from Honorary Vintner Jorge Ordoñez of Fine Estates of Spain.

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## **LOT 631**

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### **A Diamond of a Magnum**

*Donated by Richard and Janna Bull*

(1) 1.5 L 1994 Diamond Creek Cabernet Sauvignon, Gravelly Meadow-Napa Valley

An elegant, sophisticated wine, complex, with ripe cherry, sweet plum and spicy anise and cedary notes. Finishes with a long, full aftertaste and mellow tannins.-(WS93)

## **LOT 632**

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### **Chateau Smith Haut Lafitte**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(5) 750 ml 1998 Chateau Smith Haut Lafitte Blanc, Pessac Leognan

Unusual smoky mineral nose. Flora and earth notes with some honeysuckle. Rich round buttery Semillon notes on the palate with spicy acidity on the finish. (CT 91)

## **LOT 633**

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### **Cakebread Zinfandel Delight**

*Donated by Cakebread Cellars*

(6) 750 ml 2005 Cakebread Cellars Zinfandel, Red Hills Lake-Napa Valley

The 2005 Red Hills Lake County Zinfandel displays lavish blackberry, black plum and fig aromas mingled with sweet oak, dark chocolate and roasted coffee notes. The palate is lush and mouth-filling, with deep, dense, blackberry, black raspberry and dark chocolate flavors supported by ripe, youthful tannins and a savory, toasted oak tone. While this big, strapping Zinfandel is a pleasure to drink now with hearty foods, it will benefit from another 5-7 years of bottle age.

## **LOT 634**

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### **Beautiful Brown Estate Zinfandel**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(6) 750 ml 2005 Brown Estate Zinfandel, Napa Valley

Love this stuff. Not as intense as the Chiles Valley, but very good! (CT 90)

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### **LOT 635**

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#### **A Port from Osborne**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(6) 750 ml 2000 Osborne Port, Portugal

Just opened it, first glass has a nice plummy nose with some heat showing. Palate has some plums and tart cherries with smooth tannins but a bit light on the acid. It is a very easy drinker. (CT)

### **LOT 636**

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#### **South African Sensations**

*Donated by Leet and Patsy Denton*

(3) 750 ml 1998 Villiera Monro Premiere Brut, Stellenbosch, South Africa

(2) 750 ml 2001 Kanonkop Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Simonsberg Stellenbosch, South Africa

(9) 750 ml 2002 Plaisir de Merle Shiraz, S Africa

**Plaisir de Merle:** Cellarmaster Niel Bester's approach is to produce wines which are internationally acceptable. He strives for softer fruit tannins rather than hard tannins, wine with ageing potential, yet ready to drink while relatively young. The emphasis is on capturing as much fruit as possible and on the discreet use of oak. (winery notes)

**Villiera:** Our aim is to reflect the specific character of the terroir, as well as the unique characteristics of each vintage in our wines. We also commit ourselves to ongoing quality improvement in the vineyard and constant upgrading of cellar facilities in addition to the upliftment of our staff. (winery notes)

**Kanonkop Estate:** A dark, pretty purple-black. Smokey nose complemented by pretty minerality and flowers. Smokey, dark fruits, bacon, almost salty. Medium body, tannins are soft and smooth but provide nice structure. Rich in flavor but easy drinking. Old world in style. A nice change of pace. (CT91)

## *Silent Auction - Wine*

### **LOT 637**

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#### **The Obama Inaugural Luncheon Duet**

*Donated by Richard and Karen Brown*

(3) 750 ml 2005 Golden Eye Pinot Noir, Anderson Valley

(3) 750 ml 2007 Duckhorn Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley

**2007 Duckhorn Sauvignon Blanc:** Hints of citrus on the nose, but very pale yellow color. This is light and crisp with flavors of pineapple and lemon. This would be great on a warm summer day. A good wine. (CT 90)

**2005 Goldeneye Pinot Noir:** Everything you would expect from Goldeneye or an Anderson Valley pinot for that matter ... but still young ... better in a few years (CT 91)

These lovely Duckhorn wines were paired with seafood stew in puff pastry, duck breast with cherry chutney, herb-roasted pheasant with wild rice stuffing, molasses whipped sweet potatoes, winter vegetables.

### **LOT 638**

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#### **From the "Hart" of Napa Valley**

*Donated by Richard and Karen Brown*

(1) 750 ml 1995 Hartwell Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, Stags Leap-Napa Valley

(1) 750 ml 1996 Hartwell Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, Stags Leap-Napa Valley

(1) 750 ml 1997 Hartwell Vineyards Sunshine Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Stags Leap-Napa Valley

**The 1995 Hartwell Estate Cabernet:** Candle wax and earthy aromas combine with ripe, supple currant and wild berry fruit to give this wine a nice range of flavors. The tannins are chewy and the flavors get a lift on the finish, picking up a hint of mineral and pencil lead. (WS)

**The 1996 Hartwell Cabernet:** Smooth, ripe and polished, with a core of earthy currant, plum and wild berry, picking up pretty toasty, smoky oak. Long and supple. Enjoy now. (WS 91)

**The 1997 Hartwell Sunshine Vineyard:** Solid, with chunky currant, blackberry and cherry flavors framed by toasty, cedary oak, finishing with complexity. Drink now. (WS 89)

In addition to making great wine, Blanca and Bob Hartwell are dedicated to the tradition of charitable giving. Their ongoing philanthropic efforts are instrumental to organizations that improve the lives of children.

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### **LOT 639**

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#### **Mulderbosch Sauvignon Blanc Case**

*Donated by Eric Adams*

(12) 750 ml 2005 Mulderbosch Sauvignon Blanc, South Africa

Lean and focused, with grass, chive, mineral and floral notes that show great cut. Lingering gooseberry note on the finish. Delicious. Drink now. (WS)

### **LOT 640**

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#### **Mulderbosch Twin Case**

*Donated by Eric Adams*

(12) 750 ml 2005 Mulderbosch Sauvignon Blanc, South Africa

Lean and focused, with grass, chive, mineral and floral notes that show great cut. Lingering gooseberry note on the finish. Delicious. Drink now. (WS 90)

### **LOT 641**

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#### **Kumeu River, Knight of Marlborough**

*Donated by Eric Adams*

(12) 750 ml 2004 Kumeu River Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand

A bit broader and spicier than most New Zealand Sauvignon Blancs, with a gently toasty edge to the light white grapefruit flavors. Drink now.

### **LOT 642**

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#### **Knightly Kumeu River**

*Donated by Eric Adams*

(12) 750 ml 2004 Kumeu River Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand

A bit broader and spicier than most New Zealand Sauvignon Blancs, with a gently toasty edge to the light white grapefruit flavors. Drink now. (WS)

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### **LOT 643**

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#### **Case of Artesa Chardonnay**

*Donated by Eric Adams*

(12) 750 ml 2006 Artesa Chardonnay, Carneros-Napa Valley

Intense, vibrant, deceptively complex and elegant, with pretty floral scents and touches of nectarine framed by light toasty oak. Drink now. (WS88)

### **LOT 644**

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#### **A Selection of Beaucanon**

*Donated by Eric Adams*

(8) 750 ml 1999 Beaucanon Reserve Napa Chardonnay, Napa Valley

(3) 750 ml 1999 Beaucanon Select Reserve Napa Chardonnay, Napa Valley

We are well represented by one of our 2009 Honorary Vintners in this lot -- two of the fine bottlings of the 1999 Chardonnay. They are the best Chardonnay their vineyards offer and made without manipulation. Right out of the bottle, this pale gold wine fills the glass with classic aromas of crisp lemon cream with hints of limestone and rosemary wood., developing into richer tones of marmalade and tropical citrus. The citrus flavors are carried through to the palate, enriched with notes of honeysuckle, cantaloupe and orange blossom and elevated by the creamy, toasty vanillin of oak. We have preserved the crisp acid and vibrant fruit by allowing only the primary fermentation. They have been aged sur-lies exclusively in French oak barrels to create the many layers of flavor and rich mouth feel. Enjoy it with special dishes like lobster Thermidor or pork tenderloin with cream sauce. Bon Appetit! (WE - 90)

### **LOT 645**

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#### **Caymus Family 6 Pack**

*Donated by Caymus Vineyards*

(2) 750 ml 2006 Belle Glos "Las Alturas" Pinot Noir, Santa Lucia Highlands

(2) 750 ml 2006 Caymus Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

(2) 750 ml 2006 Mer Soleil Chardonnay, Santa Lucia Highlands

**2006 Caymus Napa Cabernet:** Complex, riveting aromas of spice, cola and sassafras join wild berry, spice, black cherry and sage notes in this full-bodied, intensely flavored, tightly focused and very persistent display of fruit that's long and lingering. Drink now through 2017. (WS94)

**2006 Caymus Mer Soleil Chardonnay:** Light gold color with a pale green tint. Clean, lively aromas of honeydew melon and green apple carry over to delicate tropical fruit flavors of pineapple and papaya, balanced with crisp mineral notes. The full texture lasts through a luxuriously long finish. Caymus Mer Soleil Winemaker: Chuck Wagner

**2006 Caymus Belle Glos Pinot Noir:** Deep ruby color; red cherry and spice aromas; rich, ripe, red cherry flavors, earthy notes with some tannin and oak; good structure and balance; long finish. Spicy, rich Pinot with a lot of interesting flavors. Great with food or on its own. (WA 93)

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## **LOT 646**

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### **Château Leoville Barton**

*Donated by Beth Morrison*

(3) 750 ml 1986 Château Leoville Barton, Saint Julien-Bordeaux

In contrast to the elegant, graceful, finesse-filled 1985 (which may turn out to resemble the classic 1953 in 15 years), the 1986 is a great wine, but so, so backward and tannic. This huge, dense, medium- to full-bodied wine exhibits tremendously rich, classic, weedy, black currant fruitiness with airing, and boasts the judicious use of new oak barrels. The tannins are elevated, but then this is a seriously concentrated, old-style, intense wine for long-term cellaring. The more I taste the 1986 Leoville-Barton, the more impressed I become with the wine's extraordinary power, density, and richness. However, it is not a wine for readers seeking immediate gratification. Although spectacular, it requires another 5-6 years of cellaring. It will easily last for half a century. Enjoy now or cellar through 2030. (WA92)

## **LOT 647**

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### **Are You An Oenophile?**

*Donated by Eric Adams*

(12) 750 ml 1995 Chateau Haut Coutelin, St-Estephe-Bordeaux

As our scribes are stumped -- no published notes that we can find. So, they'll need to come from the winning bidder! Let us know. As to the vintage, along with 1990 and 1996, one of the best of the 1990s. In Bordeaux this was a vintage with success on both sides of the Gironde river, and for better than anything since 1990. This produced well structured wines in the left bank communes, where this wine hails from. (A friend of A Night for Sight)

## **LOT 648**

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### **Two Cases of Bordeaux**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(12) 750 ml 2005 Château St. Sulpice, Bordeaux

(12) 750 ml 2005 Château la Pierre Levee, Cotes de Castillion - Bordeaux

**2005 Château St. Sulpice:** The wine is given a classical vinification for a Bordeaux red: complete destemming, fermentation in new temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks for 8 days, and aging in vats for several months before bottling. This approach maximizes the natural fruit qualities. (CT) (wood box)

**2005 Château la Pierre Levee:** The wine quickly opened up in the glass to show nice, well-structured cherry fruit, the Merlot in the blend shining forth. Fortunately, I had the foresight to order two bottles as we needed the backup by the time the Beef Daube was done! (CT)

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### **LOT 649**

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#### **From Exotic Lebanon to Lively Chile**

*Donated by Leet and Patsy Denton*

(2) 750 ml 1988 Chateau Musar, Lebanon

(4) 750 ml 1999 Casa la Postole Clos Apalta, Colchaqua Valley, Chile

**1988 Chateau Musar:** Nose was deep and layered. Pomerolian with intense red fruits, barnyard, mint, tea and some currants. Nose was amazing. The palate was one of the most concentrated Musars I have ever had. Perfectly delineated and ripe with gorgeous purity and length. The whole package and then some. (CT 91)

**1999 Casa la Postole:** Even with a winemaking background, the Marnier-Lapostolle and Rabat families are not solely responsible for the Casa Lapostolle success story. There is an oenologist involved, none other than Michel Rolland. He consults exclusively for Casa Lapostolle in Chile, being contractually prevented from consulting elsewhere in this country. And permanently on site is Michel Friou, who has worked at Chateau Margaux and Cape Mentelle, to name just two. The premium cuvée here is Clos Apalta. This wine is sourced from the ancient vines which first tempted Alexandra Marnier-Lapostolle and Cyril de Bournet, but new plantings which include some Petit Verdot will be included in the blend.

### **LOT 650**

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#### **Life is a Cabernet**

*Donated by Joel and Sally Goldberg*

(1) 750 ml 1997 Quilceda Creek Cabernet Sauvignon, Washington

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**1997 Quilceda Creek Cabernet:** Ripe in flavor, open in texture, with a real sense of elegance surrounding the juicy currant, mint and sweet spice flavors that echo nicely on the round finish. Drink now. (WS 89)

**1999 Quilceda Creek Cabernet:** Dense and beautifully focused, firm texture, with bay leaf-scented cherry and currant flavors that last and last on the chewy finish. Built for the cellar, this has the intensity, length and depth to go on. (WS94)

### **LOT 651**

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#### **Charming Patz & Hall Chardonnay**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(12) 375 ml 2005 Patz and Hall Dutton Ranch Chardonnay, Russian River Valley

Ultrarich and full-bodied, with lots of depth and concentration to the fig, toasty oak, hazelnut and melon flavors. Keeps a tight focus and finishes with a long, deep aftertaste emphasizing the fruit and oak in harmony. (WS 92)

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### **LOT 652**

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#### **Chardonnays for Napa Fans**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(3) 750 ml 2001 Lewis Chardonnay, Russian River Valley-Sonoma

(3) 750 ml 2001 Staglin Chardonnay, Rutherford-Napa Valley

(3) 750 ml 2002 Patz & Hall Chardonnay Dutton Ranch, Russian River Valley-Sonoma

**2002 Patz & Hall:** Unmistakably Burgundian in its presentation of rich, complex flavors, which take in a mix of spiced apple, pear, hazelnut and creamy anise scents. Complex and concentrated, it finishes with a long, subtle aftertaste that keeps echoing fruit and oaky nuances. Drink now. (WS 92)

**2001 Lewis Chardonnay:** Striking for its display of rich flavors and delicate notes, serve up spicy fig, apricot and hazelnut flavors that are detailed, with hints of citrus and earth. Turns elegant and sophisticated on the finish. Drink now. (WS 93)

**2001 Staglin Chardonnay:** Rich and complex, with lots of spicy, toasty oak draped over a core of silky hazelnut-infused pear and fig, showing off enticing aromas and finishing in a long, intricate fruit and oak aftertaste. Drink now. (WS 92)

### **LOT 653**

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#### **The Obama Inaugural Luceon Duet**

*Donated by Richard and Karen Brown*

(3) 750 ml 2005 Golden Eye Pinot Noir, Anderson Valley

(3) 750 ml 2007 Duckhorn Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley

**2007 Duckhorn Sauvignon Blanc:** Hints of citrus on the nose, but very pale yellow color. This is light and crisp with flavors of pineapple and lemon. This would be great on a warm summer day. A good wine. (CT 90)

**2005 Goldeneye Pinot Noir:** Everything you would expect from Goldeneye or an Anderson Valley pinot for that matter...but still young...better in a few years (CT 91)

These lovely Duckhorn wines were paired with seafood stew in puff pastry, duck breast with cherry chutney, herb-roasted pheasant with wild rice stuffing, molasses whipped sweet potatoes, winter vegetables.

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### **LOT 654**

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#### **A case of Chardonnay by Mer Soleil**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(12) 750 ml 2006 Mer Soleil Chardonnay, Santa Lucia Highlands

Very nice well-balanced and smooth CA Central Coast un-oaked chardonnay. Clear gold, well balanced butter and oak and both present in surprising amounts for this un-oaked chardonnay. Highly recommend this wine. Nose surprisingly crisp and mildly fruity with some pear, butter and baking yeast. Primary flavors were crisp and well balanced with a surprising amount of oak and butter present, also pear and allspice. (CT 92)

### **LOT 655**

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#### **Terrific Termes Toro**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(12) 750 ml 2005 Termes Toro Bodega Numanthia, Spain

The 2005 Termes was aged for 16 months in seasoned French oak. It exhibits a classy nose of cedar, mineral, spice box, and blackberry. Sweet, layered, and ripe, with tons of flavor, this balanced effort will evolve for 3-4 years and drink well through 2018. (WA 92)

### **LOT 656**

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#### **Shypoke from Heitz Family**

*Donated by Eric Adams*

(12) 750 ml 2002 Shypoke Cellars Charbono, Napa Valley

Shypoke is a family owned and operated vineyard and winery. We make hand crafted wines-and only a few hundred cases at that. Our family has farmed this same piece of land for over a hundred years. You might say we are old friends; a lot of history, some wild stories. In fact, our stories are intertwined. We take pride in our land and are pleased to see it flourishing. Just as we strive for balance in our lives, we encourage it at Shypoke. Nature in balance is everywhere at hand: a resident great horned owl in the oak tree by the house and red tail hawks that strategize from atop the wind machine. Farming simply allows us to watch nature in balance.

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### **LOT 657**

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#### **Colossal Clos du Tart Mommessin**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(3) 750 ml 2002 Mommessin Clos du Tart Grand Cru, Burgundy

A big red, round and sappy, exhibiting black cherry, kirsch and sweet spice aromas and flavors. Picks up some chocolate and smoke midpalate, with the richness and exuberant fruit of the vintage. Fine length; needs time to absorb the oak and tannins. 350 cases imported. (WS 93)

### **LOT 658**

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#### **Spectacular Spottswoode**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(3) 750 ml 2003 Spottswoode Cabernet Sauvignon Lydenhurst, St. Helena-Napa Valley

Spottswoode Vineyard is one of Napa's most well-known landmarks, and its winemaking team, owner Beth Novack, and assistants Rosemary Cakebread and Jennifer Williams, represents a trifecta of talented young women. When the history of Napa's great vineyards is written, the 40-acre Spottswoode Vineyard, tucked behind the quaint town of St. Helena, will be counted among the finest grand cru vineyards of the region. These wines have always been good, but over the last decade, the quality has soared, no doubt because of a much more strict selection in the vineyard as well as in the winery. A very fine second wine, Lydenhurst, has also been introduced, which has increased the quality of the flagship offering, the Cabernet Sauvignon Estate. Like Bordeaux's top chateaux, Spottswoode has gotten serious about turning out a very fine second wine that is softer and more accessible, yet represents their vineyard character. (WA 94)

### **LOT 659**

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#### **Halter Ranch Syrah Special**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(12) 750 ml 2002 Halter Ranch Syrah, Paso Robles

This dense, monolithic, medium to full-bodied, saturated dark ruby-colored 2002 exhibits plenty of new oak along with chunky, chocolatey black fruits. (WA)

### **LOT 660**

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#### **Wines selected by Jorge Ordoñez**

Please check the Addenda for details of this lovely lot from Honorary Vintner Jorge Ordoñez of Fine Estates of Spain.

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## **LOT 661**

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### **Amicable Amiral**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(11) 750 ml 2002 Amiral de Beychevelle, Saint Julien - Bordeaux

This elegant, attractive, light to medium-weight Bordeaux exhibits firm tannin and a touch of astringency along with a dark ruby/plum color and aromas of cedar, black currants, earth, oak, and underbrush. (WA)

## **LOT 662**

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### **Bordeaux Aimees Aussi**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(12) 750 ml 2005 Château Bellevue Rougier, Bordeaux

(12) 750 ml 2005 Château la Pierre Levee, Cotes de Castillon - Bordeaux

**Château Bellevue Rougier:** There's berry and earth character on the nose. Medium-bodied, with a slightly funky finish that shows a hint of ripe fruit and earth. Best after 2009. (WS)

**2005 Château la Pierre Levee:** The wine quickly opened up in the glass to show nice, well-structured cherry fruit, the Merlot in the blend shining forth. Fortunately, I had the foresight to order two bottles as we needed the backup by the time the Beef Daube was done! (CT)

## **LOT 663**

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### **Pour Les Aimees de Bordeaux**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(12) 750 ml 2005 Château Bellevue Rougier, Bordeaux

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### **LOT 664**

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#### **Bordeaux Cellar Stockers**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(12) 750 ml 2005 Château St. Sulpice, Bordeaux

(12) 750 ml 2005 Château la Pierre Levee, Cotes de Castillion - Bordeaux

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### **LOT 665**

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#### **An Aussie Invasion**

*Donated by Eric Adams*

(1) 750 ml 1991 Leconfield Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, Australia

(1) 750 ml 1993 Leconfield Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, Australia

(1) 750 ml 1994 Leconfield Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, Australia

(1) 750 ml 1995 Leconfield Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, Australia

(2) 750 ml 1998 Leconfield Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, Australia

Leconfield was established in 1974 by noted Oenologist, Sydney Hamilton. At the fine age of seventy six, and with a winemaking career spanning nearly 60 years with the family company in Adelaide, Sydney still yearned to make a classic Australian Cabernet Sauvignon and set himself the task of finding the right district in which to establish his own vineyard and winery. Showing great foresight, Sydney selected Coonawarra as the area with the potential to fulfil his ambitious dream. Thus Leconfield was born, named after an English ancestor, Lord Leconfield.

In 1981, with 65 vintages under his belt, Sydney decided to finally retire and Leconfield was acquired by his nephew Richard Hamilton, based in McLaren Vale. The winery retains its own individual identity and character to this day, representing the essence of the famous Coonawarra strip.

### **LOT 666**

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#### **Grand Puy Lacoste 6 pack**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(6) 750 ml 2001 Château Grand Puy Lacoste, Pauillac-Bordeaux

A deep ruby/purple color is accompanied by this property's tell-tale cassis characteristics. Medium-bodied and monolithic, with fine ripeness as well as depth along with light to moderate tannin in the finish. (WA)

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### **LOT 667**

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#### **La Bahans Haut Brion two years**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

- (1) 750 ml 1995 La Bahans Haut Brion, Pessac-Leognan-Bordeaux
- (5) 750 ml 1996 La Bahans Haut Brion, Pessac-Leognan-Bordeaux

**1996 Bahans Haut Brion:** Decanted for over an hour. Plenty of herbs, perfect with rack of lamb smothered in mustard and rosemary, beautiful fruit just rounding into form. Not perfect - it could have been richer and riper. Still, one of the best wine meals I've had. Plenty of flavor and aroma - lots of wonderful herbs. Savory, meaty - hits the glutamate receptor hard. A counterpoint to the gaminess of the lamb. Washed it down without washing away the flavor. Enhanced it, if anything. I wanted more. (CT92)

**1995 Bahans Haut Brion:** Not decanted. Brickish around the edges, nose of earth, elegant fruit, and some bellpepper. Initially the nose and palate were a bit weak. Plus 60min it had put on weight and showed some structure. Plus 90min there were bursts of fruit on the mid-palate and by plus 120min it was an really good wine. (CT92)

As you are doubtless aware, the Bahans Haut-Brion is the 2nd wine of Château Haut Brion.

### **LOT 668**

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#### **Second to None 1993**

*Donated by Richard and Karen Brown*

- (1) 750 ml 1993 Château Baron de Pichon Longueville, Pauillac-Bordeaux
- (1) 750 ml 1993 Château Ducru-Beaucaillou, St. Julien-Bordeaux
- (1) 750 ml 1993 Château Pichon Longueville Lalande, Pauillac-Bordeaux
- (1) 750 ml 1993 Cos D'Estournel, Saint Estephe-Bordeaux

**1993 Château Baron de Pichon:** Powerful bouquet. A lot of liquorice. Spicy. Full bodied, black fruit juice and luxurious, almost Californian like, oak. This wine is beautiful NOW! Enough good soft tannin for a few more years. (WA)

**1993 Château Ducru-Beaucaillou:** Color is dark and rich looking. Nice aromas of cedar on the nose, with a hint of pepper. A touch of tobacco, leather and spice. Smells like bordeaux, but a young one. A bit tannic still on the palate, but not overwhelming. Finish hangs on. (92 WS)

**1993 Cos d'Estournel:** This wine should turn out to be one of the most successful wines of the vintage. The saturated ruby/purple color is followed by a pure, sweet nose of black fruits (cherries and cassis), abundant notes of smoky new oak, and an intriguing floral component. There is excellent concentration, fine density, and an expansive, medium to full-bodied palate, with a surprising degree of fleshiness and suppleness. (WA90)

**1993 Château Pichon Longueville:** The 1993 Pichon-Lalande is a high class, rich, medium to full-bodied Pauillac with firm structure and a well-delineated personality. It should age well for 12-15+ years. (WA90)

## *Silent Auction - Wine*

### **LOT 669**

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#### **6 Magnificent '96 Carruades**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(6) 750 ml 1996 Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac-Bordeaux

This 2nd wine of Château Lafite Rothschild displays aromas of currant and cigar box. Full-bodied, with silky tannins and a medium finish. '95/'96 Bordeaux retrospective. (WS)

### **LOT 670**

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#### **Anyone for Château Phelan Segur**

*Donated by Richard and Karen Brown*

(4) 750 ml 1990 Château Phelan Segur, Saint Estephe-Bordeaux

The 1990 is darkly colored, with a big, sweet, opulent, nearly explosive nose. This full-bodied wine displays excellent intensity and extract, plenty of ripe tannins, and a long, rich, authoritative finish. (WA)

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### **LOT 671**

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#### **The Sum is Greater than the Parts**

*Donated by Gary Farrell Winery, Hanzell Vineyards, Elk Cove Vineyards, Friends of A Night for Sight & Bob Berry*

- (1) 750 ml 2001 Darioush Shiraz, Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 2002 Elk Cove Vineyards Roosevelt Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley
- (1) 750 ml 2004 Gary Farrell Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley- Sonoma, Allen Vineyard Hillside Block
- (1) 750 ml 2004 Janzen To-Kalon To-Kalon Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 2005 Hanzell Vineyards Chardonnay, Napa Valley
- (1) 375 ml 2007 Margan Vineyard Estate Grown Botrytis Semillon, Hunter Valley, Australia

**Gary Farrell Pinot Noir:** Clean and elegant, with a delicate mix of spice, red and black cherry and red plum fruit, picking up a hint of cranberry. Drink now. (WS) Medium cherry red color with nice cherry and spice nose; tasty spicy cherry and red fruit palate with good acidity, needs a few years (CT-92)

**Hanzell 2005 Chardonnay:** The original Hanzell Vineyards Chardonnay vines, planted in 1953 by Ambassador Zellerbach, are now the oldest Chardonnay vines in California. Four barrels were blended to create this first-ever bottling of this historic single-vineyard bottling.

**2004 Janzen To-Kalon Napa:** Rich, smooth and fleshy, with fragrant currant, black cherry and wild berry fruit that's focused, supple and harmonious. Deep and concentrated without being heavy or dense, with a long, elegant finish. Best from 2009 through 2018. 400 cases made. (WS 92)

**2001 Darioush Shiraz:** Ripe and concentrated, with generous depth to the cola, beef, black cherry and fresh herb flavors. Lots of toasty, mocha-scented oak and brawny tannins keep kicking through the finish, ending with a dry note. Drink now. (WS)

**2002 Elk Cove Roosevelt Pinot:** A wild one; ripe, maybe overripe, with plum and jammy berry flavors, finishing a little tart and hot at the same time. Drink now. (WS)

**2007 Margan Family Semillon Botrytis:** This wonderful Parker 90 was carefully brought back from Australia by the donor. (WA90)

### **LOT 672**

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#### **Charming Greysac**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

- (12) 750 ml 2000 Château Greysac, Medoc-Bordeaux

A deep ruby color is accompanied by scents of wet stones, cold steel, and black currant fruit. This medium-bodied, attractively made, elegant Medoc offers sweet fruit as well as a clean finish. (WA)

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### **LOT 673**

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#### **Ramey Chardonnay Case**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(6) 750 ml 2001 Ramey Chardonnay, Carneros

(6) 750 ml 2002 Ramey Chardonnay, Russian River Valley

**2001 Ramey Carneros Chardonnay:** Creamy-textured, with a mix of rich, smoky pear, fig, nectarine, honeysuckle and apricot, finishing with intensity and concentration and a pretty floral highlight. (WS 93)

**2002 Ramey Russian River Chardonnay:** Spicy, floral and fruity aromatics carry over nicely to the palate in this rich, intense, elegantly styled wine that glides across the palate, ending with a complex range of fig and citrus flavors that linger. (WS 92)

### **LOT 674**

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#### **Quintessential McLaren Vale**

*Donated by Robert and Meribah Bodack*

(1) 750 ml 1997 D'Arenberg Dead Arm Shiraz, McLaren Vale, Australia

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(1) 750 ml 2002 D'Arenberg Dead Arm Shiraz, McLaren Vale, Australia

(1) 750 ml 2004 D'Arenberg Dead Arm Shiraz, McLaren Vale, Australia

**1997:** Medium dark red violet color with pale meniscus; soy sauce, redolent plum and sweet berry nose; tasty, berry, boysenberry palate with sweet tannins; medium-plus finish 92+ pts. (CT)

**1998:** Dark red violet color; roasted meat and blackberry liqueur nose; tasty, juicy, boysenberry, sweet meat jus palate with depth; medium-plus finish. (CT93)

**1999:** Dark red violet color beginning to brick with pale meniscus; plum and deep blueberry nose; mulberry, tart boysenberry, tart plum palate; medium finish. (CT91)

**2001:** Dark red violet color; ripe plum nose with smoke and charcoal; tasty, ripe but elegant berry, boysenberry palate, with tangy acidity; medium-plus finish 93+ pts. (CT)

**2002:** Deep black red violet color; sweet roasted meat nose; plush, concentrated berry and plum palate, tangy, tight yet; medium-plus finish (CT92)

**2004:** I've heard and seen reviews of wine described as having a bacon fat smell/taste and I always thought that was nuts. Well I finally smelled and tasted bacon fat in a wine. The nose is spicy, blackberry, vanilla, raspberry and yes bacon fat. The taste is even more apparent, I could actually detect smoked bacon on the pallet along with plum skin, strawberry and pepper. This wine is fairly complex. I thought there was a nice balance of sweetness and tartness to the tannins. Loved it. (CT92)

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## **LOT 675**

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### **Beautiful Blend of East & West 45th Parallel**

*Donated by Evan and Nickole Black*

- (1) 750 ml 1990 Bernard Guy Cote-Rotie, Rhone
- (1) 750 ml 1990 Les Hauts de Montmirail Gigondas, Rhone
- (1) 750 ml 1994 Château Clinet, Pomerol - Bordeaux
- (1) 750 ml 1999 Château Palmer, Margaux - Bordeaux
- (1) 750 ml 2000 Clos de la Graniere Chateauneuf-du-Pape, Rhone
- (1) 750 ml 2000 Domaine Charvin Chateauneuf-du-Pape, Rhone

**1994 Château Clinet:** Inky purple/garnet-colored, with an outrageously intense nose of black truffles, licorice, cedar, and black fruits, this phenomenally extracted wine borders on being too concentrated for its own good. This massive, huge wine possesses 25-30 years of potential longevity. The fruit's remarkable intensity and purity, as well as the liqueur-like richness and unctuousness are something to experience. This is an exceptionally dense, massively-endowed, controversial style of Pomerol that will reward those with patience. The tannins are strong, but so is the extract level. Enjoy now -2025. (WA92)

**1999 Château Palmer:** The 1999 is the greatest Palmer made since 1961, 1966, 1970, 1983, and 1989. It is one of the superstars of the vintage. The wine is a blend of 48% Cabernet Sauvignon, 46% Merlot, and 6% Petit Verdot. It boasts a staggering bouquet of violets and other spring flowers intermixed with licorice, black currants, and subtle wood. Only 50% of the production made it into the grand vin. This is a multi-dimensional, compelling effort with both power and elegance, it offers sweet tannin along with flavors that caress the palate, and a 45-second finish. This is terrific stuff! (WA95)

**1990 Bernard Guy Cote-Rotie:** Although I admire the deep color, fine concentration and extraction, this wine tastes monochromatic. It is beefy, with a spicy, herbal, leathery nose, and full-bodied, tannic flavors. Will complexity and character emerge with aging? It will easily last for 10-12 years. (WA)

**2000 Domaine Charvin Châteauneuf du Pape:** Initially appears closed, but with 30 minutes of airing, it explodes from the glass. A deep ruby/purple color is accompanied by a sweet nose of creme de cassis, kirsch liqueur, licorice, pepper, and underbrush. Voluptuously-textured and exceptionally long (the finish lasts 45+ seconds), with silky tannin, low acidity, and full body, it is less tannic and delineated than the 2001, but it offers a gorgeous, seductive mouthful of old vine Châteauneuf du Pape. It will age effortlessly for 12-15 years. (WA95)

**2000 Clos de la Graniere Châteauneuf du Pape:** Sleek, elegant, modern-styled red, with fancy oak giving it lots of smoke, pepper, violet and other floral aromas. With time, it might settle down, as the rough tannins need to be tamed in this medium-bodied, pitch-black, extracted Châteauneuf. (WS)

**1990 Gigondas Les Hauts de Montmirail:** A classy wine that's lush and appealing. Dramatically aromatic, offering cedar- and chocolate-scented blackberry, black cherry, vanilla and violet aromas and flavors. Packs enough intensity to keep it improving. (WS89)

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### **LOT 676**

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#### **King of Ribera**

*Donated by Robert and Meribah Bodack*

(6) 750 ml 2006 Dominio de Pingus Flor de Pingus, Ribera del Duero, Spain

Winemaker Peter Sisseck is known for producing some of the most powerful and complex wines in Ribera del Duero. After 14 months in new French oak, this wine is smoky with rich, dark fruit. Pair with filet mignon. ([www.appellationnyc.com](http://www.appellationnyc.com)) Very floral, red and blue fruits, purity. Rich, round, beautiful tannin and acid. Wow! (CT94)

### **LOT 677**

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#### **A Taste of Freemark Abbey**

*Donated by Dennis and Phyllis Walsh*

(6) 750 ml 2002 Freemark Abbey Cabernet Bosche, St. Helena-California

Huge aromas of earth, Bordeaux funk, dark fruits and floral scents when it was going into the decanter. Decanted for 3 hours. A medium ruby red in color and the 7 years in bottle have started to reveal itself with just a subtle amber hue on the edge. 3 hours later the nose on this is still beautiful with some dust, herbs, dark cherries, dark berries and some more floral elements. The palate is full of dark fruits - really bursting dark fruits - black cherry, currant, some cassis, plum, sage and earthiness. Good acidity with well integrated tannins. On the medium to long finish, it is silky smooth with some cedar and tobacco on the back end with some more dark fruit. This wine is aging gracefully and has a very elegant quality to it. Freemark Abbey continues to pick the fruit when it is not as ripe as most Napa Valley wineries do today. They have resisted the temptation to pick later to get big fruit bombs when they are young and thus they make a really lovely cabernet sauvignon that ages gracefully and becomes fruit forward as the tannins recede with age. (CT-93)

### **LOT 678**

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#### **Tantalizing Trilogy**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(6) 750 ml 2005 Flora Springs Trilogy, Napa Valley

The vintage is exemplified beautifully by the 2005 Trilogy. This is a superb example of this proprietary red. Beautiful deep red, blue, and black fruits all intermingle with some crushed rock, lavender, and spice box in a very scented bouquet. In the mouth, it is layered, medium to full-bodied, with sweet tannin, gorgeous purity, and length. This is a stunning wine that should drink nicely for 15 or more years. (WA 93)

## *Silent Auction - Wine*

### **LOT 679**

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#### **Gaggle of Gorgeous Reds**

*Donated by Leet and Patsy Denton*

- (3) 750 ml 2001 Etude Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley
- (3) 750 ml 2005 Paul Hobbs Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley-Sonoma

**Etude Cabernet :** Really big and opulent wine with dark fruits, cedar, earth, and a hint of chocolate. Very tight core to this wine, but rich and beautifully integrated. Really good right now, but it will be a knockout in another 5-8 years. (9/14/08 CT93)

**Paul Hobbs Pinot:** Wow. Candidate for my latest greatest favorite RRV PN. So well balanced but what captivates is the interplay of grapefruit and signature PH ripe dark fruit. Something new going on here. Elegant, satisfies alone. A contemplative wine. (CT93+)

### **LOT 680**

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#### **Playful Patz & Hall Pinot**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

- (11) 375 ml 2005 Patz and Hall Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

Ruby Red-Semi clear in color. Very nice red fruit, strawberry and herb notes. The flavor profile changed after 1 hour in decanter. Flavor deepened, and became more broad with richer red fruit. Just a wonderful bottle. (CT 91)

### **LOT 681**

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#### **Admirable Amiral**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

- (12) 750 ml 2002 Amiral de Beychevelle, Saint Julien - Bordeaux

This elegant, attractive, light to medium-weight Bordeaux exhibits firm tannin and a touch of astringency along with a dark ruby/plum color and aromas of cedar, black currants, earth, oak, and underbrush. (WA)

### **LOT 682**

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#### **Gorgeous Gruaud Larose**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

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

Settling down quite nicely, nice tobacco, earth, truffle and plum on the sweet long finish. The fruit is softening and the oak is integrating - hold. (CT 92)

## *Silent Auction - Wine*

### **LOT 683**

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#### **A Merryvale Profile**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(6) 750 ml 2001 Merryvale Profile Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

Serves up lots of complex flavors, from its creamy oak and ripe berry flavors to hints of mint, cedar, sage and dill. It comes together nicely on the finish, too, with bright, vivid flavors. (WS)

### **LOT 684**

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#### **Six Dancing Bears**

*Donated by Cakebread Cellars*

(6) 750 ml 2004 Cakebread Cellars Dancing Bear Ranch, Cabernet Sauvignon, Howell Mountain-Napa Valley

True to its mountain provenance, our 2004 Dancing Bear Cabernet Sauvignon boasts intense, complex, high-toned aromas of Bing cherry, brambleberry and spicy dark plum fruit mingled with enticing floral, sage, tobacco, chocolate, earth and mineral scents. Incredibly pure and focused on the palate, its beautifully structured wild cherry, ripe fig, spicy black fruit and dark chocolate flavors reveal a pronounced minerality in the wine's long, persistent finish. Delicious now with grilled steaks, venison, and hearty stews, this wonderfully rich, complex, chiseled mountain Cabernet Sauvignon will handsomely repay long-term cellaring.

### **LOT 685**

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#### **Case of Chateau Montelena - 4 ways**

*Donated by Chateau Montelena Winery*

(3) 750 ml 2005 Chateau Montelena Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

(3) 750 ml 2005 Chateau Montelena Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

(3) 750 ml 2006 Chateau Montelena Estate Zinfandel, Napa Valley

(3) 750 ml 2007 Chateau Montelena Chardonnay, Napa Valley

**2005 Cabernet:** Subdued, with herb and cedary oak overlapping dried currant and black cherry fruit that ends with an earthy, murky edge. Drink now through 2015. (WS)

**2005 Chateau Montelena Cabernet Sauvignon:** The Montelena Estate - Best in recent memory, classic nose displays of lovely perfume of fresh herbs, loamy soil, black cherries, and black currants. (CT93)

**2006 Montelena Zinfandel:** Elegant & complex. Notes of tobacco and dark fruit. (CT91)

**2007 Montelena Chardonnay:** Wonderful acidity and firmness; nose had pronounced minerality and green apple skin. On the palate the green apple shines through and there is really no sense of oak with the exception of the texture. Neutral oak is used and it really shows. On the nose it is pronounced and beautiful. Tasted again lovely mouthfeel - love it. (CT)

## *Silent Auction - Wine*

### **LOT 686**

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#### **A Case of Celebration**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(12) 750 ml NV Piper-Heidsieck Brut, Champagne

A fresh, crisp, lively sparkler that shows just a hint of sweetness with nice toast, apple, and citrus notes. (CT 89)

### **LOT 687**

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#### **Beautiful Muscat for Perfect Dessert**

*Donated by Eric Adams*

(19) 375 ml 2001 Paul Jaboulet, Muscat de Beaumes Venise

Year in and year out the Jaboulets fashion a successful sweet wine from selections chosen from the local cooperative in the village of Beaumes de Venise. The 2001 Muscat Beaumes de Venise reveals tell-tale aromas of orange marmalade, apricots, and peaches, copious fruit, and enough acidity to provide vibrancy and balance. This wine is drunk either alone at the end of a meal or with fresh fruit cocktails or tarts. (WA90)

### **LOT 688**

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#### **A Bakers Dozen plus 4 of Burgundy**

*Donated by Eric Adams*

(17) 375 ml 2000 Domaine Tolleot-Beaut Chorey Cote de Beaune, Burgundy

Some decent red and black fruit in this fairly dark-colored Pinot. Medium-bodied, with wet earth and cherry notes. Drink now. (WS)

### **LOT 689**

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#### **A Dozen Splits of d'Arenberg Dead Arm**

*Donated by Richard and Karen Brown*

(12) 375 ml 2002 d'Arenberg Dead Arm Shiraz, McLaren Vale, Australia

After re-tasting the 2002 The Dead Arm Shiraz, I believe my initial rating is correct. It still plays it close to the vest, exhibiting loads of cassis, asphalt, smoke, and barbecue spice-like aromas along with full-bodied flavors. Well-made and impressive, drink 2005 - 2020. (93 WA)

## *Silent Auction - Wine*

### **LOT 690**

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#### **Palmaz Cabernet Perfection**

*Donated by Richard and Karen Brown*

- (2) 750 ml 2001 Palmaz Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley
- (3) 750 ml 2001 Palmaz Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Gaston, Napa Valley

**2001 Palmaz Cabernet Sauvignon:** 2001 Cabernet Sauvignon from Palmaz Vineyards has a deep, complex aroma of dark fruit, toasty oak and exotic spices, with generous amounts of supple, approachable tannins. The flavors integrate smoothly from attack to finish, promising great aging potential and development this decade and beyond. The blend was crafted for its complimentary characteristics and to achieve balance and finesse.

**2001 Palmaz Gaston Cabernet Sauvignon:** Affectionately named "Gaston" after their son Christian, this 2001 estate grown Cabernet Sauvignon is rich and round with a velvety texture. The wine is lush in forward fruit character of cherry and lingonberry with overtones of violets, anise and cardamom.

### **LOT 691**

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#### **Kings of Ribera del Duero**

*Donated by Leet and Patsy Denton & Friends of A Night for Sight*

- (3) 750 ml 1995 Pesquera Gran Reserva, Ribera del Duero, Spain
- (6) 750 ml 1998 A. Fernandez Condado de Haza, Ribera del Duero, Spain

**1995 Pesquera Ribera:** Quite a bit of wood in the bouquet. Lovely combination of vanilla scented new oak and maturing cedary aromas. Lush and vibrant, sweet fruit, and just a touch of tannins left. Meaty, gutsy mouthfeel. Drinking very nicely now, but it will be interesting to see what happens to this over the next few years. CT (93 CT, 94 RP)

**1998 Fernandez Condado de Haza:** Really nice. Dark violet red. Not decanted. Pretty wide open from get go but integrated some over the evening and into the next day. Lots of dark fruits, earth and roasted meat. Nicely balanced palate with a finish leaning towards gritty tannin and firm minerally acidity. This was really nice and could go years yet. (CT 91)

## *Silent Auction - Wine*

### **LOT 692**

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#### **One of Michigan's Best**

*Donated by Wyncroft Winery*

(12) 750 ml 2005 Wyncroft Winery Lake Michigan Shore Chardonnay, Avonlea

The 2005 was an extraordinary vintage due to many very warm days and much less than average rainfall, followed by a warm dry September and October. The wine resembles a cross between Monterey and Chassagne-Montrachet, with an exotic nose of pear, apple, and spices with hints of citrus. The palate is powerful, yet elegant and creamy, with golden delicious apple, mineral, vanilla, and hazel nut, followed by a lingering crisp dry praline-like finish. The wine drinks well now, but will develop more complexity with proper cellaring over the next five years or so. Pairs well with classic Burgundian cream or butter sauces, lobster and other sweet shellfish, and grilled poultry. Its richness and complexity make it a good choice for enjoying with just simple cheeses, good French bread, and butter.

### **LOT 693**

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#### **Wines selected by Jorge Ordoñez**

Please check the Addenda for details of this lovely lot from Honorary Vintner Jorge Ordoñez of Fine Estates of Spain.

### **LOT 694**

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#### **Fun case of Frazier**

*Donated by Richard and Karen Brown*

(6) 750 ml 1999 Frazier Lupine Hill Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

(5) 750 ml 2002 Frazier Merlot Napa Valley, Napa

Frazier wines are made from 100% free-run juice, free-run being considered the highest quality juice one can get from the grapes. All of our fruit is handpicked and sorted 4 times to ensure that only the best fruit is used in crafting the Frazier wines.

All of the Frazier wines are barrel-aged for an average of 18-24 months in French oak before they are blended and bottled. The blend and oak program for our wines vary from vintage to vintage to ensure a balanced and complex wine even in the most difficult vintages. These winemaking techniques contribute to the depth, structure, complexity and finesse of the Frazier Wines. Kirk Venge is a second-generation winemaker who grew up in the Napa Valley. Kirk learned the art of winemaking at a young age from his father Nils Venge. Kirk graduated from UC Davis with a viticulture and enology degree in 1998.

## *Silent Auction - Wine*

### **LOT 695**

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#### **Delicious Duckhorn Cabernet Magnums**

*Donated by Richard and Karen Brown*

(2) 1.5 L 2001 Duckhorn Cabernet Sauvignon Estate , Napa Valley, Etched and Signed

A bold, rich, massive expression of exuberant Cabernet, with layers of concentrated currant, blackberry, spice and wild berry flavors that offer a mix of power and finesse, easing up a bit on the finish, where the tannins are ripe and firm. 2,642 cases made. (WS 94)

### **LOT 696**

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#### **1996 - a Vintage of a Lifetime**

*Donated by Steven Slack and Trish Joyce*

(2) 750 ml 1996 Barnaut Brut Grand Cru Grande Reserve, Champagne

(2) 750 ml 1996 Diebolt-Vallois Blanc de Blanc Grand Cru Brut, Champagne

(2) 750 ml 1996 Pol Roger Extra Brut Reserve, Champagne

A vintage of a lifetime. I've seen several in my 45-year career, including 1958 Tuscany, 1961 Bordeaux, 1976 Germany, and 1978 Rhone. In Champagne, 1996 was the best since 1928. Here are three widely contrasting styles of champagne. Diebolt-Vallois is all-chardonnay. Barnaut is largely pinot noir. Pol Roger crafts a cuvee of pinot noir and chardonnay. (DS)

**Clive Coats on the Pol Roger:** "Youthful nose, full, firm, and profound. This is by no means ready. Full body. Excellent grip. Lovely fruit." Enjoy now through 2020. 19/20

**Dick Scheer on the Diebolt-Vallois:** "Apple and citrus chardonnay aromas. Dash of wood seasonings. Rich: pastry dough, custard, meringue. Great fruit mass, laced with minerals, etched by ripe fruit acidity. Loaded. Will likely thrive for 30 years." 94++/100

**Dick Scheer on the Barnaut:** "Full, bold expressions of both pinot noir and bottle bouquet. Lots more in reserve. Lots of 96 extract, grip, calcaire. Gargantuan palate. The wine just balloons up in the mouth. Massive framework." 96+/100

## *Silent Auction - Wine*

### **LOT 697**

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#### **80's collection**

*Donated by Judy Dunn*

- (1) 750 ml 1980 Beringer Knights Valley Vineyard Cabernet, Sonoma
- (1) 750 ml 1980 Burgess Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 1980 Conn Creek Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 1980 Joseph Phelps Napa Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 1980 Keenan Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 1980 Santa Cruz Mountain Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

1980 was a great vintage in Napa and Sonoma, and the donor has a great cellar to showcase it. Enjoy these mature gems with a series of special dinners, or one grand tasting. Showcases include the Caymus Special Selection (WS-96 and CT-93): Gorgeous wine. Nose of cherry, plum, fig, cassis and spice. Sour cherry, cranberry, and cedar showed on the palate. The tannins are gone and the wine is pure finesse. This wine is holding up quite well. And then the Phelps: The nose is red currant, earth, and mineral. On the palate this has sweet (almost candied) red fruit. The flavors are great. A dose of acidity keeps this lively in the mouth. Tannins are fully resolved. The finish is long and "clingly." An excellent wine (CT-92) And a CT-95 for the Conn Creek: Wow, this still tastes young, plenty of fruit, cedar and spice, absolutely wonderful

### **LOT 698**

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#### **Celestial Celani Family Vineyards Cabernet**

*Donated by Vicki and Tom Celani*

- (6) 750 ml 2006 Celani Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

From our 2008 Honorary Vintner, Tom Celani. Our Cabernet Sauvignon is a noble wine whose berry-fragrance and flavor is a famous mixture of currants and cassis. It ages beautifully in our new French oak barrels, in that ancient tradition interplay of time and tannin, to a deep, clear taste between medium and full-bodied that can only be described as classic Cabernet. Celani Family Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is a carefully considered blend of 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc and 4% Petit Verdot, for those first, second and third act sensations that linger on the tongue, and then in the mind and memory. You will not see "reserve" on the label of this wine as we have built this wine for you to enjoy today with your family and friends.

## *Silent Auction - Wine*

### **LOT 699**

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#### **A Spanish Conquest**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

- (10) 750 ml 1998 Tinto Pesquera Ribera del Duero
- (2) 750 ml 1998 Torres Gran Sangre de Toro

**1998 Tinto Pesquera Ribera del Duero:** From Alejandro Fernandez - Master of Tempranillo, knows his craft like no other. Deep, clear black-garnet hue. Lovely, sweet, ripe fruit with whiffs of vanillin oak. Very rich, concentrated and balanced, with mouth-filling flavors of dark chocolate and red berry fruit imbued with soft, combed tannins.

**1998 Torres Gran Sangre de Toro:** Ripe plum flavors have pleasant jammy and spicy overtones in this generous red, and the plush texture has enough tannins for grip. Drink now.

### **LOT 700**

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#### **Prowling for Panther Creek Pinot**

*Donated by Eric Adams*

- (12) 750 ml 1997 Panther Creek Winemaker's Cuvee Pinot Noir, Oregon

On the light side, with crisp plum and vanilla flavors that echo on the open-textured finish. Drink now. (WS)

### **LOT 701**

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#### **Perusing for Panther Creek Pinot**

*Donated by Eric Adams*

- (12) 750 ml 1996 Panther Creek Winemaker's Cuvee Pinot Noir, Oregon

Lean and chewy, with racy blackberry and smoky flavors that remain lively through the finish. Drink now. (WS)

## *Silent Auction - Wine*

### **LOT 702**

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#### **Twin of Terre da Vino Barolo La Mora**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(12) 750 ml 2000 Terre da Vino La Mora, Barolo

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 703**

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#### **Divine Bacio Divinio Napa Proprietary**

*Donated by Friends of A Night for Sight*

(6) 750 ml 2001 Bacio Divinio Proprietary Red, Napa Valley

Intense and concentrated, with fine structure and chewy tannins wrapped around a core of spicy currant, anise, blackberry and spicy nuances. Given its size and tannic strength, short-term cellaring is advised. Cabernet Sauvignon, Sangiovese, Petite Sirah. (WS 90)

# *Silent Auction - Wine*

## **LOT 704**

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### **A Vertical of Rudd**

*Donated by John and Nancy Vesper*

- (1) 750 ml 2001 Rudd Vineyards and Winery Oakville Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville-Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 2002 Rudd Vineyards and Winery Oakville Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville-Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 2003 Rudd Vineyards and Winery Oakville Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville-Napa Valley
- (1) 750 ml 2005 Rudd Vineyards and Winery Oakville Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville-Napa Valley

**2001:** Supple, with complex currant, anise, mineral, herb and sage flavors that are well-defined, adding hints of espresso and fresh earth. The tannins are ripe and fine-grained and the finish reveals extra dimensions of depth and complexity. Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot. Enjoy now through 2012. (WS92)

**2002:** Dense, rich and focused, with a solid core of ripe currant, blackberry, earth, herb and anise, framed by a firm wall of tannins. Score range: 92-94. (WS)

**2003:** An inspiring red. Dark, intense and concentrated, yet polished and supple. Lots of red currant, black cherry and berry flavors are well-focused, picking up a tasty dash of toasty, mocha-laced oak. Firms up on the finish with solid, ripe tannins. Decant. Best from 2009 through 2013. (WS91)

**2005:** Tasted at winery - deep ruby (almost purple), clear throughout. Pronounced nose of black cherries, red and black currants, black pepper and cedar. Flavours of black fruits, mocha and spice. Full body, high firm tannins, medium to high acidity and a medium length finish. This big wine needs 5-10 years. Excellent. 91+ (CT)

# *Silent Auction - Wine*

## **LOT 705**

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### **A Year with Scheer for 2**

*Donated by Dick and Sally Scheer*

Including Membership to Tasters Guild, Membership to Ann Arbor Wine Club, Wine Dinner, Grand Wine Tasting, and Weekly Wine Tasting.

Last year's winners chose from a full complement of events including Blue Highways Alternate Grape Varieties tasting, Pink & Blue Dry Rose and 05 Bordeaux tasting, Foods for All Seasons Picnic with a Mediterranean theme, World's Best Wine Values tasting, Piemonte Italian Wines tasting, Goats Do Roam & Fairview Estates Winemaker Dinner at Temptations, Beaujolais Nouveaux Opening Night Dinner at Evans Street Station, Champagne Brunch at Eve the Restaurant, We Are the Champions Medal Winners tasting, Reign of Spain King's Ransom of Spanish Wines Tasting, Annual German Winemakers tasting and Terre Rouge Winemakers Dinner at Quarter Bistro.

Each year, Ann Arbor Tasters Guild and Ann Arbor Wine Club sponsor 6 wine dinners, 12 grand wine tastings, and 52 weekly wine tastings, offering an opportunity to taste thousands of wines over the next year with Dick Scheer as your guide. Mr. Scheer, owner of Village Corner, Ann Arbor, celebrates in September 45 years in the wine trade. He is one of the Midwest's most active wine educators and director of Ann Arbor Tasters Guild, the world's largest guild. In addition to the local amenities, Tasters Guild membership includes subscriptions to two national wine publications, an opportunity to attend its two national wine judging conventions, and to join renowned national and international wine tours and cruises guided by its leading lights and noted winemakers.

The winning bidder and a guest are entitled to attend at no charge one wine dinner, one Taster Guild wine tasting, one Wine Club wine tasting, and one weekly wine tasting of their choice. As Tasters Guild/Wine Club members for a year, they may elect to attend as many other events as they'd like at the reduced membership rate.

## *Silent Auction - Wine*

### **LOT 706**

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#### **A Collection of Small Jewels**

*Donated by Michael and Jan Mnich*

- (1) 375 ml 1967 Louis Martini Cabernet Sauvignon, California Mountain
- (1) 375 ml 1987 BR Cohn Cabernet Sauvignon Olive Hill Vineyard, Sonoma Valley
- (1) 375 ml 1991 Sea Ridge Late Harvest Zinfandel Morelli Vineyard, Sonoma Coast
- (1) 375 ml 2001 Château Les Roques, Loupiac
- (1) 187 ml 2005 Jackson-Triggs Vidal Ice Wine, Niagara Peninsula Ontario

Small bottles, but large examples of history and of their genre.

**The Louis Martini:** Has a great color and fill. The Louis Martini has history all over its label and contents, including the appellation California Mountain. They had vineyards in the Mayacamas Mountains that straddled Napa and Sonoma, and therefore produced a "California Mountain" appellation. Light ruby with a lot of garnet hues. In the nose, it is full of tertiary aromas of old leather, steel, mushrooms and a hint of caramel. the fruit is surprisingly still there, the finish is sweet and the tannins aren't completely gone yet. (CT)

**The BR Cohn:** It is from the great 1987 vintage -Marked by a dryness to the fruit and tannins, this is a mature wine with spicy, cedary oak nuances and a modest core of currant and berry flavor (WS).

**Sea Ridge:** This winery was a pioneer in the then-new Sonoma Coast appellation. Very ripe, intense and jammy, with spicy cherry and wild berry flavors. Carries off the tannin and alcohol well. (WS)

**2001 Loupiac:** An affordable cousin to Sauternes in the outstanding 2001 vintage Château Les Roques We drank this half bottle with flan for dessert at our paella party. It was complex and fruity. Everyone seemed to like it. (CT)

**Jackson-Triggs:** To finish off our evening, we shared an ice wine of tremendous viscosity and power. First a nose of apricot and pear coupled together with hints of pineapple and hints of dried fruits. In the mouth it was an intense sensation of balanced tropical fruit. Then the apricot, pear and an invigorating pineapple became individually perceptible. This wine ... was a very satisfying end to the evening. (CT-95)

### **LOT 711**

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#### **"Strata"**

*Donated by Victor Leo*

Strata has been especially made for A Night for Sight 2009! This hand blown glass vessel recreates the beauty of granite in the medium of glass. Lapis blue interior, enamel white, color palette, with clear encasement and cobalt lip wrap. 9"H x 9"W x 4"D.

## *Silent Auction - Wine*

### **LOT 712**

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#### **Take the train to Cloudy Bay**

*Donated by The Henry Ford & Friends of A Night for Sight*

(8) 750 ml 2005 Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand

**Four Henry Ford Tickets:** Celebrate the sights, sounds and sensations of America's past in the newly restored Greenfield Village or discover the amazing ideas and innovations awaiting you in The Henry Ford Museum.

**2005 Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc:** Cloudy Bay needs no introduction: unquestionably the winery that put New Zealand on the international map. Moderate intensity on the nose with scents of gooseberry, wild hedgerow and a touch of chalk, it reveals a good sense of minerality after aeration, the palate well-balanced with kiwi fruit and ripe green apples, leading towards an understated finish. What one might call a "correct" Sauvignon Blanc. (Robert Parker) Crisp, tart and fragrant, with very good intensity to grass, lime peel, grapefruit and sweet pea flavors. Sea salt and fresh herb undertones extend through the finish. (Wine Spectator)

4 (four) tickets to be used at either Greenfield Village or The Henry Ford Museum.

### **LOT 713**

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#### **Carlos Guillen MLB Baseball**

*Donated by Ilitch Holdings Inc*

A baseball autographed by Tigers left fielder Carlos Guillen. The perfect companion to the autographed bat.

### **LOT 714**

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#### **Carlos Guillen Bat**

*Donated by Ilitch Holdings Inc*

A must have for any Detroit Tigers fan. A bat autographed by Tigers left fielder Carlos Guillen.

### **LOT 715**

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#### **Signed Rasheed Wallace Pistons' Basketball!**

*Donated by Palace Sports & Entertainment Center*

This is a gift of a lifetime. A signed basketball by Rasheed Wallace of the 2004 Championship Pistons. The basketball comes with a letter of authenticity.

## *Silent Auction - Wine*

### **LOT 716**

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#### **Girls' Day of Pampering!!**

*Donated by Neiman Marcus*

The lucky bidder and a guest will be pampered by a Neiman Marcus expert with a personalized skincare and make-up consultation featuring the cosmetic line of your choice and help you update your current look with the season's "must have" beauty trends.

You will complete your Beauty Sensation experience with a leisurely gourmet lunch in their secluded Neiman Marcus Café where you will enjoy a special Spa Menu designed for your day at Neiman Marcus. Complimentary valet and guest favors also included.

Must be on a mutually agreeable date, Monday through Saturday. One glass of wine per person during lunch. Valid through August, 2009.

### **LOT 717**

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#### **Ritz & Sauternes Celebration for Two**

*Donated by Ritz Carlton Dearborn & James and Barbara Karchon*

(1) 750 ml 1976 Château De Fargues, Sauternes

(1) 750 ml 1979 Château De Fargues, Sauternes

(1) 750 ml 1980 Château De Fargues, Sauternes

**Ritz Carlton Bed and Breakfast:** The Bed and Breakfast Package at the Ritz Carlton, Dearborn includes Deluxe accommodations for 2, a buffet breakfast in The Grill or full American breakfast through room service, complimentary valet parking, use of the fitness center and swimming pool, and a complimentary daily newspaper.

**1976 Château Fargues:** A full-blown creme brulee aroma intermingled with scents of caramel and apricots is penetrating. Full bodied, with viscous, sweet, ripe flavors of tropical fruit and smoked nuts, this big, robust, yet surprisingly mature wine remains fully mature, but displays no signs of declining. (WA 90)

**1979 Château Fargues:** Less powerful and rich than normal, the 1979 de Fargues is light golden, with a toasty, lemony, fruity, oaky bouquet, medium to full body, some botrytis, good acidity, and a clean, spicy, rich, alcoholic finish. (WA)

**1980 Château Fargues:** A great vintage for de Fargues, the 1980 from this estate is very powerful, opulent, and exotic. The bouquet of coconuts, apricots, grilled almonds, and spicy oak is sensational. In the mouth, the wine is decadently rich, full bodied, and remarkably similar in taste, texture, and viscosity to d'Yquem. (WA91)

Ritz Carlton Bed and Breakfast: Available for a Friday, Saturday, Sunday stay. Blackout dates are February 14th and December 31st. Expires March 31, 2010.

## *Silent Auction - Wine*

### **LOT 718**

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#### **Townsend & Mortons Romantic Escape**

*Donated by Mortons The Steakhouse & Townsend Hotel*

**Mortons the Steakhouse:** This is a certificate for \$250 to be used at any of the Morton's locations.

**A Romantic Encounter at the Townsend:** Overnight accommodations for two people in a Luxury Room on a Friday or Saturday Night. Townsend Tuxedo Chocolate Strawberries, Chilled Champagne in the Room, Continental Breakfast for two (2) in the Morning & Valet Parking are included.

Mortons the Steakhouse Expires January 16, 2010. A Romantic Encounter at the Townsend Expires May 30, 2010