



LOT 401

Zin in a Zin Lover's Size

Donated by Scott Harvey

(1) 3.0 L 2005 Scott Harvey Zinfandel, Amador County Mountain Select

This beautiful big bottle is signed by 2002 Honoary Vintner, Scott Harvey.

Really needs to open up - The first glass was tight, but after breathing for about an hour, turns into a beautiful Zin.(CT91)

LOT 402

Throw a Chardonnay & Seafood Party

Donated by Diageo Chateau & Estate Wines Donations

(1) 3.0 L 2004 Acacia Vineyards Chardonnay , Carneros Napa Valley

Nice flavors of pineapple and nectarine, even a little spice. A touch of petroleum; surprising for a Chardonnay, so probably just me. Nice balance of malolactic fermentation. Paired nicely with Butterfish with Spanish Peppers & Onions. (CT90) Comes with original wooden box.

LOT 403

Burgundy in Carneros

Donated by Mckenzie Mueller Vineyards & Winery

(1) 3.0 L 2003 McKenzie Mueller Pinot Noir , Los Carneros, Napa Valley

This excellent double magnum is signed by longtime supporter of A Night for Sight Bob Mueller.

McKenzie-Mueller never fails to deliver. Started off the drinks for Christmas 2008 by opening a 1.5 bottle. Beautiful bright pinot color, bit restrained on the nose but after an hour decanting there it was. A little bit of burgundy by way of Carneros. Cherries, earth, slight smoke, soft and perfect on the tongue. I've yet to be disappointed by a M-M bottle and Pinot may be the best thing they produce. (CT90)



LOT 404

Merlot Alexander Valley Style

Donated by Alexander Valley Vineyards

(1) 3.0 L 2003 Alexander Valley Vineyards Estate Merlot, Alexander Valley

A mainstay of Alexander Valley Vineyards since 1984, 2003 Wetzel Family Estate Merlot offers classic cassis and black cherry flavors and soft, ripe tannins. Aromas of blackberry and cassis fill the glass with nuances of vanilla and cedar. On the palate this wine is deeply flavored with a hefty core of fruit. Black and red fruits appear initially, followed by an integrated acid balance and velvety tannins. Great depth and length provides life of 10-12 years. I drank for New Years. Good bottle. Very mature. Nice aroma and color. I had with steak and it worked very well.(CT91)

Expires June 22, 2011

LOT 405

A Jerobaum of Viña Borgia Crianza

Donated by Eric Adams & Friends of A Night for Sight

(1) 5.0 L 2004 Aragonia Viña Borgia Crianza, Campo De Borja, Spain

There are 2 IDENTICAL lots, going to the 2 HIGHEST bidders and the bid increments for this lot are only \$5: So, bid often and take a big bottle home tonight.

One big beautiful bottle of wonderful Spanish wine plus LOTS of friends equals one great party! There's plenty of black cherry, chocolate and black pepper flavor in this firm red. This will drink well over the next couple of years in this large format (almost 7 bottles in one). Great Vintage. (WS)



LOT 406

Zins are King in Amador County

Donated by Paul Mann

(1) 3.0 L 2001 Renwood Old Vine Zinfandel, Amador County

The perfect time to drink these big Zins from Renwood. 15% alcohol can be a big hitter, but it was rounded out nicely. The wonderful nose filled your head with berry fruitiness, cassis, maybe figs, and just a wonderful sense of balance. The flavors graced the palate with fruit. The blackberry fruit was right up front and the wine just filled the mouth with the same overall sense of wellbeing the nose did. Not the big inky jamminess you find in younger Zins but a fruitiness than was just so pleasant and appealing. A hint of vanilla with the berries was evident. (CT90)

LOT 407

Matanzas Creek - Mucho Merlot

Donated by Richard and Karen Brown

(1) 3.0 L 2004 Matanzas Creek Merlot, Bennett Valley-Sonoma

There are 2 IDENTICAL lots, going to the 2 HIGHEST bidders and the bid increments for this lot are only \$5: So, bid often and take a big bottle home tonight. Each bottle is signed by the winemaker.

VERY GOOD Distinctive - As reviewed by Food & Wine - 2009 Wine Guide on 2009. Matanzas Creek was once a dairy farm; for more than 30 years, however, vines have occupied the land, producing delicious wines like this one, with plum, red cherry and anise aromas and dried herb and toasty spice flavors. (Smooth) Soft and supple, yet well-structured, with plum and anise aromas and blackberry, herb and toasty spice flavors that linger toward a pretty finish. (WS)



LOT 408

Champagne & Twinkling Lights - Perfection!

Donated by Richard and Karen Brown

(1) 1.5 L Laurent-Perrier, Champagne

Recipe for a perfect celebration! We celebrate one of our first A Night for Sight Honorary Vintners, Francois Peltereau-Villeneuve of Laurent Perrier with this delightful magnum of their NV Brut Champagne. In addition this lot offers a unique 3.0L Jero of Lights. This is empty of wine but full of light and fun. Dozens of beautiful miniature white lights give new life to this 3.0L of Veuve Clicquot "Yellow Label", and give new sparkle to an otherwise empty Champagne Jeroboam. This will light up many future festive occasions at your home.

1.5 L NV Laurent Perrier Brut Champagne: Light straw color, tiny and very active bubbles; fruity, citrus, biscuit dough and woody-toasty aromas; clean, delicate, almond flavors; very light, soft mousse, creamy; good balance; lingering finish. Blend of 45% Chardonnay, 40% Pinot Noir and 15% Pinot Meunier. This wine has balance, texture and a lovely style. (L-P Website)

LOT 409

One Grand Sparkling Night!

Donated by John and Nancy Vesper

(1) 6.0 L 2005 Domaine Carneros by Taittinger Brut, Sonoma Valley

December 31, 2009 - We drank this wine as part of our New Year's Eve celebration as a vertical which included a 2002, 2003, 2004 & 2005. The 2002 was the favorite of the night though the 2005 also had a wonderful showing, still showing bright floral and citrus notes. (CT95) 8 bottles-in-one. Just right for a graduation, wedding or birthday party. Just add guests and pour.



LOT 410

Red, Rich, Delicious - and lots of it!

Donated by Diageo Chateau & Estate Wines Donations

(1) 3.0 L 2007 Almaviva Red, Puente Alto, Chile

Every wine since 1996 has been rated by BOTH the Wine Spectator and Robert Parker from 90 -95. The '07 will be right up there. From the Wine Spectator in January: Based on my official blind tasting of the Viña Almaviva Puente Alto 2007, the wine is dense and dark with lots of black currant, braised fig and black licorice notes laid over loam and freshly-brewed espresso notes. It's muscular but well-integrated, with the nice focus carrying through to the lengthy finish. It shows outstanding quality and excellent cellaring potential. Comes with original wooden box.

LOT 411

One Big Italian

Donated by Eric Adams & Friends of A Night for Sight

(1) 5.0 L 1997 Fattoria Villa La Selva Selvamaggio, Tuscany, Italy

The 1997 Selvamaggio boasts a deep ruby/purple color as well as a sweet, ostentatious bouquet of smoked herbs, burning wood fires, jammy black currant and cherry fruit, an opulent texture, terrific fruit purity, and admirable intensity. For its quality, complexity, richness, and aging potential, it is also a fine value. (WA91) Signed by Sergio Carpin.



LOT 412

First Releases; Already Classics

Donated by Richard and Karen Brown

(1) 1.5 L 1996 Caldwell Cabernet Sauvignon, Aida Vineyard-Napa Valley

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1996 Aida Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon: This wine has a very dark ruby red color. The nose is rich but reserved. Smells of cedar, black fruit, and a hint of tar. Very balanced from start to finish. Velvety smooth. . (CT91)

1997 Aida Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon: This wine has aged very nicely. Well balanced full of fruit with a great finish. (CT91)

LOT 413

Soiree de Beychevelle

Donated by Chateau Beychevelle

(1) 3.0 L 2005 Château Beychevelle, St Julien Bordeaux

Decanted for 30-45 minutes - rich dark black fruit with plush mouthfeel. Surprised at how approachable it was - although I've had a similar experience with other '05's as well. Nice structure with good tannic backbone so this has aging potential. Very nice wine.(CT91) Thank you to one of the 2008 ANFS vintners.

LOT 414

St. Clément - Lots to Enjoy!

Donated by St. Clement Vineyards

(1) 3.0 L 2004 St Clément Oropas Red, Napa Valley, Etched and Signed

Winemaker's Comments: Enticing aromas of blueberry jam, cherry, raspberry, chocolate, clove and a floral back note are the introduction to this elegantly lush wine, as ripe flavors of black cherry, raspberry compote greet the palate. Rich coffee notes mingle with bittersweet chocolate and brown spices for a long, complex finish supported by structured, yet velvety tannins. Varietal Content: 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot (St. Clement Winery) (WS93)



LOT 415

Sterling Masses of Merlot

Donated by Diageo Chateau & Estate Wines Donations

(1) 6.0 L 2005 Sterling Vineyards Three Palms Vineyard Merlot, Napa Valley, Etched and Signed

This beautiful bottle from Chateau Diageo is both etched and painted.

Firm and lean, showing currant, sage and cedar aromas, with plum, herb and leather flavors that finish with chewy, earthy tannins. (WS) If this were just an ordinary bottle, it would be to drink now. But, this grand format can still improve over the next year or two. wow, I did not think a merlot could have this much flavor. More powerful than most merlots and still very smooth. Plan to buy more.(CT91) Comes with original wooden box.

LOT 416

Great Georges! 8 bottles in One

Donated by Diageo Chateau & Estate Wines Donations

(1) 6.0 L 2000 Beaulieu Vineyards, Georges de Latour Cabernet Sauvignon Private Reserve, Napa Valley

Very distinctive mint, bay leaf and coconut aromas, with focused currant, spice, currant and bell pepper, turning firm and tannic on the finish. Score range: 92-94 (WS) From the winemaker: The aromas reflect the classic "Rutherford Dust" notes of black cherry. The wine is medium full-bodied, with deep cherry-mineral, currant-anise flavors, and this vintage has a fine veneer of tannins combined with good acidity to support up to fifteen years of aging. Six Liters (8 bottles). Your main course wine for a dinner for 12-16! Dine-on!



LOT 417

Fisher Vineyard's Finest

Donated by Fisher Vinyards

(1) 3.0 L 2005 Fisher Vineyards Coach Insignia Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, Etched and Signed

This is a beautifully signed and etched 3.0 L bottle of Fisher Vineyards Coach Insignia Cab! The 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon Coach Insignia offers a deep ruby/purple color along with aromas of blueberries, black raspberries, and a touch of chocolate. This complex, full-bodied, opulently-styled Cabernet possesses silky tannin, decent acidity, and a round, generous, friendly personality. There is excellent harmony among all its elements. Drink this delicious, suave wine over the next 10-12 years. (WA91)

original wood box.

LOT 418

Three Plump Liters of PlumpJack Cabernet

Donated by John and Nancy Vesper

(1) 3.0 L 2006 PlumpJack Cabernet Sauvignon Estate, Oakville-Napa Valley

A BIG thank you to the 2010 ANFS Auction co-Chairs for beautiful double magnum of a great vintage of PlumpJack!

With additional time, it should be an impressive effort. A beautiful inky/ruby/purple color is followed by concentrated creme de cassis fruit intermixed with graphite, charcoal, and spicy new oak notes. This medium to full-bodied, long, structured, muscular Cabernet needs 2-3 years of cellaring, and should drink well for two decades.(WA91) Outstanding. Pure dark fruit, mouth coating sweet tannins, and some oak. Long finish. Will buy more. (CT93)



LOT 419

Staglin Magnanimous Duo

Donated by Richard and Karen Brown

(1) 1.5 L 1995 Staglin Family Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford - Napa Valley

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1995 Staglin Family Cabernet Sauvignon: Deep dark crimson. Lifting the glass to my nose I sensed little. Coaxing out by swirling I got some cassis and dark cherry. What the nose held back, the palate revealed Super structure and breed that continued to evolve nicely for about an hour, and then started to slide down the slope and gained some speed as it went, but what an hour it was. Tar, cassis, black cherry a touch of cedar. This was a beautiful & pure cab. Nice resolved multi-layered tannins and a clean level of acid rounded this out very well.(CT93)

1996 Staglin Family Cabernet Sauvignon: Typical Cabernet nose. This could be Bordeaux. Restrained and elegant. Green pepper notes. Deep cherry colour-no bricking. Lovely polished mouthfeel. There may have been ultra ripe fruit there once but it has taken a back seat. I could drink this all day long. Excellent. (CT93)

LOT 420

Delectable Duckhorn Double Magnum

Donated by Leet and Patsy Denton

(1) 3.0 L 1986 Duckhorn Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

Duckhorn makes chewy, big shouldered long lived cabernets. This 3.0 litre is looking to compliment a family steak dinner with some eager friends. Dan Duckhorn was one of our 2005 Honorary Chairs and is a great fan of bordeaux regions of St Emilion and Pomerol. He seeks to offer softness, subtleness, seduction and color in his wines. A 1995 Wine Spectator "Horizontal" tasting describes the wine as remaining "big, ripe, intense and concentrated, with rich, complex layers of earthy currant, mineral, plum, anise and cedar flavors. Tannins softening, but a long life ahead." (WS 94)



LOT 421

Don't Hedge your Bids on this Big Bottle

Donated by Richard and Karen Brown

(1) 9.0 L 2006 Hedges Family Vineyards Three Vineyards , Red Mountain, Washington

From our patriarch of our wine selections, donations and scribes, this cabernet is the flagship of their estate wines, The Three Vineyards is a classic Red Mountain wine showing deep, dense color, firm yet supple tannins, and well defined acidity. The Three Vineyards is a blend of fruit from our three estate vineyards: Hedges Estate Vineyard, Bel'Villa Vineyard, and Red Mountain Vineyard. Always a majority blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, this wine is suitable for drinking upon release but will also reward those with the patience to age it. (CT90)

LOT 422

Château Haut Brion 'Nuf Said

Donated by Ronald and Eileen Weiser

(1) 1.5 L 1997 Château Haut Brion, Pessac-Léognan-Bordeaux

This beautiful magnum from a longtime A Night For Sight supporter is truly a treasure for your cellar! A stunningly gorgeous red. Beautiful aromas of licorice, berries and flowers. Medium- to full-bodied, with silky tannins and a long, succulent finish. Very fine indeed (WS90) This Haut-Brion exhibits an evolved, sweet red and black currant nose with notions of scorched earth, minerals, and tobacco. Although not big, it exhibits fine ripeness, harmony, and elegance, velvety tannin, and sweet fruit presented in a charming, open-knit, evolved format. (WA)



LOT 423

Napa Gold Standard Silver Oak

Donated by John and Nancy Vesper

(4) 1.5 L 2004 Silver Oak Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

The 2004 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a complex and elegant wine that balances the expression of fruity and savory elements with finesse. The wine has a dark ruby color with a purple edge and displays aromas of black plum, soy sauce, chocolate, rose petals, cedar and black olive. It has a soft, velvety attack and a fruity, floral and spicy mid-palate. The finish is long and smooth with well integrated tannins. Properly cellared, this wine should give drinking pleasure through 2024. (winery)

LOT 424

Collectable Corison Cabernet

Donated by Richard and Karen Brown

(3) 1.5 L 1997 Corison Winery Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

Nose of cedar, raspberry, dark fruit, eucalyptus, and other forest herbs. This was wonderful in the mouth with a profile led by dark caramelized fruit and finished with a tart, crisp acidity. The mouth was enveloped in beautiful, round tannins. The finish was long and this wine got better with each sip. We were sorry to see this bottle finish. Perfectly aged at this point. (CT93)



LOT 425

Big, Bold Berta's Red

Donated by Frank and Karen Nesi

(1) 3.0 L 2005 Kapcsandy Family Winery Roberta's Reserve Red St. Lane Vineyard, Napa Valley

This beautiful double magnum is not available anywhere except A Night for Sight - rare, delicious & beautiful!

A blend of 91% Merlot and 9% Cabernet Franc aged 20 months in new French oak, the 2005 Roberta's Reserve State Lane Vineyard is a fantastic wine. The clay soil-grown Merlot gives it a chocolaty, exotic red and black fruit character along with notes of mocha, espresso coffee, and roasted herbs. This stunning wine is the most approachable of the three 2005 cuvees. It should drink well for 15-20+ years. (WA95+)

LOT 426

A Bridge to Enjoyment

Donated by Essel and Menakka Bailey

(1) 1.5 L 2007 Knights Bridge Winery Cabernet Sauvignon Dr. Crane Vineyard, Napa Valley

(1) 1.5 L 2007 Knights Bridge Winery Cabernet Sauvignon To Kalon Vineyard, Napa Valley

Two beautiful Magnums not available to the public, only here, from Menakka and Essel Bailey, local Michiganders who have made a positive impact in the world of California Wines.

2007 To Kalon Vineyard by Knights Bridge: Deep purple color, with sweet aromas of ripe blackberry, black currant, and huckleberry, as well as subtle clove, hazelnut and toasty oak notes. The taste is fleshy, powerful and full bodied with a round tannin structure and a dense and layered finish. (WE94)

2007 Knights Bridge Dr Crane Vineyard: Deep, inky ruby-garnet color. The aromas on the nose show dark blue and black fruits with smoky-malted espresso made from Jamaican Blue Mountain coffee beans. The mouth mirrors the nose with soft supple tannins and a long finish of Scharffen Berger dark chocolate and sweet oak. (WS95)



LOT 427

One Salmanazar of Karantes or 12 in 1!

Donated by Mary France Oudin and Jean-Jacques Fertal

(1) 9.0 L 2005 Château des Karantes, Languedoc la Clape

Standing on one of the foothills within Karantes you can see in one direction the Mediterranean which brings gentle sea breezes that blow over the vines. In the other direction, you can see the famous Clape Mountain for which the region is named. Farther in the distance you can see the Pyrenees Mountains with its snow capped peaks. Enjoy this wine with light meals or on its own, and imagine yourself lost in this French paradise. – (www.karantes.com)

Château des Karantes Coteaux du Languedoc La Clape 2005 Very spicy and rich, with lively flavors of raspberry, red cherry, cream and mocha. Finely balanced, with a long, vibrant finish of spice and chocolate. Drink now through 2014. -K.M. (WS92)



LOT 428

A Case to Persue - 6 Magnums of Big Reds

Donated by Plumpjack Winery, Eric Adams, Friends of A Night for Sight, Rudd Vineyards & Winery & David Kelter

- (1) 1.5 L 2003 Château D'Armailhac, Pauillac-Bordeaux
- (1) 1.5 L 2003 Egelhoff Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley
- (1) 1.5 L 2003 Venge Family Winery Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve, Oakville Napa Valley
- (1) 1.5 L 2005 Rudd Vineyards & Winery Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville
- (1) 1.5 L 2006 CADE Cabernet Sauvignon, Howell Mountain-Napa Valley
- (1) 1.5 L 2006 PlumpJack Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville-Napa Valley

2005 Rudd Crossroads Cabernet Sauvignon: Fleshy berry and caramel on nose. Tightly wound with dark stone fruit and velvety feel, this one needs to age for another five years or more. Very nice. (CT92)

2006 CADE Cabernet Sauvignon: Rich, vibrant, even powerful grapey currant, blackberry and wild berry fruit is intense, full-bodied, concentrated and a bit rustic in its measure of tannins. Ends with chewy fruit and hints of mint and herb. Needs time. Best from 2011 through 2018.(WS) (CT91)

2006 PlumpJack Estate Cabernet Sauvignon: Beautiful inky/ruby/purple color; concentrated creme de cassis fruit intermixed with graphite, charcoal, and spicy new oak notes. Medium to full-bodied, long, structured, muscular Cabernet should drink well for two decades. Outstanding. Pure dark fruit, mouth coating sweet tannins, and some oak. Long finish. (CT95)

2003 Venge Family Winery Cabernet Sauvignon: Opaque purple color as well as copious quantities of black currant liqueur, cedar, and smoky, high-class cigar tobacco. Dense, rich, medium to full-bodied, and structured, it requires 2-3 more years of cellaring, and should evolve for two decades. (WA93)

2003 Egelhoff Cabernet Sauvignon: Brilliantly made and perfectly balanced. Watched it slowly unravel into a great drink with steaks. Will continue to watch vintage as the years pass. (CT93-95)

2003 Château D'Armailhac Bordeaux: Displays strong black fruits, earth and dirt, leather, tar, blackberry, plum, and herbal notes in the background. Tight tannins and good acidity, notes of fresh black berries, and blueberries, followed by notes of chocolate. A big, solid and complex wine. (CT91)



LOT 429

Pillars of Pepper Bridge

Donated by James Nicholson and Ann Nicholson

- (1) 1.5 L 2005 Pepper Bridge Winery Cabernet Sauvignon, Walla Walla Valley, Washington
- (1) 1.5 L 2005 Pepper Bridge Winery Merlot, Walla Walla Valley, Washington
- (1) 1.5 L 2006 Pepper Bridge Winery Cabernet Sauvignon, Walla Walla Valley, Washington
- (1) 1.5 L 2006 Pepper Bridge Winery Merlot, Walla Walla Valley, Washington
- (1) 1.5 L 2007 Pepper Bridge Winery Cabernet Sauvignon, Walla Walla Valley, Washington
- (1) 1.5 L 2007 Pepper Bridge Winery Merlot, Walla Walla Valley, Washington

This "6 pack of Great Walla Walla Magnums" is a double "mini vertical" of side by side Pepper Bridge Merlot & Cabernet Sauvignon from a longtime supporter of A Night for Sight

Quality is about doing things right the first time, about not cutting corners. Often it is easier to recognize quality than to define it, especially in regards to wine. At Pepper Bridge Winery, we pride ourselves on making superior-quality wine. But what exactly does that mean? For us, it means having both style and substance. In order to create complex, elegant wines, we are painstakingly careful and thoughtful throughout the wine-growing and winemaking process.

Pepper Bridge's Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot combine fruit from both vineyards, resulting in wines of uncanny complexity and harmony. Both hold a combination of deep fruit and dark, earthy savor that is thoroughly Walla Walla in character. -P.J.C. (Winery)

2005 Pepper Bridge Cabernet: Wine Enthusiast labeled this vintage as an "Editors' Choice" and gave it a score of 93 points. The San Francisco Chronicle called this wine "excellent," "beautifully textured," and "balanced." Wine & Spirits called it "fine, generous and elegant" and gave it a score of 93. Stephen Tanzer called it "deep and brooding" and gave it 90 points. Parker's The Wine Advocate gave it 90 points as well. (Wine)

2006 Pepper Bridge Cabernet: Our 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon received a 91 from Wine Enthusiast, who describes the wine as "a lovely, sweet floral top note over some chocolate accents, and then come the berries; the layering is beautifully done." The San Francisco Chronicle recommended this "muscular" wine to its readers as well. Wine & Spirits scored the wine with a 93. The Wine Advocate gave it score of 90+, describing it as "supple, savory and textured."



Big Bottle Silent Auction

(Winery)

2007 Pepper Bridge Cabernet: Decanted and gave it about an hour and it still needed to open some after that. Red Currant and dark fruit on the nose giving way to gentle tannin and a mouthfull of full dark fruit with a touch of peppery spice. Really good stuff. This is going to just get better.(CT90)

2005 Pepper Bridge Merlot: Wine & Spirits magazine called this wine "The Best Merlot of the Year" and gave it a score of 93. Master Sommelier Shayn Bjornholm says "sipping this wine is like driving an Aston Martin on a silk highway." Food and Wine magazine said this wine and all others from Pepper Bridge are "first rate." (Winery) Our 2005 Merlot is a lustrous, dark-ruby color with a lovely perfume of red and black currants, cream of cassis, pain grille, pencil lead, Asian spices and wild berries. On the palate, it is a rich, layered, velvety-textured wine with complex flavors of spicy ripe black fruit, earth, and cedar. This wine has a great sense of place, beautifully balanced with a terrific, long finish. (Winery)

2006 Pepper Bridge Merlot: This vintage nabbed a score of 90 points from Wine Enthusiast, who told its readers that the wine has a "lovely floral top note to the aromas, anise, some cocoa, and a pleasing dusty character." Wine Review Online also gave it a 90. Our 2006 Merlot is densely packed with luscious, intense flavors of ripe currants, black cherries and Italian plums. Hints of Asian spices and floral notes mingle with touches of chocolate mousse, nutmeg, cinnamon and earth scents. Rich, layered and concentrated, this plush Merlot finishes with a smooth, refined elegance. - Jean-François Pellet, Winemaker (Winery)

2007 Pepper Bridge Merlot: Densely packed, luscious flavors of ripe raspberries, currants, and Italian plums explode in the palate of our 2007 Merlot. Hints of cinnamon and flower petals mingle with touches of dark chocolate. Rich, layered and concentrated, this plush Merlot finishes with a core of dark red fruits and a long, persistent, velvety texture. (Winery)



LOT 430

Long Live Signorello - Large Glass Anyone?

Donated by John and Nancy Vesper

(1) 3.0 L 2006 Signorello Vineyards Padrone Proprietary Red , Napa Valley, Etched and Signed

92 POINTS - "The 2006 Padrone is composed of 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, and 5% Cabernet Franc. Chocolate truffle, black currant, espresso roast, tobacco leaf, and subtle oak aromas soar from the glass of this deep, saturated purple-colored 2006. The wine possesses terrific fruit purity and intensity as well as a full-bodied mouthfeel, and a dense, concentrated finish with moderately high tannins. This is a big, muscular, impressively endowed wine that should age effortlessly for 25 years or more." - (WA92)

94 POINTS - "Lots of voluptuous softness in the mouth, like velvet gliding over the palate. But you'll also experience serious tannins that hit midway, creating a lockdown astringency. Evidence of ageability lies in the massive core of blackberries and cassis, as well as the overall balance and tang of acidity on the finish. This Cabernet Sauvignon-based Bordeaux blend should hit its stride after 2012 and continue for many years. Cellar Selection." (WE94)

LOT 431

3.0 L 1995 Beni di Bastiolo Barolo

Donated by Robert and Marilyn Rauth

(1) 3.0 L 1995 Beni di Bastiolo Barolo, Piemonte, Italy

This lovely 3.0 L Barolo is from longtime supporters Bob and Marilyn Rauth

A bit rustic, with interesting fruit and "wet earth" quality. Distinct smoky, spicy, toasted notes. It has grip, with chewy tannins that linger. Ready to enjoy now in this 4-bottles-in-one larger format. Barolo -- from the Piemonte in Italy. (RB)