

All we
need is
love



naples winter wine festival

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Three days of the very best in wine and food;
Year-round impact for children in need



“love is all we need” for the 2018 Naples Winter Wine Festival,

the most successful international charity wine auction in the world. Each year, wine enthusiasts and collectors, along with well-known philanthropists, descend on Florida’s gorgeous Paradise Coast for this prestigious wine auction. The 2018 Naples Winter Wine Festival will offer a weekend of unforgettable memories filled with the finest wines and food from around the world. The excitement begins as guests spend an exclusive, up-close-and-personal evening with world-renowned vintners and celebrity chefs in magnificent private homes and settings, where they will savor incomparable cuisine and award-winning, cult classic wines.

They will then step onto the sun-soaked grand lawn of The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort for a heart-pounding live auction, to bid on rare collections of some of the world’s most sought-after wines, exotic travel adventures, limited edition cars and unique experiences.

Bringing together the very best of the world’s wine and food, acclaimed vintners and chefs and thrilling auction lots found nowhere else in the world, **the Naples Winter Wine Festival offers a weekend that’s truly one-of-a-kind.**

And the best part?

it's all for the
 *Kids!*

Every dollar raised under the auction tent funds the Festival’s founding organization, the Naples Children & Education Foundation (NCEF), whose annual grants and strategic initiatives transform the lives of underprivileged and at-risk children.

Since its inception, the Naples Winter Wine Festival has raised more than \$161 million and benefited more than 40 of the most effective nonprofits in the community that are working to significantly improve the physical, emotional and educational

lives of children. In addition to its annual grants, NCEF funds seven long-term strategic initiatives to improve early learning and out-of-school programming; provide access to healthcare, mental health and oral health services; end childhood hunger; and offer vision screening. Over 200,000 children have received the services and resources they need to excel through NCEF’s efforts.

This unique approach has become a blueprint on how to transform a community, one issue at a time.

schedule of events

Wine Down, Bid Up!

Monday, January 15th - Wednesday, January 31st

Can't wait to bid on the auction lot you really want? Now is your chance. In addition to the live auction, guests and others are invited to bid on exceptional wines and other exclusive items in our online auction. Early bidding opens on Monday, January 15 at 12:01am and closes on Wednesday, January 31 at 11:59pm (EST).

The Vintage Cellar

Special Pre-Festival Wine Tasting & Luncheon
at Bleu Provence

Thursday, January 25, 2018

9:30am Tasting Opens

10:00am to 12:00pm Tasting

12:30pm to 2:00pm Luncheon

Opus One, America's first cult wine, will headline the 2018 Vintage Cellar with a special vertical tasting spanning the winery's four remarkable decades. This very special pre-Festival tasting and luncheon will give a select few guests the chance to learn from Opus One CEO David Pearson, while tasting a rare combination of their highly-regarded wines. Renowned wine critic Antonio Galloni of *Vinous* will lend his knowledge and experience to the event as the moderator. Start your weekend early at Bleu Provence with David, Antonio and the best of Opus One from the 1980s through today.

\$2,500 per person

*Additional Ticket Required

For more information about tickets for this limited seating event, please call 239-514-2239.

Meet the Kids Day

Friday, January 26, 2018

9:00am to 2:00pm

Departing from The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples

Begin your extraordinary weekend by witnessing firsthand the life-changing impact of the Naples Winter Wine Festival. Get to know the organizations benefiting from NCEF's grants and meet the children who have received the resources and services they need to excel. The morning culminates in heartfelt presentations showcasing remarkable success stories that NCEF's grants have made possible. Following the presentations, you'll meet acclaimed vintners and taste their fabulous wines at a luncheon.

Attire: Casual

Vintner Dinners

Friday, January 26, 2018

Evening – Times Vary

Locations vary throughout Naples

Enjoy intimate dinners with award-winning chefs and celebrated vintners hosted by Festival Trustees in elegant, private homes and settings throughout Naples. Forge lifelong friendships with fellow wine and food enthusiasts.

Your hosts have planned an evening of unparalleled experiences and will send you an invitation announcing the time and attire for the evening.

Live Auction

Saturday, January 27, 2018

11:00am to 5:00pm

The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples

Today you will embark on a journey beyond your wildest expectations. You will be dazzled by a team of Ritz-Carlton chefs offering a masterpiece menu of savory creations. Each stop on your culinary tour will feature a wide selection of the world's finest and rarest wines as you get ready for the main event. Be cheered and celebrated as you enter the electrifying atmosphere under the tent to bid on extraordinary wines, travel packages and one-of-a-kind experiences found nowhere else in the world.

Attire: Resort Casual

Wine Down

Saturday, January 27, 2018

Following the auction

The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples

Celebrate the enormous generosity of the winning bidders as we "wine down" and relax to more great food and exceptional wines. We will toast the winning bidders and dance the night away to live music performed by Grammy winning musicians. A fitting end to a spectacular day.

Attire: Come as you are

Celebration Brunch

Sunday, January 28, 2018

10:30am to 1:00pm

The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples

This is the perfect ending to a perfect weekend. And what better way to recognize this unforgettable weekend than over a sumptuous Champagne Brunch with our chefs, vintners, and sponsors? Bid farewell to friends, old and new, until next year's Festival.

festival by the numbers

Over \$161 million

Raised by the Naples Winter Wine Festival since 2001 – funds that transform the lives of underprivileged and at-risk children

\$15.1 million

Raised at the 2017 Festival under the auction tent, including \$1,646,889 from Fund-a-Need donations to NCEF's Children's Healthcare Initiative

\$2 million

Winning bid at the 2007 Festival for a Rolls-Royce Phantom Coupe and one of the highest bids ever for a single lot at a charity wine auction worldwide

Over 200,000

Children's lives have been impacted through Festival proceeds since 2001

16,568

Bottles of wine auctioned off at all 17 Festivals, with 100% of the proceeds donated to NCEF

2,500

Wine glasses on hand for Saturday's wine tasting and culinary showcase

420

Volunteers who help make the Festival a smashing success

63

Auction lots of one-of-a-kind treasures and experiences at the 2017 Festival

55%

Of Collier County children are served by Naples Children & Education Foundation

45

Organizations received grants from the Naples Children & Education Foundation (NCEF) – the Festival's founding organization – since its inaugural year



Ticket packages to this exclusive event, limited to 580 guests, start at \$10,000 per couple. A \$25,000 package is also available that includes reserved seating for a party of four at a vintner dinner and under the tent.

To inquire about tickets to the Naples Winter Wine Festival, please contact Barrett Farmer at barrett@napleswinefestival.com or 239-514-2239.