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Highly-Anticipated Wine Experiences, Limited Edition Cars, And Exotic Travel Adventures Up for Bid at the Naples Winter Wine Festival

Naples, FL – September 17, 2014 – An around-the-world tour in a private jet, rare collections of some of the world’s most sought-after wine, and a chance to meet the Queen of England are among the highly anticipated items to be auctioned off at the Naples Winter Wine Festival, taking place January 23-25, 2015 at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort in Naples, Florida. These exclusive items, otherwise unavailable to the general public, have been generously donated to support children in need.

Previous auctions have brought in tens of millions of dollars to support the festival’s founding organization, the Naples Children & Education Foundation, which gives out annual grants that have provided nearly 200,000 children with the services and resources they need to excel.

“Every year, the festival truly comes alive during the auction, and the incredible wines and premier experiences being offered this year promise an exhilarating day” said Chuck Hallberg, Co-Chair of the 2015 festival and Chair of the Auction Committee. “Best of all, the winning bids will have a far-reaching impact on children in our local community.”

Many of the participating vintners, including this year’s Honored Vintner, Marchese Piero Antinori, will contribute to an exceptional collection of large and unique bottles for the festival’s centerpiece wine lot. Bidders will also have the chance to win an ultimate “Krug Experience” with a collection of Krug’s most notable bottles and a private, multi-day visit to the champagne house’s French estate.

The incredible travel experiences available at auction include a 10-day trip through Florence, Venice and Istanbul based on Dan Brown’s “Inferno”; a tour of Gettysburg with legendary filmmaker Ken Burns; a journey on a private jet for the ultimate challenge; five rounds of golf in five separate time zones at top-notch courses across North America in a single day; and more.

Other spectacular auction items include, among others:

- 2015 Mercedes SLS AMG GT Final Edition, one of only 350 in the world
- An African safari, with an accompanying wine lot from top Washington state vintners
- Private access to Bulgari’s High Jewelry Event and artisan workshop in Rome
- An invitation to the Royal Ascot and Order of the Garter procession with the Queen of England and members of the Royal Family
- Dinner at the venerable Château Margaux with wine director Paul Pontallier
- A 10-day private trip through Italy during truffle season

Festival attendees will also have the opportunity to enjoy meals prepared by celebrity chefs including Tom Colicchio and Barbara Lynch, and taste hand-selected fine wines from top vintners around the world, all during an unforgettable weekend of food, wine and philanthropy.

Ticket packages to this exclusive event are available and start at \$8,500 per couple for festival tickets, with a \$20,000 package that includes reserved seating for a party of four at the same vintner dinner and under the tent. For more information about the Naples Winter Wine Festival, please visit <http://www.napleswinefestival.com> or call 888-837-4919.

About the Naples Winter Wine Festival

The Naples Winter Wine Festival is one of the world's most prestigious charity wine auctions, bringing together renowned vintners and chefs with wine enthusiasts and philanthropists for a three-day festival that raises millions of dollars for underprivileged and at-risk children. Every dollar raised under the tent funds the festival's founding organization, the Naples Children & Education Foundation (NCEF), whose annual grants and strategic initiatives have provided around 200,000 children with the services and resources they need to excel. For more information, please visit Napleswinefestival.com.

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