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### **Fastest Ferrari and Maserati among 2013 Naples Winter Wine Festival auction lots**

NAPLES, Fla. (Jan. 11, 2013) – Well known for its spectacular, one-of-a-kind auction offerings for charity, the Naples Winter Wine Festival brings new show stoppers to its 2013 lineup: the 2013 F12berlinetta, the fastest, most powerful Ferrari yet – and the 2014 Maserati Quattroporte V8, the fastest, four-door Maserati ever built. Adding to the lots' cache: the winning bidders will have the cars months before their neighbors. The vehicles are being auctioned off during the Jan. 25-27 festival in Naples, Fla.

#### **2013 Ferrari F12berlinetta**

Lot 30, La Dolce Vita at 200 mph, also includes a two-day, Ferrari driving-experience program at Le Circuit Mont-Tremblant in Quebec, Canada. The winner will drive selected Ferraris on a former Formula One track, with driving techniques taught by current and former professional racers. Accommodations are for two guests for two nights at the Hotel Quintessence. In addition, the winner has two tickets to the 2013 Formula One Grand Prix Ferrari Challenge including access to the circuit, Ferrari suite and merchandise, and a meet and greet with Ferrari drivers.

The 12-cylinder F12 sports a space-frame chassis and body shell that is new and incorporates 12 aluminum alloys, some of which have never been used before in the automotive industry. It is also the most overall aerodynamically efficient Ferrari ever. The vehicle has the latest carbon ceramic braking system, evolution magnetorheological suspension and advanced vehicle dynamics control systems.

#### **2014 Maserati Quattroporte V8**

Equally tempting to car buffs at the festival is an auction lot featuring the 2014 Maserati Quattroporte. With the original Quattroporte in 1963, Maserati created the world's first luxury sports sedan by combining a racing-derived engine with a superb luxury sedan. The new sixth generation Quattroporte continues to be the benchmark for leading design, luxury sedan comfort and quality with supercar performance.

The winner will be one of the first in the U.S. to take possession of this completely re-designed legend. With its all-new Maserati V8 twin turbo engine producing 523 horsepower, with 0 to 60 mph acceleration in 4.6 seconds and a 191 mph top speed, it is not only the fastest four-door Maserati ever built, but also the most powerful and the most fuel-efficient.

Its all-new architecture retains the Quattroporte's benchmark for 50-50 weight balance, delivering impressive handling when needed, but is comfortable and refined for everyday use. Traditional handcrafted design and details define the Quattroporte's cabin, with exquisite leathers, fine materials and even more interior space than its predecessor and competition.

This sixth generation Maserati sedan offers the latest intuitive technical features such as an 8.4-inch touch control screen, optional 15-speaker Bowers & Wilkins premium audio system, and WLAN-based Wi-Fi and Bluetooth phone compatibility.

Lot 42, This Maserati is a Hottie, also includes VIP access for two people to top 2013 Maserati events of their choosing, such as the U.S. Polo Open in West Palm Beach, Fla., and the 2013 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in Pebble Beach, Calif.

#### **2013 BMW 6-series**

Another lot with a luxury car is Lot 9, which includes a one-year lease for a 2013 6-series BMW, with a private, performance-driving session taught by veteran motorsports instructors at BMW's Spartanburg campus in South Carolina.



### **2013 Lexus LS 460**

Up for raffle at the festival is a 2013 Lexus LS 460. Boasting a dynamic exterior highlighted by the new spindle grille, the 4.6-liter, 386 horsepower V8 engine pairs with an eight-speed automatic transmission to deliver an invigorating blend of acceleration, fuel efficiency, smoothness and control. Dramatic new styling cues include new wheel designs; a center display that evokes a sense of space and stability with easy functionality; and the Shimamoku steering wheel and matching trim that combines the organic feel of natural wood with a layered look that evokes modern art.

A ticket for the drawing is a suggested minimum donation of \$3,000 or two tickets for a \$5,000 minimum suggested donation. Raffle tickets are available prior to the festival by calling the NWWF office at 1-888-837-4919. No more than 350 tickets will be issued, and the ticket holder need not be present at the festival's Sunday celebration brunch when the raffle winner is announced.

The Naples Children & Education Foundation, founders of Naples Winter Wine Festival, has raised more than \$107 million at the festival since 2001. The foundation's mission is to create and expand charitable programs serving underprivileged and at-risk children in Collier County. As a direct result of NCEF investments, more than 150,000 children have had their lives improved.

The Naples Winter Wine Festival, the most successful charity wine auction in the world, is the primary source of funds for NCEF. Wine Spectator magazine has ranked NWWF as the nation's top charity wine auction since 2004.

Festival events, which are planned and executed by trustees, foundation staff and hundreds of volunteers, span three days. The festival begins with Meet the Kids Day, during which guests interact with children who have benefited from festival proceeds and witness charitable dollars at work. Guests enjoy wine tastings throughout the weekend. They also attend intimate dinners prepared by famous chefs at private homes of NCEF trustees and other supporters, with wines selected and poured by renowned vintners. A festival highlight takes place at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples – a founding sponsor of the festival – with a culinary showcase and live auction of 65 lots. A wine-down party that evening and brunch the next day bring festivities to a close.

Festival ticket packages are \$8,500 per couple; \$20,000 for a two-couple ticket with reserved seating at the same vintner dinner. To make a donation, or for details on the 65 auction lots, a schedule of 2013 festivities and more information about the Naples Winter Wine Festival, visit [www.napleswinefestival.com](http://www.napleswinefestival.com) or call 888-837-4919.

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