

NAPLES WINTER WINE FESTIVAL

BELIEVE IN THE MAGIC



Benz SLS AMG Roadster fetching \$450,000. Lifestyle lots that enticed high bids included an 11-night Italian extravaganza for four couples, with four nights in Milan at Bvlgari Hotel and a stay at Black Book Villas, Serpenti watches, tailored suits from Saint Andrews, that went for \$400,000. Access to Elton John's White Tie & Tiara Ball at his Windsor, England, estate for two couples, with Wimbledon Centre Court tickets and Chopard keepsakes, captured \$320,000.

Festival events spanned three days, including a tour of children's charities; intimate vintner dinners at NCEF trustees' homes where celebrity chefs including Tony Mantuano and Wolfgang Puck prepared the cuisine, with wines personally poured by winery proprietor HRH Prince Robert of Luxembourg and other internationally acclaimed vintners; a wine-down party post-auction; and a celebratory Sunday brunch.

"The festival's theme of 'Believe in the Magic' came true thanks to the generosity of patrons, sponsors, donors and other supporters who conjured up life-enhancing bids for thousands of children in need," said NCEF trustee Bob Clifford, festival chair with his wife, Joan. "We are thrilled and profoundly grateful to our supporters, and we look forward to presenting grant checks to more than 20 charities this spring."

NCEF's mission is to create and expand charitable programs serving underprivileged and at-risk children in Collier County. The foundation currently supports more than 20 grantees and provides grants for long-term strategic initiatives focused on children's early learning, medical/oral health, out-of-school programs, behavioral health and childhood hunger. As a direct result of NCEF investments, more than 150,000 children have had their lives improved. NCEF has 69 Trustees that govern the foundation and host the festival.

The 2013 festival will be held Jan. 25-27. For more information, visit www.napleswinefestival.com.

1. HRH Prince Robert of Luxembourg, Ann Grace, Mr. Hocus Focus, Dick Grace and Jean-Philippe Delmas attend Meet the Kids Day to see first hand how festival proceeds are put to work. Photo credit: Marisa Lane

2. Festival guests choose from a wide selection of wines on auction day. Photo credit: Tom Harper

3. A stay at Black Book Villa's "Villa Lucia" property in Lake Como, Italy is part of the 11-night Italian extravaganza auction lot.

4. Wolfgang Puck is one of 17 celebrity chefs participating in the festival. Photo credit: Marisa Lane

5. Festival chairs Bob and Joan Clifford present Honored Vintner HRH Prince Robert of Luxembourg with a token of appreciation. Photo credit: Tom Harper

6. A custom-crafted 2012 Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG Roadster entices auction attendees to bid high. Photo credit: Marisa Lane

7. Mary Susan Clinton, Shelly Stayer and Asia Greene enjoy the culinary showcase. Photo credit: Tom Harper

8. Shelly Stayer bids to be among 100 guests at a private LeAnn Rimes concert while John Jordan keeps track of bidding. Photo credit: Tom Harper

9. On Meet the Kids Day, more than 100 children from NCEF-supported charities wow festival guests with magic tricks. Photo credit: Tom Harper

10. Elliott Singer, Bob Elkins, Shirlene Elkins, Retta Singer, Sandy Stilwell and Cheryl Copham celebrate a winning bid. Photo credit: Tom Harper

Surpassing the \$100 million mark in charitable giving was cause for celebration at the 12th annual Naples Winter Wine Festival charity auction, which raised \$12.2 million during the live auction and reached a grand total of \$106.7 million raised since 2001. One hundred percent of auction proceeds benefit Collier County's underprivileged and at-risk children through Naples Children & Education Foundation, the festival's founding organization.

Gathered at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples, in the Grand Lawn Pavilion, winning bidders were among 580 guests. The top money-raising lot captured multiple bids in a modified Dutch auction that totaled \$1.2 million for a private concert by Grammy-award winner LeAnn Rimes. The concert and reception will be held at a Naples beachfront estate, with cuisine prepared by Tom Colicchio of "Top Chef." The top wine lot fetched a total of \$1.1 million. The original lot featured eight rare bottles of Château Haut-Brion from 1935, 1945, 1959, 1961, 1975, 1989, 1990 and 2009, and six bottles each from the 2010 vintage of Haut-Brion Blanc and Rouge nestled inside a hand-carved red wine console. Following spirited bidding, a second identical lot was donated. Each captured a bid of \$550,000.

This year's highest non-wine bid raised \$600,000 for a lot featuring a Baltic Sea cruise for six couples aboard a private, 201-foot Feadship yacht. Other high bids extended to a custom-crafted 2012 Mercedes-



NWWF 2012 TOP LOTS

\$1.22 MILLION
One Hundred People, One Concert, Once in a Lifetime
 Private concert by Grammy-award winner LeAnn Rimes for 100 people at a Naples beachfront home with special wines and cuisine prepared by Tom Colicchio of "Top Chef"

\$1.1 MILLION
Treasure Chest
 Eight rare bottles of Château Haut-Brion from 1935, 1945, 1959, 1961, 1975, 1989, 1990 and 2009, and six bottles each from the 2010 vintage of Haut-Brion Blanc and Rouge inside a hand-carved red wine console. Following spirited bidding, a second identical lot was donated. Each captured a bid of \$550,000.

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Sensational Scandinavian Seascapes
 Baltic Sea cruise for six couples aboard a private, 201-foot Feadship yacht

\$450,000
Portrait of Imola Gray
 Custom-crafted 2012 Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG Roadster

\$400,000
Suit Yourself Guys, the Girls get Diamonds
 Eleven-night Italian extravaganza for four couples, with four nights in Milan at the Bvlgari Hotel, a week at one of Black Book Villas luxury properties, Bvlgari Serpenti watches and tailored suits from Saint Andrews

\$320,000
A Charity Ball, a Tennis Ball and Sparkly Souvenirs
 Attendance at Elton John's White Tie & Tiara Ball at his Windsor, England, estate for two couples, with Wimbledon Centre Court tickets and Chopard keepsakes

\$320,000
In Honor of Haut-Brion
 35-bottle vertical spanning 84 years of Haut-Brion housed in a Thomas Riley Artisans' Guild dry bar

\$240,000
Lotus Blossom
 Wine vertical with a bottle from each vintage released from Rutherford's Dana Estates and an estate visit for three couples

\$240,000
You'll Flit, You'll Float, You'll Fleetly Flee, You'll Fly
 22-day around-the-world trip on a luxury jet by Lakani Private Jet Tours

\$220,000
Liters, Magnums and Cases - Oh My!
 Rare collection of Shafer's Hillside Select and a stay in Napa Valley

\$220,000
The Bushmills Birdie Boys Club: A Guys' Golf Getaway
 Five nights in Ireland, with five rounds of golf including one with reigning British Open champion Darren Clarke

\$220,000
It's Perfectly Polite to Barge In
 Six-night river cruise from Escommes to Dijon, France for three couples

\$220,000
A Fortnight Afloat
 Two weeks aboard ResidenSea's The World for two couples, with ultra-luxury accommodations, spa treatments and a private chef