

# Naples Winter Wine Festival Vintner Dinners

**S**EVENTEEN OF THE NAPLES CHILDREN & Education Foundation trustees opened their homes to host vintner dinners, marking the start of the Naples Winter Wine Festival. The Artists in Residence vintner dinner, hosted by Terry and Bob Edwards with Judith Liegeois and John Scot Mueller, focused on the talent of creation in food, wine and artwork. Spago Beverly Hills sent three chefs, in addition to Chef Lee Hefter, to help create the five-course dinner. Usha and Monte Ahuja hosted the Bollywood and Vine vintner dinner with Deborah and Bill Harlan. Chef Michael Tusk from the San Francisco restaurant Quince created the masterful meal. The Perfect Pairing vintner dinner, hosted by Grace and Ken Evenstad with Patricia Aluisi and Donna Solimene, drew from the Oregon style of entertainment for its theme. Chef Gabriel Rucker of Le Pigeon in Portland lent his talents for the evening.

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1 Bob and Terry Edwards, John Scot Mueller, Judith Liegeois 2 Shari and Garen Staglin 3 Rose and Bill Nunnally 4 Monte and Usha Ahuja, Michael Tusk, Deborah and H. William Harlan 5 Jessica Hicks, Roma Michnal, Paula Odegard, Angela Hicks 6 Libby and J.P. Cottingham 7 Grace and Ken Evenstad, Donna Solimene 8 Gabriel Rucker

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TOUTED AS ONE OF THE NATION'S MOST successful charity wine auctions, the Naples Winter Wine Festival this year raised \$12 million for Collier County's underprivileged and at-risk children—a total that surpasses last year's by nearly \$4 million. The festival drew 580 guests from all over the world to The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Winning bids ranged from \$30,000 to \$1 million for artist Manolo Valdés' eight-foot-tall bronze sculpture.

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1 Judy and Jerry Sheindlin 2 Garen Staglin, Karen and Bob Scott 3 Fran and Jim McGlothlin, Joan Clifford 4 Mary Susan Clinton, Ed Staros

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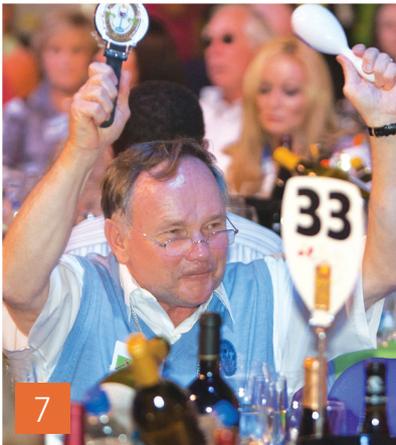
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