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Artist Manolo Valdés majestic sculpture arrives safe and sound for Naples Winter Wine Festival

NAPLES, Fla. (Jan. 26, 2011) – She’s here! Reina Mariana, Spanish artist Manolo Valdés’ 2,000 pound, majestic bronze sculpture left behind snow-packed Columbus Circle in New York City where she had been on display. Her destination: The grand lawn of The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort in sunny Naples, Fla. where she will be auctioned Jan. 29 during the Naples Winter Wine Festival. One of 70 auction lots, the 8-foot-tall Valdés sculpture joins rare wine lots, including the Perfection Lot of 100 bottles of 100-point-rated wines, once-in-a-lifetime trips, a 2011 Ferrari and other luxuries up for bid at the auction to be attended by 580 guests. One hundred percent of the money raised at auction will go to aid underprivileged and at-risk children. The festival has raised \$82.5 million over 10 years for children in need. For more information, visit www.napleswinefestival.com. Photo credit: Mila Bridger.

