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## **Finishing Touches Ensure that the 2017 Naples Winter Wine Festival is Poised for Greatness**

Naples, FL – December 13, 2016 – With just six weeks until the gavel comes down to begin the auction, plans are now complete for the 2017 Naples Winter Wine Festival, the most successful international charity wine auction in the world. Teams of top vintners and celebrity chefs have wrapped up their food and wine pairings for each of the 18 Vintner Dinners, and an incredible collection of more than 60 one-of-a-kind auction lots have been finalized.

The final list of auction lots rounds out what is already a stellar array of wine, travel and luxury experiences. Bidders with a taste for faraway travel can stake their claim on a 14-day trip through Europe aboard a private jet visiting Norway, Romania, Croatia, Italy, Spain and Monaco...all culminating in a two-night stay at Château Rauzan-Ségla in Bordeaux. Other exclusive wine opportunities await winning bidders with an incredible collection of Château Cheval Blanc and Château d'Yquem that includes six Imperials, 12 Magnums, six bottles and a stay for two couples at both estates. They can also look forward to a priceless collection of over one hundred 100-point wines including 13 Magnums, along with a custom-built wine cabinet with two Sub-Zero wine coolers crafted by Thomas Riley Artisans' Guild. Similarly dazzling luxury is available right in Naples with two weeks at a magnificent beachfront estate in Port Royal, accompanied by two sunset yacht cruises, spectacular dinners and other surprises. Details on all the auction lots are now available on the Festival [website](#).

"We are ready to go! After a year of planning, my co-chairs and I can't wait to kick off what will be three days of amazing food and wine experiences, as well as awe-inspiring generosity on the part of our big-hearted trustees and patrons," said Denise Cobb, co-chair of the 2017 Naples Winter Wine Festival. "Together, we plan to raise millions of dollars and make the biggest possible impact for kids in need."

Following months of collaboration, celebrity chefs and world-famous vintners from across the globe are putting the finishing touches on their menus and wine pairings as they prepare to deliver one-of-a-kind meals for guests at the Festival's Vintner Dinners, each more dazzling than the last. Guests will savor creations from the culinary talents of 18 all-star chefs, all designed to pair perfectly with a selection of the attending vintners' first-class wines. It is an experience that can't be missed. Full lists of [chefs](#) and [vintners](#) are available on the Festival website.

Guests to the Festival will also be invited to explore the Festival's charitable impact at Meet the Kids Day. This crowd favorite event features informative presentations, meet-and-greets and personal stories

from children whose lives have been impacted, so guests know just how their donations will be used to better the lives of underprivileged and at-risk local children, thanks to grants and strategic initiatives from the Wine Festival's founding organization, the Naples Children & Education Foundation (NCEF). To learn more about the organizations receiving NCEF grants, click [here](#).

Every dollar raised under the auction tent benefits NCEF, whose annual grants have provided more than 200,000 children with the services and resources they need to excel. Since its inception, the Festival has provided more than \$146 million in support of this crucial mission.

Ticket packages to the Naples Winter Wine Festival are almost sold out. The NWWF is limited to 580 guests, starting at \$10,000 per couple. A \$25,000 package is also available that includes reserved seating for a party of four at a vintner dinner and under the tent. For more information about the Festival, please contact Barrett Farmer at [barrett@napleswinefestival.com](mailto:barrett@napleswinefestival.com) or 239-514-2239.

#### About the Naples Winter Wine Festival

The Naples Winter Wine Festival is the most successful international charity wine auction in the world, 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 more than 200,000 children with the services and resources they need to excel. For more information, please visit [Napleswinefestival.com](http://Napleswinefestival.com).

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