



## **NAPLES WINTER WINE FESTIVAL UNVEILS STAR-STUDDED 2018 VINTNER, CHEF AND MASTER SOMMELIER ROSTER**

*Marchese Piero Antinori, Barbara Banke, Laura Catena, Dominique Crenn, Nancy Silverton, Jonathan Waxman, and more, will curate exclusive pairings for the January Festival*

October 5, 2017 (NAPLES, FL) – The Naples Winter Wine Festival (NWWF) has announced its full vintner, chef and Master Sommelier roster for the three-day Festival, taking place January 26-28, 2018 at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort in Naples, FL. Celebrating the Festival's 18th year, attendees of the three-day event will have a chance to taste some of the most celebrated dishes and wines from award-winning culinary and wine legends from across the globe.

Bringing together more than 30 of the world's highly distinguished wineries with 18 award-winning chefs, this year's roster boasts a collective eight Michelin Stars, 15 James Beard Awards, and wines from over 13 wine producing regions, eight countries and five continents for a series of exclusive, curated dinners. The 2018 roster of Master Sommeliers includes 17 of the 236 professionals worldwide. All proceeds from the Festival will benefit charities that improve the physical, emotional and educational lives of Collier County's underprivileged and at-risk children.

This year, Michelin-starred Gary Danko of Restaurant Gary Danko and Vintners David R. Duncan and Karynne Duncan MD of Silver Oak will be honored as Chef de Cuisine and Honored Vintners in recognition of their professional and philanthropic accolades. These longtime Festival participants will be joined by additional key supporters of NWWF, including renowned vintners Marilisa Allegrini of Allegrini Estates, Shahpar & Darioush Khaledi of Darioush, Olivier Krug of Krug Champagne and Shari & Garen Staglin of Staglin Family Vineyard along with celebrity chefs Paul Bartolotta of The Bartolotta Restaurants, Dominique Crenn of Atelier Crenn and Joseph Lenn of JC Holdway and Master Sommeliers Will Costello of Bien Nacido and Solomon Hills Estate, Chris Miller of Seabold Cellars and Larry Stone of Linqua Franca.

"Year after year the Naples Winter Wine Festival is proud to welcome such resounding talent to Naples, Florida," said 2018 Festival Co-Chair Susie McCurry. "We are thrilled that these respected vintners, chefs and Master Sommeliers will be joining us for what is sure to be a, exciting Festival weekend to support the children of Collier County."

On the Festival's first evening, guests will be chauffeured to one of 17 intimate dinners hosted by Festival Trustees in private homes and settings throughout Naples. There they will savor multi-

course meals, expertly prepared by these famous chefs and designed to pair perfectly with a selection of the attending vintners' first-class wines, an experience that can't be missed.

This year's Vintner Dinners include:

Vintner	Chef	Master Sommeliers
Kary & David Duncan of <b>Silver Oak</b> in Oakville, California	<b>Joseph Lenn</b> of JC Holdway in Knoxville, Tennessee	<b>Gillian Ballance</b> of Treasury Wine Estate in Sonoma, California
Pam & George Hamel, Jr. of <b>Hamel Family Wines</b> in Sonoma, California Olivier Krug of <b>Krug Champagne</b> in Reims, France	<b>Gary Danko</b> of Restaurant Gary Danko in San Francisco, California	<b>Emily Wines</b> of Cooper's Hawk Winery in Oakland, California
Shahpar & Darioush Khaledi of <b>Darioush</b> in Napa, California	<b>Beau MacMillan</b> of elements at Sanctuary Camelback Mountain in Paradise Valley, Arizona	<b>Jared Slipp</b> of RdV Vineyards in Delaplane, Virginia
Michelle & Robin Baggett of <b>Alpha Omega Winery</b> in St. Helena, California Tom Bonomi of <b>Kistler Vineyards</b> in Sonoma, California	<b>Jonathan Waxman</b> of Barbuto in New York, New York	<b>Kyungmoon Kim</b> of The Modern NYC in New York, New York
Greg Brewer of <b>Brewer-Clifton</b> in Lompoc, California Beth Novak Milliken of <b>Spottswode Estate Vineyard &amp; Winery</b> in St. Helena, California	<b>Mark Kiffin</b> of The Compound Restaurant in Santa Fe, New Mexico	<b>Michael McNeill</b> of Quality Wine & Spirits in Atlanta, Georgia
Barbara Banke and Chris Carpenter of <b>Cardinale</b> in Oakville, California	<b>Nancy Oakes</b> of Boulevard Restaurant in San Francisco, California	<b>Emily Pickral Papach</b> of Jackson Family Wines in Tampa, Florida
Laura Catena of <b>Bodega Catena Zapata</b> in Mendoza, Argentina Doug & Annette Shafer of <b>Shafer Vineyards</b> in Napa, California	<b>Eric Ziebold</b> of Kinship in Washington, DC	<b>Chris Miller</b> of Seabold Cellars in Marina, California
Jean-Emmanuel Danjoy of <b>Château Clerc Milon</b> in Bordeaux, France	<b>Nancy Silverton</b> of Osteria Mozza in Los Angeles, California	<b>Elyse Lambert</b> , Consultant in Montreal, Canada
Amanda Harlan, Deborah Harlen and Cory Empting of <b>BOND</b> in Napa, California	<b>John Tesar</b> of Knife at The Highland Dallas in Dallas, Texas	<b>Bob Bath</b> of Culinary Institute of America at Greystone in St. Helena, California
Véronique Sanders of <b>Château Haut-Bailly</b> in Bordeaux, France Valerie Boyd & Jeff Gargiulo of <b>Gargiulo Vineyards</b> in Oakville, California	<b>Mario Corti and Christoph Rainer</b> of Luce d'Oro in Elmau, Bavaria, Germany	<b>Jim Rollston</b> of Manresa Restaurant in San Francisco, California
Alexander Van Beek of <b>Château Giscours du Tertre</b> in Bordeaux, France Cliff Lede of <b>Cliff Lede Vineyards</b> in Yountville, California	<b>Dominique Crenn</b> of Atelier Crenn in San Francisco, California	<b>Will Costello</b> of Bien Nacido and Solomon Hills Estate in Las Vegas, Nevada
Shari & Garen Staglin of <b>Staglin Family Vineyard</b> in Rutherford, California	<b>Neal Fraser</b> of Redbird in Los Angeles, California	<b>Fernando Bettina</b> of Tenzing Wine & Spirits in Chicago, Illinois

Grace & Ken Evenstad of <b>Domaine Serene</b> in Dayton, Oregon and <b>Château de la Créé</b> in Burgundy, France Dave Powell and Callum Powell of <b>Powell &amp; Son</b> in Lyndoch, South Australia	<b>Markus Glocker</b> of Bâtard in New York, New York	<b>Desi Echavarrie</b> of Scale Wine Group in Napa, California
Alejandro Bulgheroni of <b>Alejandro Bulgheroni Estate</b> in St. Helena, California Elisabetta Gnudi of <b>Borgo Scopeto &amp; Caparzo</b> in Montalcino, Italy	<b>Evan Funke</b> of Felix in Venice, California	<b>Fred Dexheimer</b> of The Winebow Group in New York, New York
Marchese Piero Antinori of <b>Marchesi Antinori</b> in Tuscany, Italy	<b>Peter Brunel</b> of Borgo San Jacopo in Florence, Italy	<b>Larry Stone</b> of Lingua Franca in Salem, Oregon
Mary & Terry Peabody of <b>Craggy Range</b> in Havelock North, New Zealand Elizabeth Neuman and Will Phelps of <b>Joseph Phelps Vineyards</b> in St. Helena, California	<b>Linton Hopkins</b> of Restaurant Eugene in Atlanta, Georgia	<b>Jason Heller</b> of Scale Wine Group in Napa, California
Marilisa Allegrini of <b>Allegrini Estates</b> in Valpolicella, Italy Mary Dewane & Joe Anderson of <b>Benovia Winery</b> in Santa Rosa, California	<b>Paul Bartolotta</b> of The Bartolotta Restaurants in Milwaukee, Wisconsin	<b>Jennifer Huether</b> of Jackson Family Wines in Toronto, California

Ticket packages to the Naples Winter Wine Festival are limited to 580 guests and start at \$10,000 per couple. A \$25,000 package that includes reserved seating for a party of four at a Vintner Dinner and under the tent is also available. To inquire about tickets to the Festival, please contact Barrett Farmer at [barrett@napleswinefestival.com](mailto:barrett@napleswinefestival.com) or 239-514-2239.

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A full list participating chefs, vintners and Master Sommeliers available here:  
[www.napleswinefestival.com](http://www.napleswinefestival.com)

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## ABOUT NAPLES WINTER WINE FESTIVAL

The Naples Winter Wine Festival, one of the world's most prestigious charity wine auctions, offers a weekend of unforgettable memories. Guests enjoy world-class wines and food during intimate dinners in private homes and settings, and are invited to bid on once-in-a-lifetime travel and wine experiences during an electrifying live auction. Since its inaugural event in 2001, the NWWF has raised more than \$161 million, making a profound difference in the lives of thousands of children.

## ABOUT NAPLES CHILDREN & EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Naples Children & Education Foundation, the founding organization of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, is improving the educational, emotional, and health outcomes of underprivileged and at-risk children. Through its annual grants and strategic initiatives, NCEF has impacted over 40 of the most effective nonprofits in the community, providing more than 200,000 children with the services and resources they need to excel. NCEF's unique approach, which emphasizes collaboration between

organizations and bridges public and private resources, has become a blueprint for how to transform a community, one issue at a time.