



Naples Winter Wine Festival Unveils Scores of Lavish Auction Lots for 2018

All proceeds from the live auction, featuring over sixty once-in-a-lifetime experiences and limited-edition items will benefit the at-risk children of Collier County

December 12, 2017 (NAPLES, FL) - The Naples Winter Wine Festival (NWWF) has released the full roster of 2018 auction lot items set for the January 27th live auction at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort in Naples, Florida. Bidders of the sixty-one auction lot items will raise money to support the Naples Children & Education Foundation's (NCEF) annual grants and strategic initiatives, which will aid underprivileged and at-risk children in the community.

"We are thankful to our partners for their continuous support in this year's Festival and providing exciting excursions, rare wines, luxury cars, and more," said Lewie Card, 2018 Festival Co-Chair. "Over the last seventeen years, Festival attendees have shown incredible support for NCEF, which has resulted in impactful educational, emotional and health improvements of underprivileged and at-risk children."

In addition to winery tours, world-wide private adventures, and exclusive dining experiences, the auction will also feature one-of-a-kind packages including red-carpet access to some of the most premiere, star-studded events in the world, private fittings with the world's most sought-after designers and ownership of the nation's first model of some of the fastest and rarest automobiles.

Auction lot highlights include:

- **Ao Yun Winery** - China's internationally esteemed winery is offering two Magnums of 2013 Ao Yun and 24 bottles of Ao Yun (12 each: 2013 and 2014). Two couples will have an opportunity to fly to Shangri-La, China, and spend 2 nights at the Banyan Tree Ringha Resort, Shangri-La, where they will visit Shuori Village, with a stop cliffside to see the Xidang and Sinong villages, Meili Mountain and the Mekong. From there, they will enjoy 1 night at the Ao Yun Lodge and enjoy an exclusive high-altitude tour of Shuori Vineyard (7,200–8,200 feet) with Ao Yun's estate manager and winemaker, Maxence Dulou followed by a private wine tasting in the cellar of Ao Yun and a private dinner. Roundtrip, Business Class Airfare to Shangri-La is included.
- **Bahamas and Yacht Tour** - a 4-night island getaway on the private Royal Island in the Bahamas and a 4-night private yacht cruise aboard the 86-foot Sunseeker M/Y *Perseverance 2* for three couples. Enjoy the 430-acre private island paradise, which blends exquisite natural beauty with world-class activities, amenities and beachfront villas on the pristine Melanie Beach in North Eleuthera, Bahamas. All meals will be prepared by a gourmet chef and a personal concierge will be available to accommodate your requests. Your tropical sea escape continues aboard *Perseverance 2*, with a crew of 3 who will take you to the ports of Grand Cayman, Bahamas, Havana, Cuba and Key West, Florida before returning you to Naples. One way, Private Airfare from Naples to North Eleuthera, Bahamas (*or reverse*) is included.



- **Bordeaux, Chopard, and the Cannes Film Festival** - 3-days of private tastings and tours at Château du Tertre and Château Giscours followed by 3 days at Château Haut-Bailly. The couples will then travel to Cannes for the 71st Annual Cannes Film Festival for 2 night's luxury accommodations, an opportunity to walk the red carpet and celebrate opening night at an exclusive star-studded event. Each couple will also receive \$25,000 to spend toward Chopard jewelry or watches before traveling to Geneva, where they will receive a behind-the-scenes tour of the Chopard Factory, and enjoy a special dinner with wine pairings. Business Class Airfare to Bordeaux, to Cannes and from Geneva is included.
- **Bvlgari Experiences in Los Angeles and Rome** - access to the star-studded, Elton John AIDS Foundation Academy Awards viewing party in Los Angeles in March 2018. The winning bidder and their guest will be styled with Bvlgari jewelry and offered professional hair and makeup for the evening of the event. Later in the year, the couple will be flown to Rome, Italy for 4 nights of sightseeing and a private viewing of Bvlgari's High Jewelry Collection, workshop and a visit to "Via Aurelia." Roundtrip, Business Class Airfare to Los Angeles and to Rome is included.
- **Chanel Fine Jewelry** - the winning bidder and their guest will have the ultimate experience at the exclusive launch of the Chanel 2018 High Jewelry Collection in Paris in July 2018 at the Fall/Winter 2018/19 Haute Couture show and Black-Tie Gala Dinner. They will also enjoy 3 nights' accommodations in a five-star hotel and a personal tour of 31, Rue Cambon, Mademoiselle CoCo Chanel's apartment and legendary Couture House. Roundtrip, Business Class Airfare to Paris is included.
- **Cliff Lede Vineyards and Christian Dior** - a Magnum, Double Magnum and 6 Liter (Imperial) of 2013 Cliff Lede Vineyard Poetry Cabernet Sauvignon followed by a 10-night stay in a private apartment in Paris, including private tours of The Louvre, Versailles and dinner at Alain Ducasse's Le Jules Verne restaurant in the Eiffel Tower. Two fashionistas will then spend 4 nights at the Mandarin Oriental, Paris to attend the Dior Couture Paris Runway Show on Friday, September 28, 2018, enjoy a private Atelier experience, and a private meeting with Christian Dior artistic director, Maria Grazia Chiuri. Roundtrip, Business Class Airfare to Paris is included.
- **Driving in Style** - car enthusiasts will have a chance to take home the first 8th Generation Rolls-Royce standard wheelbase Phantom delivered globally, be the first in the U.S. to own the 2019 Bentley Continental GT, or a NWWF custom-designed McLaren 720S. The Phantom will come with Belladonna Purple exterior and Arctic White interior, the Bentley will be decorated in a Sequin Blue exterior and Portland/Imperial Blue interior and the McLaren will be crafted with a Nerello Red exterior and special Saddle Brown interior.
- **Gargiulo Vineyards and Thomas Rhett** – two couples will win a private dinner and living room concert for 20 people by country music star Thomas Rhett, plus dinner featuring a special Nashville menu, paired with Gargiulo wines. The couples will then join the Gargiulos & their Nashville friends for the "Flowering of the Vines" weekend from Friday, May 11–Monday, May 14, 2018, including 3 nights at the North Block Hotel in Yountville, dinner at the Gargiulo's home on Friday evening, a special dinner and performance of "songwriters in the round" and Sunday brunch at the Gargiulo's. Take home 3 Double Magnums of 2014 Gargiulo Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon and 2 custom Heritage guitars. Roundtrip, First Class Airfare to San Francisco is included.



- **South Africa** - a 10-day “insider’s” trip to South Africa for two couples with Shari & Garen Staglin along with 12 bottles of Staglin Family Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon ranging from 2009-2014. During their visit, winners will be given VIP access to the Cape Wine Auction, receive private tours and tastings at 7 wineries, go on a luxury Singita safari, and stay in some of the most luxurious accommodations such as One&Only Resort, the Rupert & Rothschild Manor House, Singita Lembombo Lodge, and Sabi Sand Game Reserve. Airfare within South Africa is included.
- **The Royal Ascot and The Cotswolds** – a 2-night trip to London for Queen’s Day with access to the Royal Enclosure during the Royal Ascot, along with a roundtrip private Rolls-Royce car service and a clay pigeon shooting experience. Couples will also receive a one-year membership to become American Patrons of the Historic Royal Palaces as well as a 6-night stay in a 16th-century manor house in the Cotswolds. Their visit will include English excursions and a game of Polo where Prince William and Harry regularly play. Roundtrip, Business Class Airfare from New York to London is included.

A full roster and additional details of all sixty-one auction lot items is available at <https://www.napleswinefestival.com/auction-lots/>.

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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 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.