



2019 NAPLES WINTER WINE FESTIVAL LINEUP UNVEILED WITH INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED WINE AND CULINARY LEGENDS

Daphne and Bart Araujo, Tom Colicchio, Salvatore Ferragamo, Carlo Mondavi, Tim Mondavi, David Pearson, Richard Reddington, and more will gather in Naples, Florida for the 19th annual Naples Winter Wine Festival

September 13, 2018 (NAPLES, FL) – **The Naples Winter Wine Festival (NWWF)** has confirmed its star-studded roster for its 19th annual event, themed “Joy to the World,” this January in Naples, Florida. The three-day Festival, held annually at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, will take place January 25-27, 2019 and will feature some of the world’s most celebrated chefs, vintners and Master Sommeliers.

“Each year, the Naples Winter Wine Festival not only attracts new talent from around the world, but also welcomes back many of our veteran culinary and wine experts who have been with us year after year,” said 2019 Festival Co-Chair Linda Koehn. “With this year’s theme, ‘Joy to the World’, we are looking forward to commemorating the 19-year legacy of the NWWF and its founding organization, the Naples Children & Education Foundation (NCEF), and working together towards rebuilding a brighter and better future.”

This year’s Chef de Cuisine, **Richard Reddington of REDD and Redd Wood**, and Honored Vintners, **Daphne and Bart Araujo of Accendo Cellars**, both hail from Napa, California and will team up alongside 50 other iconic chefs and vintners flying in from cities around the world to kick off the weekend Festival with 18 intimate Vintner Dinners hosted by Festival Trustees in private homes and settings throughout Naples. Both longtime supporters of the NCEF and NWWF, James Beard nominee Richard Reddington and Daphne and Bart Araujo will headline the highly anticipated Wine Festival, which will bring needed resources to the Collier County community.

“The Naples Winter Wine Festival is an iconic culinary and wine event and it’s a great honor to be chosen as the Chef de Cuisine this year,” said Richard Reddington of REDD and Redd Wood. “This event holds a very special place in my heart and I’m thrilled to be back for my eighth festival.”

“As supporters of the Naples Winter Wine Festival since 2002, we are thrilled to be returning with Accendo Cellars, our family wine, for the 2019 NWWF as Honored Vintners,” said Daphne and Bart Araujo. “It is a privilege to represent Napa Valley alongside the many dedicated food and wine professionals that participate in this star-studded event and give back to Collier County each year, and to see the lovely friends we have made over the years.”

“Both Richard Reddington and Daphne and Bart Araujo have been longstanding supporters of the Naples Winter Wine Festival and Naples Children & Education Foundation,” said 2019 Festival Co-Chair Brian Brady. “Their continued involvement has been crucial in our efforts to better the lives of the underprivileged and at-risk children in Collier County, by providing access to important resources and support they need to excel.”

To kick off the weekend’s festivities, the Naples Children & Education Foundation will be hosting their annual Meet the Kids Day on Friday morning. Guests will have a chance to meet children who have received resources and support from NCEF funds and see how their involvement has positively impacted the community. The morning culminates in a heartfelt presentation showcasing remarkable success stories that NCEF has made possible. Following the presentation, attendees will enjoy a lunch and meet the four renowned vintners listed below:

<u>Meet the Kids Day Vintners</u>
Ann & Dick Grace of Grace Family Vineyards in St. Helena, California
Kevin Kinsella of Kinsella Estates in Sonoma, California
Larry Stone of Lingua Franca in Salem, Oregon
Samantha & Patrice Breton of Vice Versa Wines in St. Helena, California

Friday evening, guests will have a chance to enjoy intimate dinners with award-winning chefs and renowned vintners hosted by Festival Trustees in private homes and settings throughout Naples.

This year’s Vintner Dinner’s include:

<u>Vintner</u>	<u>Chef</u>
Daphne & Bart Araujo of Accendo Cellars in Napa, California	Cassidee Dabney of The Barn at Blackberry Farm in Walland, Tennessee
Tim Mondavi of Continuum in St. Helena, California Carlo Mondavi of RAEN Winery in Sonoma, California Cinzia Merli of Le Macchiole in Bolgheri, Italy	Richard Reddington of REDD and Redd Wood in Yountville, California
Beth Novak Milliken of Spottswoode Estate Vineyard & Winery in St. Helena, California	Tom Colicchio of Crafted Hospitality in New York, New York
Rotem & Mounir Saouma of Lucien Le Moine in Beaune, France David Duncan of OVID in ST. Helena, California	Angelo Auriana of Officine Brera in Los Angeles, California
Cliff Lede of Cliff Lede Vineyards in Napa, California	Jennifer Jasinski of Rioja in Denver, Colorado
Shari & Garen Staglin of Staglin Family Vineyard in Rutherford, California	Thierry Rautureau of Luc/Loulay in Seattle, Washington

Jim Bailey of Knights Bridge Winery in Calistoga, California Barbara Banke of Gran Moraine Vineyard in Yamhill, Oregon and Zena Crown Vineyard in Salem, Oregon	Nancy Oakes of Boulevard Restaurant in San Francisco, California
The Miller Family of Bien Nacido and Solomon Hills Estates in Santa Maria, California PierFilippo Abbruzzese of Valdicava in Montalcino, Italy	Rogan Lechthaler of The Downtown Grocery in Ludlow, Vermont
Shahpar & Darioush Khaledi of Darioush in Napa, California	Dustin Valette of Valette in Healdsburg, California
Giovanni Manetti of Fontodi in Greve in Chianti, Italy Valerie Boyd & Jeff Gargiulo of Gargiulo Vineyards in Oakville, California	Charlie Palmer of Aureole in New York, New York
Jean-Charles Cazes of Château Lynch-Bages in Pauillac, France	Donald Link of Herbsaint in New Orleans, Louisiana
Elisabetta Gnudi of Borgo Scopeto & Caparzo in Montalcino, Italy Naoko and Maya Dalla Valle of Dalla Valle Vineyards in Oakville, California	Markus Glocker of Bâtard in New York, New York
Lucas Löwi of Bodega Numanthia in Valdepinos, Spain Matt Hobbs of Paul Hobbs Wines in Sebastopol, California	Bill Telepan of Oceana Restaurant in New York, New York
Nicholas Allen of Carte Blanche Wine in Napa, California Roberta Ceretto of Ceretto in Alba, Italy	John Tesar of Knife at The Highland in Dallas, Texas
Grace & Ken Evenstad of Domaine Serene in Dayton, Oregon and Château de la Créé in Burgundy, France	Vitaly Paley of Paley Hospitality Group in Portland, Oregon
Véronique Drouhin-Boss of Maison Joseph Drouhin in Beaune, France and Domaine Drouhin Oregon in Dundee, Oregon	Mike Lata and Jason Stanhope of FIG in Charleston, South Carolina
Olivier Krug of Krug Champagne in Reims, France David Pearson of Opus One Winery in Oakville, California	Sarah Grueneberg of Monteverde Restaurant in Chicago, Illinois
Dimitri Augenblick of Cos d'Estournel in Saint-Estèphe, France Salvatore Ferragamo of Il Borro in San Giustino, Italy	Joseph Lenn of JC Holdway in Knoxville, Tennessee

Following Friday's Vintner Dinners, the Festival will welcome guests to its main event, Saturday's live auction. Ticket holders will have the chance to bid on limited-edition items ranging from luxury cars, around-the-world trips and private dinners at the most famous wineries around the world. 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.

Ticket packages to the Naples Winter Wine Festival start at \$12,500 per couple. A \$30,000 package that includes reserved seating for a party of four at a Vintner Dinner and under the auction tent is also available. To inquire about tickets to the Festival, please contact Barrett Farmer at barrett@napleswinefestival.com or 239-514-2239.

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For more information on the 2019 NWWF and related announcements, please visit 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 food and wine 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 \$176 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 45 of the most effective nonprofits in the community, providing 275,000 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.