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**2020 NAPLES WINTER WINE FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES HEADLINER FOR HIGHLY ANTICIPATED VINTAGE CELLAR EVENT ALONG WITH ESTEEMED LINEUP OF MASTER SOMMELIERS**

*Vintage Cellar Tasting Seminar & Luncheon hosted by Domaines Barons de Rothschild Lafite's Saskia de Rothschild and moderated by renowned wine critic Antonio Galloni will kick off three days of the world's finest wines poured by Master Sommeliers*

October 23, 2019 (Naples, FL) - The Naples Winter Wine Festival (NWWF) is thrilled to announce that the 2020 Honored Vintner, Saskia de Rothschild of Domaines Barons de Rothschild Lafite, will be headlining this year's Vintage Cellar event in honor of the Festival's 20th anniversary. The tasting will also feature special guest moderator, Antonio Galloni of *Vinous*. The intimate tasting and luncheon is set to take place on January 23, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at Bleu Provence in Old Naples.

The celebratory event will take guests to Bordeaux with an exclusive wine tasting, showcasing the best wines from the Left and Right Banks. The tasting will feature 2001, 2005 and 2010 Bordeaux vintages Château L'Évangile with vintages 2001, 2003 and 2010 of Château Lafite. Guests will also go back in time for a taste of beautifully aged Château Lafite vintages from 1975, 1982, 1985 and 1996.

"I am looking forward to sharing iconic vintage wines from our Bordeaux Châteaux," said Vintage Cellar host and 2020 Honored Vintner Saskia de Rothschild. "I'm glad to continue to honor the legacy of such an institutional event within the wine community."

Following a morning of tastings, wine enthusiasts will enjoy lunch and sip on additional wines from Domaines Barons de Rothschild Lafite such as a 2005 and 2011 Château Duhart-Milon and 2018 "R" de Rieussec. Seating is limited and tickets are still currently available, starting at \$3,250 per person.

"The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Naples Winter Wine Festival is an event that I have been looking forward to," said Antonio Galloni of *Vinous*. "Over the last 20 years, the Festival has showcased the best and most coveted wines in the world and this year, I am pleased to be moderating the Vintage Cellar Tasting with trailblazer Saskia de Rothschild, who makes some of the most renowned wines in the world."

"In addition to de Rothschild and Galloni leading the Vintage Cellar Luncheon, we're thrilled to welcome 20 of the world's most recognized Master Sommeliers who are at the top of their field joining us throughout the weekend. We cannot wait for attendees to experience what we have in store for them this year" said 2020 Festival Co-Chair Joe Masterson.

Following Thursday's Vintage Cellar event, attendees of the 2020 Festival will enjoy the recommendations from 20 Master Sommeliers during Friday night's Vintner Dinners and

Saturday's signature Live Auction. These world-renowned sommeliers will share their breadth of expertise alongside the invited chefs and vintners to make for an unforgettable event. Below is a list of the 2020 Naples Winter Wine Festival Master Sommeliers, in alphabetical order:

**Gillian Ballance** of Treasury Wine Estates in Napa, CA

**Bob Bath** of The Culinary Institute of America at Greystone in St. Helena, CA

**Jesse Becker** of Winebow in Chicago, IL

**Fernando Beteta** of Tenzing Wine & Spirits in Chicago, IL

**James Bube** of Hogsalt Hospitality in Chicago, IL

**Ian Cauble** of SommSelect in Napa, CA

**Will Costello** of Bien Nacido and Solomon Hills Vineyards in Central Coast, CA

**Dana Gaiser** of Lauber Imports and Vitamin D Consulting in New York, NY

**Keith Goldston** of Landry's in Houston, TX

**Jennifer Huether** of Gargoyle Wine Club in Ontario, Canada

**Élyse Lambert** a consultant in Montréal, Canada

**Jack Mason** of Pappas Bros. Steakhouse in Houston, TX

**Michael McNeill** of Georgia, Alabama & Tennessee Crown in Atlanta, GA

**George Miliotes** of Wine Bar George in Orlando, FL

**Jarad Slipp** of RdV Vineyards in Delaplane, VA

**Pier-Alexis Soulière** of *pasouliere.com* in Québec, Canada

**Larry Stone** of Lingua Franca in Salem, OR

**Laura Williamson** a consultant in Carlsbad, CA

**David Yoshida** of Pollux Wine in Berkeley, CA

**Jill Zimorski** of Moët Hennessy in Chicago, IL

Ticket packages to NWWF 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](mailto:barrett@napleswinefestival.com) or 239-514-2239.

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### **ABOUT THE 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.

### **ABOUT THE 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 \$191 million, making a profound difference in the lives of thousands of children.

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