



2022 Naples Winter Wine Festival Returns to In-Person Event with Impressive Lineup of Renowned Vintners and Award-Winning Chefs on January 28-30, 2022

Chef de Cuisine Nancy Oakes, along with Piero Antinori, Eduardo Chadwick, Cassidee Dabney, Joe Flamm, Carlos Gaytán, Amanda Harlan, Olivier Krug, Charlie Palmer and more to gather in Naples, Florida for the 22nd annual Naples Winter Wine Festival

Naples, FL (September 21, 2021) – The Naples Children & Education Foundation (NCEF), founders of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, today unveiled an impressive lineup of world-renowned winemakers and celebrity chefs who will be participating in the 22nd annual Naples Winter Wine Festival at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples on January 28-30, 2022.

With the theme “Rise Up: Twenty Twenty Twogether,” the 2022 Naples Winter Wine Festival will once again showcase three days of the finest food, wine and auction lots. An amazing lineup of the world’s most acclaimed vintners, chefs and Master Sommeliers hailing from seven different countries will set the stage for a weekend of unique, one-of-a-kind wine and culinary experiences.

NCEF will kick off the weekend’s festivities by hosting its annual Meet the Kids Day on Friday morning, when guests will have a chance to hear from some of the children who have received support from NCEF funds and see how their involvement has positively impacted the community.

This year’s Meet the Kids Day luncheon vintners include:

- Sherri & Mark Carter of **Carter Cellars** in Calistoga, California
- Vanessa & Henry Cornell of **Cornell Vineyards** in St. Helena, California

On Friday evening, guests will enjoy one of 17 intimate Vintner Dinners hosted by NCEF Trustees in private homes and landmark settings across Naples where guests will experience beautifully curated multi-course dinners and wine pairings with award-winning chefs and legendary vintners.

This year’s participating vintners include:

- Piero Antinori of **Marchesi Antinori** in Tuscany, Italy
- Daphne & Bart Araujo of **Accendo Cellars** in Napa, California
- Kelley & Jim Bailey of **Knights Bridge Winery** in Calistoga, California
- Laura Catena of **Catena Zapata** in Mendoza, Argentina
- Eduardo Chadwick of **Viñedos Familia Chadwick** in Santiago, Chile
- Véronique Drouhin-Boss of **Maison Joseph Drouhin** in Beaune, France

- Kary & David Duncan of **Silver Oak & Twomey Cellars** in Napa, California
- Grace Evenstad of **Domaine Serene** in Dayton, Oregon, and **Château de la Créé** in Burgundy, France
- Valerie Boyd & Jeff Gargiulo of **Gargiulo Vineyards** in Oakville, California
- Elisabetta Gnudi of **Borgo Scopeto e Caparzo SRL** in Montalcino, Italy
- Amanda Harlan of **Harlan Estate** in Oakville, California
- Ari & Chris Jackson of **Lokoya Estate** in Oakville, California
- Shahpar & Darioush Khaledi of **Darioush** in Napa, California
- Olivier Krug of **Krug Champagne** in Reims, France
- Cliff Lede of **Cliff Lede Vineyards** in Yountville, California
- Emily & Paul Michael of **Peter Michael Winery** in Calistoga, California
- Raphaël Reybier of **Cos d'Estournel** in Saint-Éstephe, France
- The Francis Rooney Family of **Bodega 202** in Laguardia, Spain
- Shannon Staglin of **Staglin Family Vineyard** in Rutherford, California

This year's list of celebrity chefs includes Chef de Cuisine Nancy Oakes, executive chef/owner of **Boulevard** in San Francisco. Oakes has earned numerous local, national and international accolades, nominations and awards, including Zagat's San Francisco Bay Area's Most Popular Restaurant, the James Beard Foundation Award for "Best Chef: California" (2001) and "Outstanding Restaurant" in the United States (2012) as well as Filiale des États-Unis in France.

Additional participating chefs include:

- Angelo Auriana of **Brera Ristorante** in Los Angeles, California
- Cassidee Dabney of **The Barn at Blackberry Farm** in Walland, Tennessee
- Dean Fearing of **Fearing's Restaurant** in Dallas, Texas
- Joe Flamm of **Rose Mary** in Chicago, Illinois
- Carlos Gaytán of **Tzucu** in Chicago, Illinois
- Jennifer Jasinski of **Rioja** in Denver, Colorado
- Anne Kearney of **Oak & Ola** in Tampa, Florida
- Mark Kiffin of **The Compound Restaurant** in Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Rogan Lechthaler of **The Downtown Grocery** in Ludlow, Vermont
- Tony Mantuano of **Yolan** in Nashville, Tennessee
- Michael Mina of **Estiatorio Ornos** in Aventura, Florida
- Carrie Nahabedian of **Brindille** in Chicago, Illinois
- Charlie Palmer of **Charlie Palmer Steak / Aureole** in New York, New York
- Bill Telepan of **The Metropolitan Museum of Art** in New York, New York
- John Tesar of **Knife & Spoon** in Orlando, Florida
- Dustin Valette of **Valette** in Healdsburg, California

"We are excited to have assembled such an incredible lineup of renowned vintners and chefs for the 2022 Naples Winter Wine Festival," said Shirlene Elkins, 2022 Chef Committee Co-Chair. "Each of these individuals is a true legend with a solid reputation for excellence in their field."

2022 Vintner Committee Co-Chair Bill Cary added, "This year's vintners and chefs represent some of the biggest names in the wine and culinary industry. Their participation in the 2022 event helps build momentum toward what will be the best and boldest Naples Winter Wine Festival yet."

Following Friday's opening festivities, guests will flock to the Festival's main event – Saturday's famed live auction, featuring some of the most incredible, one-of-a-kind culinary and wine experiences in the world. All proceeds from the live auction will benefit charities that improve the physical, emotional and educational lives of underprivileged and at-risk children in Collier County.

Ticket packages for the 2022 Naples Winter Wine Festival start at \$15,000 per couple for a Double Magnum package and \$35,000 for two couples for a Jeroboam package. For more information on the 2022 Naples Winter Wine Festival and related news, 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 Festival has raised nearly \$220 million, making a profound difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of children.

About Naples Children & Education Foundation

The Naples Children & Education Foundation (NCEF), 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 more than 50 of the most effective nonprofits in the community, providing over 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.

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