



2023 Naples Winter Wine Festival Offers Top-of-the-Line Wine, Culinary and Travel Experiences with Unveiling of New Auction Lots

Bid on a once-in-a-lifetime journey to Paris and Bordeaux for the private unveiling of the 2021 Château Mouton Rothschild label at the First Growth; a first-class trip exploring the beautiful olive groves and vineyards of Tuscany with Cuvée; and a lavish nine-night voyage to Australia and California with hand-selected Penfolds wines

NAPLES, FL. (November 15, 2022) – The array of incredible wine and travel experiences offered at the 2023 Naples Winter Wine Festival continues to grow with the unveiling of more live auction lots, including an oceanfront escape to The Beach House at Oil Nut Bay in the British Virgin Islands; a Sonoma wine and VIP NASCAR race day experience in California; and a Spanish wine and heritage adventure in Madrid with an assortment of rare, collectible Bodega Numanthia wines.

With the theme “In Perfect Harmony,” the 2023 Naples Winter Wine Festival returns to The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples on February 3-5, 2023, showcasing the finest wines, exquisite cuisine and impressive auction lots, all to benefit at-risk and underprivileged children in Collier County. Renowned vintners, chefs and sommeliers hailing from more than half a dozen different countries will set the stage for a weekend of unique, one-of-a-kind wine, travel and culinary experiences.

“These latest auction lots combine the very best travel experiences around the globe with private culinary and wine experiences that are sure to inspire spirited bidding,” said Bill Beynon, 2023 Naples Winter Wine Festival Co-Chair and Auction Lot Committee Member. “All of the proceeds raised under the big tent on live auction day will benefit children and families in Collier County, which is crucial as our community continues to heal from the aftermath of Hurricane Ian.”

Auction lot highlights include:

- **Château Mouton Rothschild: Where the Elegance of Wine and Art Combine:** Two (2) couples will go on a once-in-a-lifetime journey to France with insider access in Paris and an exclusive VIP experience with Château Mouton Rothschild in Bordeaux from Tuesday, November 28, 2023 to Saturday, December 2, 2023. The trip begins with two (2) nights’ accommodations at the Five-star Airlles Château de Versailles, Le Grand Contrôle hotel in Versailles with a private tour of the Château de Versailles and a private tour of the Musée d’Orsay, both with a curator. Then the guests will enjoy two (2) nights’

accommodations at a Five-star hotel in the Médoc region. While in Bordeaux, they will be amongst the first to discover the best kept secret of the Wine and Art world by partaking in the private and intimate unveiling of the 2021 Château Mouton Rothschild label in the presence of the artwork's internationally renowned artist and the Rothschild Family, followed by a cocktail reception and dinner at the First Growth estate. The VIP experience also includes a private tour of the Paintings for the Labels exhibition at Château Mouton Rothschild and a private behind-the-scenes tour of the Grand Théâtre, home of the Bordeaux National Opera and one of the most famous 18th-century theaters in the world.

- **Cuvée: Hidden Tuscan Treasure:** Four (4) couples will travel the beautiful Tuscan countryside with Cuvée. The trip begins with Roundtrip, Business Class Airfare from the United States to Italy, where the guests will enjoy five (5) nights' accommodations at Cuvée's Tuscan Farmhouse estate tucked in the vineyards in the heart of Chianti Classico. The farmhouse features five (5) King Suites with ensuite spa-like bathrooms, an infinity pool surrounded by olive groves and Chianti vineyards, an expansive organic garden, courtyard with a wood-burning pizza oven and wine cave, enviable views of the Medieval castle, and estate chickens and hens that provide fresh eggs daily. During their stay, guests will experience a welcome aperitivo and hors d'oeuvres prepared by a Cuvée chef; farm-to-table pizza making with your personally fresh-picked ingredients from the farmhouse's organic garden; a traditional Tuscan dinner paired with Brunello di Montalcino, Montepulciano and Chianti accompanied by musical entertainment at the estate; a private lunch and wine tasting at Tenuta Casanova Organic farm; and a private truffle hunt followed by a Tuscan lunch with truffle dishes, wine and olive oil tasting.
- **An Epic Journey to Two Hemispheres:** Two (2) couples will experience a lavish nine (9) night voyage to Australia and California with a collection of rare Penfolds wines. The voyage starts with Roundtrip, Business Class Airfare to Australia where the guests will spend three (3) nights in Suites at the Five-star Mayfair Hotel in Adelaide with a tour of the city, wine tasting and lunch at Deviation Road, plus a tour of Hahndorf. They will meet a Penfolds winemaker and enjoy a twilight tour of Penfolds Magill Estates followed by a dinner. Their time continues with a tour of Gorge McLaren Vale; a tour and tasting at Wirra Wirra Vineyards; lunch at Salopian Inn; tour of the d'Arenberg Cube; and a drive to see the Fleurieu Peninsula coastline. The couples will then travel to Marananga for two (2) nights' accommodations at The Louise in Marananga Suites; a private winery tour and tasting at Standish Wine Company and Eden Valley; and lunch with paired wines at Vintners Bar & Grill. They will then journey to Sydney for two (2) nights in Cove Suites at Park Hyatt Sydney; a private tour of Sydney Opera House; and a tour of Sydney Harbor and Sydney Fish Market. The couples will also enjoy a special Penfold's experience in Napa Valley with two (2) nights at the 1913 Private Arts & Crafts residence; a five (5) course, Penfolds paired wine dinner, featuring Penfolds most famous wines, including Grange, Bin 111A and newly released Bin 98 Quantum; a picnic; and a hot air balloon tour. This lot also includes a 200-bottle wine cabinet to store the newly acquired wines.
- **Find Your Oasis at Oil Nut Bay on Virgin Gorda:** Four (4) couples will enjoy a five (5) night oceanfront escape to The Beach House at Oil Nut Bay in the British Virgin Islands. Guests will fly Roundtrip, Private Air on a Citation Latitude from Naples, Florida to Beef Island Airport with a private boat transfer to Oil Nut Bay. The luxurious Beach House features everything needed for a Caribbean vacation, including six (6) bedrooms with their own ensuite bathrooms, an outdoor terrace with large infinity pool, ample lounging areas, oversized outdoor dining table and a direct path to the beach. While on property, the couples will enjoy one (1) in-villa dining meal, either breakfast, lunch or dinner, per day

with a private chef and server; dinner reservations and transportation to Nova Restaurant at Oil Nut Bay; dinner reservations and transportation to top-rated Asian and Latin-inspired CocoMaya; daily housekeeping; and access to the private beach club with three pools, two tennis courts, two pickleball courts and on-site activity concierge services. Activities include one (1) guided snorkel in the bay; one (1) guided hike to Pajaros Point; one (1) private sunset cruise on a 31-foot private charter boat around the North Sound; and one (1) private half-day fishing excursion. Each person in the group will also enjoy one (1) 55-minute massage.

- **BOND with the Great Vineyards of Napa:** Three (3) couples will spend two (2) nights in Napa Valley, California with exclusive access to the BOND winery and will take home a collection of BOND wines to remember their experience. Guests will stay at the Five-star Relais & Châteaux Meadowood while enjoying a private tour of BOND and a wine-paired luncheon at the winery hosted by Max Kast, director of BOND, and a member of the Harlan Family, prepared by Michelin-starred chef Christopher Kostow. After their experience, the couples will share a portfolio of five (5) 3 Liter bottles of 2014 BOND (Terroir Portfolio of 1 each: Melbury 2014, Pluribus 2014, Quella 2014, St. Eden 2014 and Venica 2014).
- **Sonoma Wine and VIP NASCAR Race Day Experience:** Two (2) couples will enjoy a five (5) day wine country experience, touring local vineyards and taking part in a fully immersive VIP NASCAR experience with Stewart-Haas Racing at Sonoma Raceway on Saturday, June 10, 2023 and Sunday June 11, 2023. Guests will spend five (5) nights at the Cornell Vineyards private estate house where they will tour and taste with a wine-paired lunch or dinner on the property. They will then enjoy a VIP NASCAR experience with VIP Hot Passes providing unlimited pit and garage access, access to pre-race ceremonies and driver introductions, an opportunity to watch the national anthem on the track, and an opportunity to watch the race from the ground level on Pit Road or in the Pit Box or VIP Box seats. Other unique features include Stewart-Haas driver meet and greets, a tour of race team operations and lunch with the Stewart-Haas racing team. The couples will have a night to remember with dinner at Caymus, prepared by a private chef and served with paired Caymus wines. They also will enjoy a tour of the Adobe Road winemaking facility with winemaker Garrett Martin, a tasting in the tasting room and private dinner hosted by proprietors Debra and Kevin Buckler in their waterfront home, followed by an evening boat cruise and visit to their 5,000-bottle wine cellar, plus a visit to the Motorsports Museum.
- **Grow and Make Your Own Napa Cabernet with Napa Valley Reserve:** One (1) winning couple, plus one (1) guest couple, will experience a three (3) night quintessential Napa Valley experience with The Napa Valley Reserve in St. Helena. The trip begins with Business Class Airfare to California for two (2) couples. In wine country, the couples will enjoy three nights' accommodations at the Five-star Relais & Châteaux Meadowood Napa with a welcome dinner hosted by The Napa Valley Reserve director and his wife, Carol and Philip Norfleet, at The Napa Valley Reserve. They also will experience a custom wine blending session; vineyard tours and tastings coordinated by Philip Norfleet; one (1) round of golf at Mayacama Golf Course; a visit to Wing and Barrel Ranch, a private sporting club, hosted by Philip Norfleet; and dinner at the Three Michelin-starred The French Laundry in Yountville. Following their journey, the couples will receive one (1) barrel (equivalent of six (6) cases) of the winning bidders' custom blended The Napa Valley Reserve wine.

- **Centurion Spanish Heritage and a 100-Point Jewel at Bodega Numanthia:** Two (2) couples will travel to Spain for an exclusive wine and heritage adventure with wines from Bodega Numanthia. Guests will travel Roundtrip, Business Class Airfare from the United States to Spain where they will enjoy four (4) nights' accommodations at the Five-star Madrid EDITION. While in Madrid, they will enjoy one (1) dinner hosted by Bodega Numanthia estate director Lucas Löwi at Bugao. They also will experience a private guided visit of Bodega Numanthia, the centenary vineyards with vineyard manager Alejandro Vicente; a private vertical tasting with technical director Jesús Jiménez, including the 100-point Termanthia pse; and a tapas lunch at Esquina de Colas. Guests will then travel to Salamanca for one (1) night at Castillo del Buen Amor hotel; dinner at the Michelin-starred Ment; and a private walking tour of Old City of Salamanca.

“Our team has done a tremendous job in assembling some of the world’s most distinctive and unparalleled wine and travel experiences,” said Julia Heidt, 2023 Naples Winter Wine Festival Co-Chair and Auction Lot Committee Member. “We encourage all bidders to bid high and bid often so we can continue to improve the lives of underprivileged children in our community.”

It should be noted that for 2023, the Festival moves to the first weekend of February, which is one week later than usual. Ticket packages for the 2023 Naples Winter Wine Festival start at \$15,000 per couple for a Double Magnum package and \$35,000 for two couples to experience a Jeroboam Package. For additional information, please visit: napleswinefestival.com/about-the-festival.

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About Naples Winter Wine Festival

One of the world's most prestigious charity wine auctions, the Naples Winter Wine Festival offers a weekend of unforgettable memories. Guests enjoy world-class food and wine during intimate private dinners and are invited to bid on once-in-a-lifetime travel and wine experiences in an electrifying live auction. Since its inception in 2001, the Festival has raised nearly \$244 million, making a profound difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of children in Collier County.

About Naples Children & Education Foundation

The founding organization of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, the Naples Children & Education Foundation (NCEF) is improving the educational, emotional and health outcomes of underprivileged and at-risk children in Collier County. Through its annual grants and strategic initiatives, NCEF has impacted more than 50 of the most effective nonprofits in the community, providing over 300,000 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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