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**NAPLES WINE COLLECTOR'S PRIZED CELLAR TO BE AUCTIONED
TO BENEFIT THE NAPLES CHILDREN & EDUCATION FOUNDATION AND
NASHVILLE WINE AUCTION**

The Nunnelly Collection will be Sold with Global Wine House Acker on May 17-18

NAPLES, FL – May 5, 2023 – The wine collection of a beloved local Naples wine collector will be auctioned with global wine auction house, [Acker](#), on Wednesday and Thursday, May 17-18, 2023, with net proceeds dedicated to the [Naples Children & Education Foundation](#) and the Nashville Wine Auction for cancer research.

Bill Nunnelly, philanthropist, entrepreneur and active member of the Naples community, dedicated his wine collection to the charities before his passing in February 2022. He and his surviving wife, Rosann, were each decades-long members of the organizations, and frequent attendees at food and wine tasting events all over the country which advocated for the betterment of their communities.

The two-day [auction](#) offering the Nunnelly Collection is being conducted by Acker, the largest fine wine and spirits auction house in the world and the oldest wine merchant in America. Nunnelly's lots are a featured collection in the sale, alongside other tremendous offerings of top Burgundy, Bordeaux, cult California, and other highly sought regions of the wine world.

Comprised of nearly 75 lots, the collection features rare gems including Bordeaux's 1990 Chateau Haut Brion, 1989 La Mission Haut Brion, and magnums of 1982, 1986, and 1990 Chateau Lafite Rothschild. More exceptional 1982 Bordeaux include Chateaux Latour, Mouton, Gruaud Larose, Calon Segur, Leoville Poyferre, Ducru Beaucaillou, and Leoville Las Cases, plus lauded Burgundy Domaine J.F. Mugnier 1999, 2002, 2005, and 2010 Musigny, and 1999 Chambolle Musigny Les Amoureuses. Each lot in the collection, which also includes choice selections from Champagne, France's Rhone Valley, Italy, and California, represent the best from their respective regions from a lifetime well-spent collecting the world's finest wines.

"We're touched by the generosity and thoughtfulness of this gift from Rosann Nunnelly and her husband, the late Bill Nunnelly," said **Maria Jimenez-Lara, CEO of the Naples**



Children & Education Foundation. “The Nunnelly’s were steadfast supporters of our mission for many years, and this donation will ensure that their efforts will have a lasting impact on the physical, emotional and educational lives of children in our community.”

Established in 2000, the Naples Children & Education Foundation (NCEF) is the founding organization of the Naples Winter Wine Festival. Its mission is to fill critical voids for at-risk and underprivileged children in Collier County, Florida. NCEF is the single largest source of funding for children’s essential services. The organization funds programs across four service categories – including child advocacy, early learning, medical/healthcare and out-of-school time programs each contributing to the well-being of the whole child.

For more information regarding this special sale, visit ackerwines.com, or contact Jamie Pollack, Global Managing Director of Acker at jamie@ackerwines.com.

About The Naples Children & Education Foundation

The Naples Children & Education Foundation (NCEF) was established in 2000 with the vision of making a profound and sustaining difference in the lives of children in Collier County. The founders created the Naples Winter Wine Festival in order to meet NCEF’s mission to support effective, disciplined charitable programs that significantly improve the physical, emotional and educational lives of underprivileged and at-risk children in Collier County, Florida. Since its inception in 2001, the Festival has raised approximately \$269 million which, through annual grants and collaborative strategic initiatives, have supported 60 non-profit agencies, impacting the lives of more than 300,000 children. For more information on NCEF, visit napleswinefestival.com.

About Acker

Now in its third century, Acker is the world’s largest fine and rare wine and spirits auction firm, and America’s oldest wine merchant, established in 1820. Since Acker began hosting auctions in 1998, the house has gained worldwide acclaim expanding its vast array of services, including cellar consultations, a deep retail inventory of fine and rare wine for immediate sale, first class wine education amenities, luxury wine experiences, and much more. For a complimentary appraisal of your collection, and to learn more about Acker, visit ackerwines.com.