



## **2024 Naples Winter Wine Festival to Showcase Amazing Collection of World-Renowned Vintners and Award-Winning Celebrity Chefs on January 26-28, 2024**

*This year's Honored Vintner Véronique Boss-Drouhin and Chef de Cuisine Paul Bartolotta will be joined by an amazing line-up of acclaimed winemakers and celebrity chefs, including vintners Alessia Antinori, Grace Evenstad, Christine and Salvatore Ferragamo, Amanda Harlan and Pierre Lurton, along with chefs Tom Colicchio, Matteo Lorenzini, John Fraser and Philip Tessier*

**Naples, FL** (August 22, 2023) – The Naples Children & Education Foundation (NCEF), the founding organization of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, today unveiled a star-studded list of world-renowned vintners and award-winning celebrity chefs who will be participating in the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Naples Winter Wine Festival at The Ritz-Carlton Naples, Tiburón on January 26-28, 2024.

With the theme “Generosity in Full Bloom,” the NWWF will once again feature exclusive fine wines, impeccable cuisine, and an amazing live auction offering unique, one-of-a-kind wine, travel and culinary experiences benefiting underprivileged and at-risk children in the local community.

The three-day Festival kicks off with the highly popular Meet the Kids Day on Friday morning, when guests will have a chance to hear firsthand 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:**

- Beth & Mark Hanson of **Bricoleur Vineyards** in Windsor, California
- Carla Bruni-Sarkozy of **Château d'Estoublon** in Provence, France
- Clay Mauritson of **Mauritson Wines** in Sonoma, California
- Craig Becker of **Somerston Estate** in St. Helena, California

On Friday evening, guests will enjoy one of 18 intimate Vintner Dinners hosted by NCEF Trustees in private homes, social establishments and other landmark settings across Naples where guests will experience beautifully curated multi-course dinners and wine pairings under the careful direction of award-winning chefs and legendary winemakers and poured by featured sommeliers.

### **2024 Honored Vintner**

Véronique Boss-Drouhin of Maison Joseph Drouhin and Domaine Drouhin Oregon

Heading the list of participating winemakers is 2024 Naples Winter Wine Festival Honored Vintner Véronique Boss-Drouhin of the family-owned Maison Joseph Drouhin and Domaine Drouhin Oregon.

Boss-Drouhin grew up in Beaune, France, in the heart of Burgundy. She decided on a winemaking career at an early age, inspired by her family and the small circle of women working in wine at the time. In the years since, she has become globally recognized for her work in Burgundy and Oregon, having made more than 30 vintages in each growing region, becoming an icon in both.

**This year's other participating vintners include:**

- Suzanne Deal Booth of **Bella Oaks** in Napa, California
- Elisabetta Gnudi of **Borgo Scopeto e Caparzo** in Siena, Italy
- Blakesley & Cyril Chappellet of **Chappellet Vineyard** in St. Helena, California
- Pierre Lurton of **Château Cheval Blanc** in Saint-Émilion, France and **Château d'Yquem** in Sauternes, France
- Blandine de Brier Manoncourt and Frédéric Faye of **Château Figeac** in Saint-Émilion, France
- Marielle Cazaux of **Château La Conseillante** in Pomerol, France
- Nicolas Glumineau of **Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande** in Pauillac, France
- Alfred Tesseron of **Château Pontet-Canet** in Pauillac, France and **Pym-Rae** in Napa California
- Carissa Mondavi and Chiara Mondavi of **Continuum Estate** in St. Helena, California
- Grace Evenstad of **Domaine Serene** in Dayton, Oregon and **Château de la Créé** in Burgundy, France
- Andy Erickson of **Favia** in Napa, California
- Valerie Boyd & Jeff Gargiulo of **Gargiulo Vineyards** in Oakville, California
- Amanda Harlan of **Harlan Estates** in Oakville, California
- Christine & Salvatore Ferragamo of **Il Borro Srl.** in Tuscany, Italy
- Kelley & Jim Bailey of **Knights Bridge Winery** in Sonoma, California
- Carlton McCoy of **Lawrence Wine Estates** in St. Helena, California
- Ariel & Christopher Jackson of **Lokoya Estate** in St. Helena, California
- Alessia Antinori of **Marchesi Antinori Srl.** in Tuscany, Italy
- Alycia Mondavi, Angelina Mondavi, Giovanna Mondavi and Riana Mondavi of **Mondavi Sisters' Collection** in St. Helena, California
- Christopher Lynch of **Opus One Winery** in Oakville, California
- Kary & David Duncan of **OVID. Napa Valley** in St. Helena, California
- Maud Rabin of **Rare Champagne** in Champagne, France
- Shari & Garen Staglin of **Staglin Family Vineyard** in Rutherford, California

“We are delighted to welcome several vintners to their inaugural Naples Winter Wine Festival as well as a number of returning legends,” said Ralph Stayer, 2024 Festival Chair and Vintner Committee Member. “These prestigious winemakers hail from many different regions around the globe, giving guests the opportunity to not only sample extraordinary wines from a variety of wine growing regions, but also the chance to meet the amazing vintners behind the wines in person.”

## 2024 Chef de Cuisine

Paul Bartolotta of **The Bartolotta Restaurants** in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

This year's list of chefs is led by four-time nominated and two-time James Beard Award-winner Paul Bartolotta, who will be celebrated as the 2024 Naples Winter Wine Festival Chef de Cuisine.

For more than 30 years, Bartolotta has brought his culinary talent and vision to kitchens all over the world, from Italy to Paris to New York to Las Vegas. With an education and training steeped in tradition and authenticity, he has earned numerous accolades from the James Beard Foundation, *Michelin Guide*, *The New York Times*, Distinguished Restaurants of North America (DiRoNA), AAA, *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* and others.

### This year's other participating chefs include:

- Tom Colicchio of **Craft** in New York, New York
- Clay Conley of **būccan** in Palm Beach, Florida
- Joey Edwards of **Three Sisters** at Blackberry Mountain in Walland, Tennessee
- John Fraser of **Lilac** in Tampa, Florida
- Markus Glocker of **Koloman** in New York, New York
- Danny Grant of **Maple & Ash** in Chicago, Illinois
- Brad Kilgore of **MaryGold's Brasserie** in Miami, Florida
- Rogan Lechthaler of **The Downtown Grocery** in Ludlow, Vermont
- Matteo Lorenzini of **Osteria di Passignano** in Florence, Italy
- Tony Mantuano of **Yolan** in Nashville, Tennessee
- David Nayfeld of **Che Fico** in San Francisco, California
- Ben Norton of **Husk Nashville** in Nashville, Tennessee
- Nancy Oakes of **Boulevard** in San Francisco, California
- Michael Schwartz of **Michael's Genuine Food & Drink** in Miami, Florida
- John Tesar of **Knife & Spoon** in Orlando, Florida
- Philip Tessier of **PRESS** in St. Helena, California
- Dustin Valette of **Valette** in Healdsburg, California

"This ensemble of award-winning celebrity chefs represents a diverse range of culinary tastes from all over the United States and Europe," said Shelly Stayer, 2024 Festival Chair and Chef Committee Member. "We are proud to welcome such resounding talent to this year's Festival for what is sure to be another incredible weekend in support of children in our community."

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 wine, travel and culinary 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 24<sup>th</sup> annual Naples Winter Wine Festival start at \$17,500 per couple for a Double Magnum package and \$40,000 for two couples to experience a Jeroboam Package. For additional information, please visit: [napleswinefestival.com/about-the-festival](https://napleswinefestival.com/about-the-festival).

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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 elegant, private homes and settings throughout Naples 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 approximately \$269 million, making a profound difference in the lives of hundreds 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 60 of the most effective nonprofits in the community, providing more than 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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