



## 2024 Naples Winter Wine Festival Reveals More Once-in-a-Lifetime Wine and Travel Experiences for its 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Live Auction

*Among the latest offerings are an incredible Mediterranean voyage aboard one of the world's finest superyachts; a fully restored 1966 Ford Bronco with 39 Large Format bottles of wine from each of the Festival's participating vintners; and a seven-night wine exploration in Italy including private tours at various Antinori Estates with a selection of rare collectible wines*

**NAPLES, FL.** (December 19, 2023) – Imagine an arts and music experience with renowned art director and vintner Suzanne Deal Booth in Texas and California, including VIP access to Austin City Limits; an enchanting London getaway with an elegant club dinner and private viewing of the Graff High Jewelry Collection; or making your own barrel of Pinot Noir with Mauritson Wines in California and then skiing in Vail, Colorado. These incredible wine and travel experiences are among the latest batch of auction lots to be revealed for the 2024 Naples Winter Wine Festival.

With the theme “Generosity in Full Bloom,” the Naples Winter Wine Festival returns to The Ritz-Carlton Naples, Tiburón on January 26-28, 2024, 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 multiple countries will set the stage for a weekend of unique, one-of-a-kind wine, travel and culinary experiences.

“We are incredibly excited about the luxurious auction lots that our team has curated for the 2024 Naples Winter Wine Festival,” said Bill Beynon, 2024 Naples Winter Wine Festival Auction Lot Committee Member. “We anticipate these once-in-a-lifetime experiences will attract significant bidder interest so that we can continue to support underprivileged children in our community.”

Auction lot highlights include:

- **“Drive a Piece of History and Collect Liquid Legends”**: One lucky bidder will drive off with a 1966 vintage Ford Bronco completely rebuilt by Revved Up Motor Company, including a complete nut and bolt restoration in addition to a new steel body painted in a custom pink color and custom hand stitched white leather interior with matching pink stitching. Other features include a 5.0-liter gen 3 Coyote engine with 460hp and 420ft-lbs of torque, electronic transfer case, custom exhaust system, 4 link suspension, 1.5-inch lift kit, Hydroboost 4-wheel disc brakes and vintage air-conditioning system. The winner also will take home a collection of 39 Large Format bottles from each of the 2024 NWWF's

participating vintners, including 2009 Château d'Yquem; 2019 Favia Cabernet Sauvignon Coombsville Napa Valley; 2016 Harlan Estate; 2019 Heitz Cellar Lot C-91, Cabernet Sauvignon; 2018 Joseph Drouhin Beaune Clos des Mouches Premier Cru Blanc; 2007 Marchesi Antinori Matarocchio Bolgheri DOC Superiore; 2016 Opus One; Rare Rosé Millésime 2014; and 2019 Vérité La Muse Sonoma County Red Wine.

- **“At the Intersection of Wine, Art and Music”**: Two couples will enjoy a six-night arts and music experience with renowned art director and vintner Suzanne Deal Booth in Texas and California with VIP access to Austin City Limits in October 2024. The couples will begin their journey in Rutherford, California where they will enjoy two nights’ accommodations at the Four Seasons Napa Valley with a wine paired dinner at Bella Oaks with Suzanne. They also will experience a private estate art tour and wine tasting at Bella Oaks; a biodynamic exploration with biodynamic consultant Marla Bird at Bella Oaks; and a bike ride through the vineyards followed by breakfast at the Oakville Grocery or Inglenook. Guests will then travel Private Air to Marfa, Texas for one night’s accommodation at Hotel Saint George where they will experience a private curator-led tour at Ballroom Marfa and private tour of The Chinati Foundation and Judd Foundation. The couples will conclude their trip with Private Air to Austin, Texas where they will enjoy three nights’ accommodation in a luxury two-bedroom private apartment located on the 29<sup>th</sup> floor in downtown Austin. They will receive four VIP passes for one weekend of the 2024 Austin City Limits Music Festival, including Boom Passes with access to the Partner Lounge and C3 and Live Nation private salon. The winning bidders also will take home two 3-Liter bottles of 2017 Bella Oaks Proprietary Red Wine.
- **“Illuminating London with the Brilliance of Diamonds”**: Two couples will travel Roundtrip Business Class Airfare from any major city in the United States to London, England for a three-night enchanting getaway with Graff Diamonds. The trip includes three nights’ accommodations in Terrace Junior Suites at Claridge’s; dinner at the elegant private club Annabel’s; and a private viewing of Graff High Jewelry Collection at the Graff boutique on New Bond Street. The winning bidders also may choose between two special experiences: one day exclusive access at the Royal Ascot to enjoy viewing the races from the Ascot Royal Enclosure private box with Champagne bar on Saturday, June 22, 2024, or spend one of the three nights at Five-star The Manor House in Castle Combe with a full day exploring the Cotswolds villages, including a traditional English lunch and Michelin-starred dinner. In addition to their travel experience, the couples will share four 750-ml bottles of 2018 Laurence Graff Reserve Delaire Estate Cabernet Sauvignon.
- **“Meet Me in Music City”**: Three couples will travel Roundtrip, Private Air on a Bombardier Challenger 3500 from Naples, Florida to Nashville, Tennessee for a three-night custom tailored Music City experience with Valerie Boyd and Jeff Gargiulo, proprietors of Gargiulo Vineyards. The experience will begin with a pre-planning dinner hosted by the couple in their home in Naples. When guests arrive in Nashville, they will enjoy three nights’ accommodations at the Five-star The Joseph, a Luxury Collection Hotel, and musical performances with VIP access, including venues such as The Bluebird Cafe, Grand Ole Opry House, Ryman Auditorium and 3<sup>rd</sup> and Lindsley. Other features include a private songwriting session at ASCAP followed by a recording session at Blackbird Studio and a private, member-guided tour of the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum with dining experiences at Yolán, Giovanni Ristorante and The 404 Kitchen with food and wine pairings. To remember their trip, each couple will receive one pair of handmade boots from Music City Leather and one custom hat and hat making-experience at Rustler Hat Co. The couples also will each receive a Magnum of 2020 Gargiulo Vineyards 575 OVX

Cabernet Sauvignon, G Major 7 Study Cabernet Sauvignon and Money Road Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon.

- **“Antinori: Twenty-Six Generations of Excellence”**: Two couples will experience a seven-night wine exploration in Italy and tour various Antinori Estates across the country. The journey begins in Florence with two nights at the Antinori private apartment suite behind Palazzo Antinori, dinner at Cantinetta Antinori, lunch at Procacci 1885 wine bar, private guided tour of the Uffizi Gallery and dinner at the famed Florentine steakhouse Buca Lapi. Guests then travel to Chianti Classico for two nights at Villa Tignanello, with a private tour, tasting and dinner at Tenuto Tignanello estate, private tour and tasting at Antinori nel Chianti Classico winery, lunch at Rinuccio 1180 restaurant, private tour and tasting at Badia a Passignano estate and dinner at Michelin-starred Osteria di Passignano. Then it’s off to Bolgheri for two nights at Guado al Tasso estate’s guest house, featuring a private tour, tasting and lunch at Guado al Tasso estate, dinner at Osteria del Tasso and private tour and tasting at Le Mortelle estate. The couples will conclude their journey in Umbria with one night’s accommodation at Castello della Sala including a tour, tasting and dinner and a visit to Orvieto for shopping and exploration. The winning bidders also will take home three 3-Liter bottles of Marchesi Antinori Tignanello Toscana IGT (one each from 2012, 2015 and 2017) and three 1.5-Liter bottles of Marchesi Antinori Solaia Toscana IGT (one each from 2008, 2013 and 2014).
- **“Winemaking in Sonoma and the Apex of Skiing in Vail”**: Four couples will enjoy a two-night winemaking experience in Sonoma, California, combined with a seven-night skiing adventure in Vail, Colorado with Mauritsen Wines. The experience begins in Healdsburg, California with two nights’ accommodations in King Rooms at Montage Healdsburg. While there, guests will enjoy a “Be your own winemaker” experience with Clay Mauritsen and Charlie Palmer, plus a special dinner at Carrie and Clay’s home prepared by the award-winning chef. The couples will next travel Roundtrip, Private Air on a FlexJet Challenger 300 from Naples, Florida to Vail, Colorado. In Vail, they will enjoy seven nights’ accommodations at Opus by The Apex Collection by Triumph Mountain Properties. This nine-bedroom home offers all the needed luxury amenities with stunning views of the Rocky Mountains and dedicated VIP Apex Host & Concierge. Clay Mauritsen will travel to Vail to host a multi-course dinner at the mountain property featuring Mauritsen Wines. The couples also will take home one barrel of their custom blended Pinot Noir with the winners’ choice of proprietary name under the Charlie Clay label.
- **“Tiger’s Challenge and Inspirato Dreams”**: Four couples will spend five nights in the Bahamas during the Hero World Challenge from December 4, 2024 to December 9, 2024, plus five nights in the Southeast United States (on the date of their choosing between August 1, 2024 and November 15, 2024) with Inspirato. Guests will travel Roundtrip, Private Air on a Cessna Citation Sovereign from Naples, Florida to the Bahamas for five nights’ accommodations in a five-bedroom penthouse at the Albany Bahamas luxury resort. They will receive eight Full Hospitality Packages to the Hero World Challenge with four days of access, including the hospitality pavilion overlooking the 9<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> greens, plus invitation to Friday night’s Beach Party and Sundays After Party. They also will enjoy one massage per person, a private chef’s dinner in the penthouse, one round of golf per person at Baha Mar and a dinner at Graycliff Restaurant. The couples also will receive five nights’ accommodations in a four-bedroom or larger luxury resort or Signature Residence in the Inspirato Vacation portfolio at the destination of their choice in the Southeast, including Kiawah Island, South Carolina; Savannah or St. Simons Island, Georgia; or Rosemary Beach, Florida.

- **“Sailing the Turquoise Waters of the Mediterranean”**: Six couples will go on an incredible Mediterranean voyage aboard one of the world’s finest superyachts – the 312-foot M/Y *Whisper*. Formerly known as the *Kismet* and previously owned by Ann and Shahid Kahn, the M/Y *Whisper* was recently purchased by former Google CEO Eric Schmidt. This superyacht features seven staterooms with King beds and ensuites, award-winning interior and exterior design, multiple lounging and dining areas, a formal dining room, fold down sea terrace, double height main salon, cozy cinema room, world-class gym, full spa and salon and top deck 12-meter lap pool along with 27 crew members to attend to guests’ every need. The Master Suite boasts his and hers bathrooms with private jacuzzi, generous wardrobes and an office space. The winning bidders will be able to customize their itinerary based on where the vessel is located at the winners’ choice of dates.

“These stunning auction lots combine some of the world’s most exotic travel packages with truly exceptional wine and culinary experiences,” said Rob Heidt, Jr., 2024 Naples Winter Wine Festival Auction Lot Committee Member. “Every dollar raised under the live action tent will go toward our mission of making a profound and sustaining difference in the lives of 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 (NWWF), 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 other landmark 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 in Collier County.

### **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 close to 90 of the most effective nonprofits in the local 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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