



## **Naples Winter Wine Festival Online Auction Returns for 10<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year Showcasing Over 100 Incredible Experiences in Food, Wine and Travel**

*Among the amazing items up for bid are three separate lots featuring different bottles of limited-edition Pappy Van Winkle's bourbon; a collection of highly sought after Screaming Eagle Cabernet Sauvignon; a wine paired dinner at The Maddox private members club; and a private sunset cruise through Naples Bay on a 60-foot Pardo Luxury Yacht with a wine paired dinner*

**NAPLES, Fla.** (January 10, 2024) – The Naples Children & Education Foundation (NCEF), founders of the Naples Winter Wine Festival (NWWF), is pleased to announce that its popular online auction will return for a 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, allowing supporters from across Southwest Florida and beyond to bid on dozens of unique, one-of-a-kind food, travel and wine experiences.

Since its launch in 2015, the NWWF online auction has provided additional participation opportunities to the community as well as bidders and supporters nationwide, raising almost \$3.5 million to support NCEF in its mission of improving the lives of at-risk children in Collier County.

“Our online auction features over more than 100 extraordinary lots including rare collectible wines, private wine tastings, exclusive dinners with top chefs, exceptional travel experiences, custom art, golf and more,” said Kelley Bailey, NCEF Trustee and 2024 Naples Winter Wine Festival Online Chair. “This auction grows in popularity each year, allowing supporters the opportunity to bid on some truly amazing wines and experiences. And every dollar raised will go toward fulfilling the mission of NCEF to improve the lives of at-risk and underprivileged children in our community.”

This year's online auction lot highlights include:

- **Lot #105: Dreaming of Tempranillo with Pinea:** Four guests will enjoy an exclusive visit to Pinea winery in Ribera Del Duero, Spain, which is not available to the public, for a Barrel tasting with the winemakers. They also will enjoy a 4x4 off-road tour through Pinea's estate with an alfresco lunch. Roundtrip ground transportation from Madrid to the winery or a one-night luxury hotel stay near the winery is included in the experience.
- **Lot #201: The Eagle has Landed:** The winning bidder will take home a selection of highly sought after California cult wines, including two 750ml bottles of 2008 Screaming Eagle Cabernet Sauvignon, one bottle of 750ml 2011 Screaming Eagle Cabernet Sauvignon and one bottle of 750ml 2013 Screaming Eagle Cabernet Sauvignon.
- **Lot #207: Pappy Van Winkle – The Rarest of Rare:** One lucky winner will receive one 750ml bottle of limited-edition Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve 23-Year bourbon.
- **Lot #212: Pappy Van Winkle –** The winning bidder will take home four highly sought after Pappy Van Winkle 750ml bottles, 15-Year, 13-Year, 12-Year and 10-Year.

- **Lot #213: Pappy Van Winkle** – One lucky winner will receive one 750ml bottle of limited-edition Pappy Van Winkle’s Family Reserve 20-Year bourbon.
- **Lot #300: Chef David Nayfield: The Traditional Jewish Cooking of Rome:** Up to 14 guests will enjoy dinner in the private dining room at San Francisco’s Che Fico Italian restaurant with a completely bespoke menu written by Chef David Nayfeld and paired with wines hand-selected from the cellar by wine director Jason Alexander in San Francisco.
- **Lot #400: Fellowship and Camaraderie in the Ultimate Privacy:** Up to 10 guests will experience a fabulous wine paired dinner at The Maddox, a private members club that just opened in October 2023 in Naples, Florida. It will be an unforgettable evening featuring a chef-prepared dinner accompanied by wines in a private, relaxed atmosphere with friends.
- **Lot #500: Do You Believe in Magic?:** Four guests will travel Roundtrip, Private Air on a Northern Jet Citation CJ3 from Naples, Florida to Orlando, Florida where they will enjoy four courtside tickets to a 2024 Orlando Magic home game, four custom bomber Jackets by élevée by Rickey Lamitie, dinner in the Fields Ultimate Lounge and one nights’ accommodation in the Orlando area.
- **Lot #602: Relax and Rejuvenate at Oil Nut Bay in the Virgin Gorda:** Two couples will enjoy three nights’ accommodations in the Penthouse Suite and a Rainbow Villa at Oil Nut Bay in the British Virgin Islands. Their stay will include a sunset boat cruise of the coveted North Sound with guided snorkeling and a private yoga session for the two couples.
- **Lot #502: Wining and Dining on the Gulf of Mexico:** Up to 12 guests will embark on a private sunset cruise through Naples Bay on a 60-foot Pardo Luxury Yacht. The luxurious evening will include a Champagne toast and charcuterie, plus a chef prepared Italian dinner by Chef Vincenzo Betulia and paired with Blue Chip Wines.
- **Lot #703: Fatherwood Guitar & Co. Custom Acoustic Guitar:** One lucky winner will receive a custom-made F1 Clare Model acoustic guitar with a basic Gator case.

Those interested in participating in the online auction are invited to go online to view all the items and bid high and bid often starting on Friday, January 19 at 8 a.m. (EST) and running through Tuesday, January 30 at 5 p.m. (EST). For more details, please visit [nwwfonlineauction.com](http://nwwfonlineauction.com).

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 live 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.

Limited ticket packages are available for the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Naples Winter Wine Festival starting at \$17,500 per couple for a Double Magnum package and \$40,000 for two couples to experience a Jeroboam Package. For additional information, visit [napleswinefestival.com/about-the-festival](http://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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