



## **Naples Winter Wine Festival Online Auction Returns for 12th Consecutive Year, Featuring a Vast Array of Incredible Experiences in Wine, Food and Travel**

**NAPLES, Fla.** (January 6, 2026) – The Naples Children Foundation (NCF), the founding organization of the Naples Winter Wine Festival (NWWF), is pleased to announce that its popular online auction will once again return for this year, allowing supporters from across Southwest Florida and beyond to bid on over 100 unique, one-of-a-kind wine, food and travel experiences.

Since its launch in 2015, the online auction has provided additional participation opportunities to the community as well as bidders and supporters worldwide, raising nearly \$5.2 million to benefit the most vulnerable children in Collier County. The auction gives bidders a chance to support NCF by bidding on items such as exceptional winery experiences and rare collectible wine lots, over-the-top dinners with top chefs, exotic travel experiences, custom art, golf and more.

“We are excited about the breadth and scope of the items to be offered in this year’s online auction and are confident they will entice bidders in all price ranges from around the globe,” said Sherie Marek, NCF Board member and Online Auction Committee Co-Chair. “This offering began as an extension of the Festival and has grown in significance each year, with every dollar helping NCF fulfill the mission in its support of charitable programs that create transformational change and improve educational, emotional and health outcomes for vulnerable children in our community.”

This year’s online auction lot highlights include:

- **“A Legacy of Terroir: ADAMVS and Château Fonplégade with Denise Adams”:** One winning couple will enjoy two nights’ accommodations on the ADAMVS estate in Napa Valley and receive an insider’s view of the making of a great California Cabernet Sauvignon. They will tour the biodynamic vineyards and get an in-depth sense of the farming methods employed on this unique parcel of Howell Mountain. The visit will include a Champagne and caviar welcome reception; private lunch with Proprietor Denise Adams; and an exclusive five-course dinner featuring a seasonal menu and paired with selected older vintages of ADAMVS and Saint-Émilion’s Château Fonplégade. As a memento of their trip, the couple will receive one Magnum each of 2021 ADAMVS Cabernet Sauvignon and 2016 Château Fonplégade, both among the top wines of their respective vintages.
- **“Two Assorted Cases of the Best of France and Italy”:** The winning bidder on this lot will have a unique opportunity to stock his or her wine cellar with two cases of distinctive bottles from both countries. Castello di Ama is located in the municipality of Gaiole in Chianti, Italy, and its origins can be traced back to the Etruscan civilization; the first written record mentioning Ama dates to the 10th century. The riches of this lot also include mini verticals of some of Bordeaux’s greatest châteaux, from the best recent vintages. This amazing collection of exceptional wines includes two 750ml 2020 Castello di Ama Chianti Classico San Lorenzo Gran Selezione; two 750ml 2020 Castello di Ama Haiku; two 750ml 2020 Castello di Ama Vigna L’Apparita; three 750ml 2017 Enrico Pira e Figli Chiara Boschis Barolo Cannubi; three 750ml 2017 Giacomo Conterno Barolo Cascina Francia;

four 750ml Château Cos d'Estournel (one each: 2005, 2009, 2015 and 2016); four 750ml Château Ducru-Beaucaillou (one each: 2009, 2010, 2016 and 2020); and four 750ml Château Palmer (one each: 2005, 2009, 2010 and 2018).

- **“A Napa Affair with the Persons and Stalwørth”:** Two couples will experience Napa Valley as only insiders can with a four-night stay at the private Atlas Peak estate of vintners Sabrina and Tim Persson, perched high above the valley with panoramic views stretching to San Francisco. This beautiful 5,000-square-foot estate offers an infinity pool, hot tub, wraparound patio, chef's kitchen, dining area and bocce court, with full concierge services provided by Stalwørth to assist with planning a totally curated Napa Valley trip, including winery visits, exotic car drives, golf, luxury spa treatments or a hot air balloon ride. The couples also will enjoy reservations at Napa's most celebrated tables, including a private dinner at The French Laundry, hosted by Stalwørth Proprietor Tim Persson and Partner Nick Fitch.
- **“Marissa Collections Palm Beach Girls Getaway”:** Four guests will enjoy a getaway to Marissa Collections in Palm Beach, Florida located in the elegant Royal Poinciana Plaza. This 9,000-square-foot boutique spans two floors and features an exceptional selection of fine jewelry, designer clothing, footwear and accessories, including a dedicated Carolina Bucci in-store boutique. Guests will be treated to a private luncheon with wine and a consultation with one of their style experts in the luxurious upstairs Penthouse. To top off their experience, Marissa Collections will also provide four tickets to the Miami Open.
- **“Art Basel”:** One winning bidder will receive two UBS VIP tickets giving them exclusive access to the annual Art Basel show in Miami Beach, Florida and UBS Private Lounge with light food and beverage offered throughout the day. As a UBS VIP ticket holder, guests will also have access to the Art Basel Collectors Lounge and Design Miami. This package includes one night's accommodation in a four or five-star hotel in Miami Beach, Florida and one dinner or cocktail reception. Roundtrip, private helicopter transportation is included from Naples to Miami on a Sikorsky S-76 helicopter, courtesy of Flexjet.
- **“Sample the Best of Poppy & Seed in Anaheim, California”:** Five couples will indulge in an Omakase chef tasting menu at Poppy & Seed in Anaheim, California with wine pairings provided by LVMH's Moët Hennessy. The brainchild of Chef Michael Reed and Kwini Reed, Poppy & Seed creates experiences that transcend the ordinary. Their menu is a celebration of seasonal flavors and locally sourced ingredients, expertly crafted to tantalize guests' taste buds and ignite their senses. Chef Reed's culinary journey spans prestigious kitchens on both coasts, allowing him to create an oasis with a *Michelin Guide* recommendation and a James Beard nomination. Kwini Reed, a force in her own right, serves as a board member for the California Restaurant Association and is known for her eye for aesthetics and her talent for curating exceptional dining experiences.
- **“Bentley Naples + Butcher Private - An Evening of Rare Access”:** Ten couples will join Bentley Naples for one of the most extraordinary dining experiences—an exclusive wine-paired dinner at the Butcher Private, Naples' premier members only club. Access to this renowned North Naples destination is typically reserved for members. For one night, guests will enjoy the full experience: exceptional wine pairings and aged steaks, matured to perfection in the club's signature Himalayan salt chamber. Each couple also will receive the keys to a magnificent Bentley for two nights—an opportunity to experience open-road luxury and the effortless pleasure of driving through Southwest Florida in style.

- **“The Suite Life at Paradise Coast Sports Complex”:** Up to 25 guests will enjoy a suite at the FC Naples Soccer Stadium, overlooking the center field at the Paradise Coast Sports Complex in Naples, Florida. FC Naples marks a new era as Collier County's first professional sports team. This perfectly appointed suite offers great views along with food, beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages. The venue provides a private, comfortable seating area and exclusive access to VIP lounges as well as access to the suite both before and after the match. Each guest also will receive a team jersey and ball signed by the team during an on-field meet and greet with the players and coaches after the game.
- **“The Abaco Club”:** Six guests will enjoy a five day, four nights' stay in a private, luxury Bahamas home at The Abaco Club. Brimming with adventure and entertainment, this package features boating, culinary experiences, golf, spa treatments, water sports, cultural experiences and more. Depending upon the time they book, the guests will get the choice of luxurious properties, including Je t'aime, a three-bedroom, three-bath house that sleeps nine; Ruff Life, a five-bedroom, four-bath house that sleeps 10; Permit Paradise, a four-bedroom, four-and one-half bath house that sleeps eight; and Sugar Cay, a six-bedroom, five-and-one-half bath house that sleeps 12. Dining and cultural experiences include a welcome Champagne reception, five-course beachfront wine dinner curated by a visiting vintner or sommelier, or a farm tour and farm-to-table dinner experience. The package also includes unlimited rounds of golf on The Abaco Club's championship seaside course, ranked number one in The Bahamas; a private lesson with the director of golf, and a meet and greet and photo with Club Ambassador and Open Champion Darren Clarke. Also included is a private padel/tennis/pickleball clinic with a legendary racquets pro and unlimited access to fitness and wellness facilities, including a sauna, steam room and cold plunge. For water enthusiasts, there is a private boat day to Elbow Cay and surrounding cays with snorkeling, a sandbar barbecue or conch salad demo with local chef Terrance, choice of four-hour deep-sea fishing or five-hour guided flats fly-fishing, choice of Discover Scuba or Full PADI Open Water Certification, and an optional coral reef nursery exploration dive or snorkel with an in-house marine guide. To remember their trip, guests may choose a professional photography and drone video session, custom monogrammed robes or branded Club merchandise, engraved Abaco links accessories or a handcrafted Bahamian gift set. In addition to these keepsakes, the winning bidder will enjoy shopping access to the Club's pro-shop and boutique with a member's discount.
- **“Aquamarine by David K. Beavis”:** One winning bidder will take home the beautiful *Aquamarine* piece by award-winning, fine art photographer David K. Beavis in Naples. This limited-edition print is one of just 250 and measures 80”H x 60”W. It is an archival ink on canvas print with a satin white 1 5/8” frame. Beavis has received over 100 international awards and his ground breaking fine arts photography captures the grandeur of nature with awe inspiring realism. The abstract imagery in *Aquamarine* is described by Beavis as “a fantastic art form in itself, let alone finding such brilliantly colored abstract art from high above in the clouds. The salt flats photographed in this image over the salt flats in my homeland of Australia are a stunning display of nature at work.”

Everyone is invited to take part in the excitement of the 2026 Naples Winter Wine Festival by bidding high and bidding often in the online auction. To do so, please visit [nwwfonlineauction.com](http://nwwfonlineauction.com) between Friday, January 23 at 8:00 a.m. (EST) through Tuesday, February 3 at 5:00 p.m. (EST).

With the theme “Picture This,” the Naples Winter Wine Festival returns to The Ritz-Carlton Naples, Tiburón for its 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary on January 30, 2026 through February 1, 2026, highlighting the finest food, wine and incredible auction lots, all to benefit the most vulnerable children in Collier County. The NWWF is one of the world’s most prestigious charity wine auctions, raising more than \$336 million and impacting the lives of 385,000 children since its inception in 2001.

Ticket packages for the 2026 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 and related Festival news, please 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 more than \$336 million, making a profound difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of children in Collier County.

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#### **About Naples Children Foundation**

The Naples Children Foundation (NCF), the founding organization of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, creates transformational change and improves educational, emotional and health outcomes for vulnerable children in Collier County. Through its annual grants and strategic initiatives, NCF has impacted nearly 90 of the most effective nonprofits in the local community, providing 385,000 children with the services and resources they need to succeed. Through bold investments, collaborative partnerships, and data-driven solutions, NCF supports programs that ensure every child can thrive. NCF’s unique approach, which bridges public and private resources, has become a blueprint for how to transform a community—one issue at a time.

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