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HONORED GUEST
Laurent J. Drouhin of Maison Joseph Drouhin

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
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We have waited five long years since Lyric’s last Wine Auction, and anticipation has made the arrival of Wine Auction 2023 all the sweeter. This is a night unlike any other — an evening of operatic proportions and a sublime celebration of great music, fine wine, and incomparable camaraderie combined with the thrill of competition for the winning bid — all in support of our beloved Lyric.

The 35-year tradition of Lyric’s Wine Auction is the result of the steadfast leadership of our amazing Women’s Board — the heart and soul of Lyric. We are exceedingly grateful to Wine Auction Chairs Erica Sandner and Nancy Searle, Vice Chairs Suzanne Mulshine and Eileen Murphy, and Women’s Board President Nancy Santi. Many congratulations and our heartfelt appreciation for bringing us back to the stage of the Lyric Opera House.

This year, we welcome Honored Guest Laurent Drouhin from Maison Joseph Drouhin. Dedicated to the diversity of Burgundy, Maison Joseph Drouhin has been in the hands of the Drouhin family for the last 142 years, and with the fourth generation at the helm, they lead with the same passion that inspired their great-great-grandfather. The Drouhins have been incredibly generous, and we know that you are eyeing the magnificent experience they have curated for Lyric’s Live Auction. Get ready to raise your paddle early and often!

Wine Auction is an important component of what makes it possible for Lyric to create world-class opera performances, train the next generation of artists in The Patrick G. and Shirley W. Ryan Opera Center, and share unique programs of learning, community engagement, and artistic initiatives through Lyric Unlimited. We raise our glass to 2023 Wine Auction Presenting Sponsors Kirkland & Ellis and Linda & Dennis Meyers, Live Auction and Dinner Sponsor Northern Trust, Catalogue Sponsor Liz Stiffel, and one anonymous donor for their early and generous support. And thanks to those of you who hosted extraordinary dinners in your homes and contributed to our collection of Live Auction lots. The success of Wine Auction 2023 simply would not be possible without your generous support.

So, prime your paddles and fully immerse yourselves in the revelry and rivalry that is the Lyric Wine Auction. Let the bidding commence!

Opera forever! Lyric forever!

ANTHONY FREUD
GENERAL DIRECTOR, PRESIDENT & CEO
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SYLVIA NEIL
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In a note to the Women’s Board about the postponement of what was to be the Wine Auction in 2021, Erica L. Sandner, Nancy S. Searle, Suzanne W. Mulshine, and Eileen Murphy remarked hopefully that the time ahead “will enable Wine Auction to return triumphantly, forging even deeper relationships with our partners and our audiences.” The committee’s statement could not ring truer. Five years after our last auction, we celebrate the committee’s resilient leadership in bringing the 13th Wine Auction back to Lyric.

Throughout Lyric’s rich history, Wine Auction has become a signature project of Lyric’s Women’s Board. It has solidified itself into the overall brand of Lyric Opera, through which we are able to inspire others and give back to the performing arts. And of course, in true Lyric fashion, we once again will be gathering at the Lyric Opera House for this year’s events, just as we have for the past 13 auctions.

Alexandra Petit-Mentzelopoulos and Thibault Pontalier of Château Margaux attended as our Honored Guests in 2018, and this year, we are thrilled to welcome Laurent Drouhin, our Honored Guest, one of the four grandchildren that now run the House of Joseph Drouhin. Along with Philippe, Véronique, and Frédéric, Laurent and the grandchildren never shy away from the pursuit of the most perfect wines and the appreciation of the art of winemaking.

In addition to our fabulous Honored Guest, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our contributors. Wine Auction would not be possible without your kind and caring support. Thank you to Presenting Sponsor Kirkland and Ellis, Live Auction and Dinner Sponsor Northern Trust, Catalogue Sponsor Liz Stiffel, and an anonymous donor for your tremendous generosity. Thank you also to our many sponsors and friends listed in the catalogue for your invaluable guidance. Your contributions are unsurpassed.

Additionally, I must express my sincerest gratitude to the ladies of the Women’s Board, who have generously given their time and efforts securing donations, utilizing their professional networks, and lending a hand whenever needed.

Finally, thank you to Co-Chairs Erica L. Sandner and Nancy S. Searle and Vice Chairs Suzanne W. Mulshine and Eileen Murphy for representing the Women’s Board during this entire process. The success of this event is thanks in large part to your knowledge and connections in the wine industry, your creativity, and your passion for our Lyric Opera. Thank you also to the wonderful Lyric staff for your partnership.

Our auction in 2018 netted a record-breaking $2.2 million, and we look forward to also going above and beyond this year. Over the past 35 years, this project has raised over $11 million for Lyric. We are excited to celebrate this incredible display of philanthropy once again.

Witnessing the planning of this auction during my first year as Women’s Board President has allowed me to see our community, our Women’s Board, and the Lyric family flourish. On behalf of the entire Women’s Board, thank you for sharing in our joy for this occasion. Please join me in raising a glass to Lyric’s future!
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Founded in Beaune in 1880, Maison Joseph Drouhin’s cellars have spread from the historical Cellars of the Dukes of Burgundy and the Kings of France in Beaune (12th-18th centuries) to the Moulin de Vaudon, an 18th century watermill in Chablis.

A rigorous attention to detail, self-imposed discipline, a desire to learn, a rigorous sense of values, passion and daring are the qualities that have been handed down through the generations, together with the art of winemaking and a never-ending search for quality.

Today, the fourth generation is at the helm. Each has a role to play in imposing the family “Charter of Excellence.”

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His son Maurice succeeded him and began to establish a vineyard domaine for the House, purchasing land in some outstanding appellations such as Clos des Mouches and Clos de Vougeot.

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Parcels over the years and comprises today 80 hectares (197.5 acres) of vineyards in Côte de Nuits, Côte de Beaune, Côte Chalonnaise, and Chablis. It is one of the most important domains in Burgundy, with more than two-thirds of the vineyards classified as Premier and Grand Crus.

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The late Robert Mondavi was considered the dean of California winemakers. Since the 1940s, he had been responsible for many aspects of the California wine industry’s development. He established the Robert Mondavi Winery, which continues to produce some of California’s most acclaimed fine wines, and was also instrumental in such projects as the joint venture with the late Baron Philippe de Rothschild of Château Mouton-Rothschild to produce the famed Opus One. Today, the Mondavi family has expanded operations in California to include exciting new wineries such as RAEN and Continuum, which beautifully honor the legacy of the fine winemaking of Robert Mondavi.

We honor the memory of Sally Funderberg and the incredible cachet she established at the first Wine Auction, which still lives on today.

Comte Alexandre de Lur Saluces is a direct descendant of the illustrious Lur Saluces and Sauvage families, who previously owned two of the most important properties in the Sauternes-producing region of France, Château de Fargues and the legendary Château d’Yquem. Château d’Yquem, in a class by itself, is considered one of the finest, rarest, and most exclusive of wines. Today, Château de Fargues is run by Alexandre de Lur Saluces and remains the oldest family-owned estate in the Sauternes appellation.

The memory of Mrs. Jane Duboise Gargiulo is honored by Lyric Wine Auction’s reputation in securing some of the world’s rarest wines, including Château d’Yquem.

Chair: Mrs. R. Robert Funderburg

Chair: Mrs. Jane Duboise Gargiulo
House of Champagne Louis Roederer Monsieur et Madame Rouzaud are descendants of M. Louis Roederer, founder of Champagne Louis Roederer. Rouzaud serves as Chairman and CEO of Roederer, one of Champagne’s oldest and most respected family-run houses. Perhaps best known for “Cristal,” the exclusive Champagne originally commissioned by Tsar Alexander II for his court, Roederer maintains its preeminence through its extensive, varied vineyard holdings, which provide almost all of its grape needs. This makes Roederer almost a “single property” Champagne and unique in that respect.

Lyric Wine Auction extends its deepest thanks to Mrs. Paul W. Oliver, Jr. for upholding a legacy of excellence in the third installment of Wine Auction.

CHAIR: MRS. PAUL W. OLIVER, JR.
Monsieur et Madame Cazes are part of the Cazes family, owners of Château Lynch-Bages since 1937. Many call Jean-Michel Cazes “Mister Bordeaux,” some refer to him as “The Baron of Bordeaux,” and he has even been crowned “King Cazes of Bordeaux.” As these unofficial titles indicate, Jean-Michel Cazes is esteemed throughout Bordeaux. Under his stewardship, Château Lynch-Bages was named Wine of the Year by Wine Spectator in 1988. Château Lynch-Bages remains a part of the Cazes family, now run by Jean-Michel’s son, Jean-Charles.

Mrs. Lester Crown’s contributions to Wine Auction and Lyric Opera of Chicago have made it possible to both continue this extraordinary charity event and promote opera at the highest level.

Co-Chairs: Mrs. Lester Crown, Mrs. R. Robert Funderburg

Count Gaetano Marzotto purchased the Santa Margherita Estate in 1935. His fourth son, Paolo Marzotto, continued his father’s vision of experimentation and creativity, elevating Santa Margherita to one of the most highly esteemed wineries in Italy. Using innovative techniques, Santa Margherita drew upon its creative resources to formulate its famous Pinot Grigio, now recognized as a classic among white wines. Three other great vineyards, two in the Tuscan Chianti Classico area and one in Lombardy, are under the capable direction of Count and Countess Marzotto.

Nancy S. Searle’s ongoing support of Wine Auction remains strong today as Chair of multiple auctions in the past and present.

Chair: Nancy A. Searle
MADAME MAY-ELIANE DE LENCQUESAING

May-Eliane de Lencquesaing became the owner and administrator of Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande in 1978 and oversaw the management of the family domaine. Under her leadership, the Château flourished, balancing technology and tradition, yet always respecting the spirit that created and guided the domaine in the past. In 2006, Madame de Lencquesaing and the Château entered a new era as they joined the iconic Louis Roederer.

MS. ZELMA LONG

Zelma Long has charted a fresh direction for her winemaking career in the new millennium. In 1977 and 1998, she and her viticulturist husband, Dr. Phillip Freese, initiated two winegrowing joint ventures under the umbrella of Zelphi wines. Today, Ms. Long remains an active voice in the world of wine as winemaking partner at Vilafonté in Stellenbosch, South Africa.

SIGNORA TERESA SEVERINI LUNGAROTTI

The Lungarotti Winery has built its reputation on a legacy of “firsts,” beginning with the creation of the Lungarotti Winery in 1962. Lungarotti’s Torgiano Rosso and Torgiano Bianco wines became the first in Umbria to achieve “denominazione di origine controllata” (DOC) status and were also one of the first DOCs to be granted in Italy. Today, she manages the family company alongside her sister Chiara.

As supporters of French, Italian, and American wines, Lyric Wine Auction honors Mrs. James J. O’Connor’s commitment to promote wines from all around the world.

CHAIR: MRS. JAMES J. O’CONNOR
Marchese Piero Antinori descends from a winemaking tradition that dates back to 1385. Today the Antinori name encompasses a large variety of estates, mostly concentrated in Tuscany and Umbria. The Marchese is among the visionaries credited with revitalizing Tuscan winemaking, helping to initiate an oenological revolution by coloring outside the regulatory lines set by the Chianti DOC. Sangiovese, the indigenous Tuscan grape, was blended with Cabernet Sauvignon to produce “Tignanello,” and thus one of the first “Super Tuscans” was born. His zeal for experimentation has brought international recognition to the Italian wine industry.

Mrs. James C. Pritchard’s partnership with Antinori is the crown jewel of the Pritchard’s long-standing support of Wine Auction. The memory of Mrs. T. Kimball Brooker’s dedication to Wine Auction is held with honor.

His Royal Highness Prince Robert of Luxembourg and his family own two of the great red wine estates in Bordeaux, Château Haut-Brion and La Mission Haut-Brion. Their two limited-production white wines of Haut-Brion Blanc and Laville Haut-Brion are highly sought out by connoisseurs worldwide.

His Royal Highness Prince Robert of Luxembourg is a direct descendent of Henry IV of France. Today, his title at Domaine Clarence Dillon is President and Managing Director. Recently, Domaine Clarence Dillon opened Michelin-starred Le Clarence in Paris.

The legacy set forth by Mrs. Christopher C. Milliken remains strong as Château Haut-Brion and La Mission Haut-Brion are included in several lots for Wine Auction 2023.

Chair: Mrs. Christopher C. Milliken

Honored Guest of Wine Auction 2003

Marchese Piero Antinori

Marchési Antinori S.r.l.

Honored Guest of Wine Auction 2006

Prince and Princess Robert of Luxembourg

Château Haut-Brion and La Mission Haut-Brion

Chair: Mrs. Christopher C. Milliken
Founded in 1859 by Louis Henry Denis Jadot, Maison Louis Jadot ranks among the premier producers and negociants of Burgundy wine. In 1962 the Jadot family placed operations under the management of André Gagey who became a world-renowned master oenologist credited with a gift for selecting grapes and nurturing young wines. Exposed as a youth to the tradition and culture associated with the vine, Pierre-Henry Gagey joined his father in 1985 as Assistant Managing Director, and ultimately assumed the role of President in 1992 upon his father's retirement.

Wine and opera make the perfect pair, much like the Co-Chairmanship between Wine Auction's extraordinary leaders, Mrs. William A. Osborn and Nancy S. Searle.
Richard Geoffroy, the scion of a long line of Côte des Blanc winegrowers, was born in the heart of Champagne country in 1954, in the town of Vertus, set amid the Chardonnay vineyards. Going against what might have seemed to be a predestined career in the world of wine, he took up medicine and received his doctorate in 1982. He then went back to his roots and enrolled in the École Nationale d’Oenologie in Reims. Today, he never wonders why he gave up medicine but why he didn’t respond to the call of the vine in the first place. This detour, however, only made the return to the source more rewarding.

Thank you to Mrs. Susan B. Noyes for reaching new heights with Wine Auction in welcoming the world’s finest champagne vintner to Lyric.

David Launay, one of today’s leading voices in the promotion of Bordeaux wines, holds a degree in Viticulture and Oenology and has a passion for telling the story behind each unique wine. Château Gruaud Larose boasts the special distinction of being a single contiguous vineyard whose boundaries have remained unchanged since the 18th century.

One of the most historic estates in the Left Bank region of the Médoc, Château Gruaud Larose maintains the motto, “The Wine of Kings, The King of Wines.”

Lyric honors Erica L. Sandner and Marilynn Thoma for their far-reaching networks in the wine industry that uphold Wine Auction’s specialty of French wine.
In 1980, following the death of her father, Corinne Mentzelopoulos took over the management of Château Margaux. Together with the celebrated oenologist Emile Peynaud and the estate team then led by Philippe Barré, Corinne set out to build on the impetus of her father’s work and over 40 years later still serves as the guiding light for the estate’s continued renown. The mother of three children, she was delighted to welcome her daughter Alexandra into the Château Margaux team in autumn of 2012, as well as her son Alexis in early 2020.

Co-Chairs Keith Kiley Goldstein and Nancy S. Searle have kept Wine Auction in the hearts of opera lovers and wine collectors alike with resounding success of welcoming Château Margaux in 2018.

CO-CHAIRS: NANCY S. SEARLE, KEITH KILEY GOLDSTEIN
FEATURED VINTNER DINNERS
THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023
In private homes and venues across the Chicago area
Sponsors and their guests at the Mâconnais level and above are invited to attend an
intimate dinner to get to know the Featured Vintners, their wine, the auction, chefs,
and other members of the Lyric family.

FEATURED VINTNER TASTING RECEPTION
FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023 | 6:00 PM
Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Grand Foyer | Lyric Opera House
Guests are invited to mingle with our Featured Vintners and taste their wines at the Lyric Opera
House before the main event takes place on Saturday.

WINE AUCTION 2023
SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023 | 5:30 PM
Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Grand Foyer | Lyric Opera House

CHAMPAGNE AND COCKTAIL RECEPTION
SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023
The Ken Pigott Stage
Ardis Krainik Theatre

DINNER & AUCTION
7:00 PM
With nearly forty years in the auction business, Michael’s skill with a gavel is renowned. His long career began at Christie’s in New York in the early 1980s, and when the firm’s wine auctions were first established in Chicago he moved to the Midwest and ultimately headed the Christie’s Wine Department for over a decade.

Michael founded Davis & Company in 1993 and the firm quickly became a leading auction house specializing in collectable wines. In October 1998 Davis & Company was acquired by Sotheby’s, and he was appointed Senior Vice-President and Co-Director of the North American Wine Department. In the first year of his time at Sotheby’s, wine auction sales more than doubled.

In 2005 Michael and his long-time friend and colleague, Paul Hart, formed Hart Davis Hart Wine Company. Forming a team of unrivaled experience in the field of rare wines, the company emerged as both a prominent international wine auction house and a dynamic retailer. With its staff of devoted experts and industry-leading technology, Hart Davis Hart can now boast annual sales of $100 million.

Over the course of his career, Michael has developed friendships with countless collectors around the globe. Numerous records have fallen under his gavel and he has been interviewed by a variety of print, broadcast, and online media. He regularly donates his time to benefit auctions across the U.S. and Canada and he is honored to have been involved with every Lyric Opera Auction to date.

Lyric is excited to welcome back Ben Ferdinand to Wine Auction 2023. Ben entered the world of rare and fine wine in 1993 and joined forces with John Hart Fine Wine in 2003. Ben has played a vital role in the successful growth that Hart Davis Hart Wine Co. has achieved since its inception and is currently acting as Senior Vice President and Senior Consignment Advisor. His insights into various facets of the wine market have assisted in cultivating relationships with important collectors around the world. Blessed with boundless energy and a refined palate, Ben is extremely knowledgeable about Bordeaux, having had extensive experience tasting the classics of the 19th and 20th centuries. Ben also has considerable experience as an auctioneer, having first held the gavel at age 25, making him one of the youngest fine-wine auctioneers of his time. Ben has now overseen more than 150 commercial auctions and has developed a personable style that has earned him praise as one of the industry’s leading fine-wine auctioneers.

Outside of the auction room, Ben regularly donates his services to a number of charitable events around the United States.
FEATURED VINTNERS

Adelsheim
Arietta
Barboursville Vineyards
Broadbent
Cakebread Cellars
Caymus Vineyards
Château d’Esclans
Chateau Musar
Château Palmer
Darioush
Delaire Graff Estate
De Wetshof Estate
Domaine Carneros
Faust
Flowers Vineyards & Winery

Futo Wines
Grgich Hills Estate
Gusbourne
Kistler Vineyards
Paula Kornell Sparkling Wine
Peay Vineyards
Pinea
Quintessa
Résonance Vineyards
Senses Wines
Spottswoode Estate Vineyard & Winery
Taylor Fladgate
The Vines
Wayfarer
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Lyric is extremely grateful for the support we have received from our generous donors throughout 35 years of Wine Auction. In special recognition of donors to all 13 Lyric Wine Auctions, we share our heartfelt gratitude.

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WINE AUCTION LOTS
RAISE YOUR PADDLES!
TOAST TO THE AUCTION

COME QUICKLY, I AM TASTING THE STARS! - DOM PIERRE PÉRIGNON

Raise a glass of Champagne, taste the stars, and toast tonight's auction! Dom Pérignon. The name is synonymous with celebration and great Champagne. Named after the monk who started making sparkling wines, this is a highly sought-after bottling that says, “We are going to have a great time!” There are two outstanding vintages featured here (Dom Pérignon is only produced in great years) – Vintage 2012 and Vintage 2010. 2012 is shaping up to be a modern classic, yet can be enjoyed now. 2010 out of magnum is in a special window of drinking that had one Champagne expert say it was the best bubbles he had all last year. What is even better is that there are multiple bottles for multiple special occasions – a welcome addition to any fête! Drink now or wait to “taste the stars” for the next decade.

- DOM PÉRIGNON VINTAGE 2012 (6 BOTTLES) REGION: CHAMPAGNE
- DOM PÉRIGNON VINTAGE 2010 (3 MAGNUMS) ESTIMATED VALUE: $5,000

GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED BY: DOM PÉRIGNON AND THE WINE AUCTION COMMITTEE
In celebration of our Honored Guest, this magnificent selection of Domaine Joseph Drouhin, comprised exclusively of Grand Cru and Premier Cru, allows the highest bidder the extraordinary opportunity to try four distinct crus of the 2019 vintage. The yields on this vintage were small, meaning that demand for these wines is even higher than usual, so be sure to lift your paddles high!

Burgundy lovers, six bottles of Marquis de Laguiche Montrachet are calling to you! An heirloom treasure of incomparable quality, the Montrachet property has been in the hands of the Laguiche family since 1776, with the Drouhin family in charge of cultivation and vinification since 1947 to create arguably the top chardonnay of the world, the Marquis de Laguiche Montrachet Grand Cru. This treasure of Burgundy could be yours to enjoy for years to come.

Next, the powerful yet refined Chambertin-Clos de Bèze from the northern part of the Côte de Nuits will age for up to 40 years. A near-perfect rating on the Bonnes-Mares Grand Cru attests to its place in this incredible lot. The Corton-Charlemagne, one of the greatest wines of Burgundy, Drouhin calls a “wine of undeniable majesty.” With four bottles of each, you’ll have the option of comparing bottles over time to experience how the Pinot Noir and Chardonnay changes and evolves.

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THERE’S NO PLACE LIKE BEAUNE!

INTIMATE STAY IN THE DROUHIN FAMILY GUEST HOUSE IN BEAUNE FOR FOUR; ENJOY THE ELEGANCE OF THE RITZ PARIS PAIRED WITH THE ELEGANT WINES OF OUR HONORED GUEST.

YOUR FIVE-NIGHT TRIP FOR FOUR INCLUDES:

- A three-night stay at the Drouhin Guest House in Beaune
- Lunch or dinner with a member of the Drouhin family in their guest house
- Visit to the famous Beaune Premier Cru Clos des Mouches vineyards on electric bikes (weather permitting)
- A two-night stay at the Ritz Paris

WINNERS WILL ALSO RECEIVE:

- JOSEPH DROUHIN CLOS DE VOUGEOT GRAND CRU 2017 (1 JEROBOAM)

GENEROSLY CONTRIBUTED BY: DOMAINE JOSEPH DROUHIN WITH SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FROM STEPHANIE FISHER TRAVEL AND RITZ PARIS

We are delighted to feature our 2023 Wine Auction Honored Guest, Domaine Joseph Drouhin, in this spectacular travel lot. With 80 hectares, Domaine Drouhin is one of the largest estates in the region. With vineyards in all of Burgundy, they have generously offered a personal experience imbued with the Drouhin family and their wines.

Beaune, the “wine capital of Burgundy,” is of course known for its rich and delicious history of wine. Also listed on the UNESCO World Heritage List for its ancient architectural heritage, about half of the battlements, ramparts, and the moat, survived. Explore this well-preserved history while you spend three nights in the Drouhin Guest House in the heart of beautiful Beaune. Feel like a member of the Drouhin family during your stay in their 18th-century family guest house, recently renovated to the point of perfection.

Upon your arrival in Beaune, under the care of the Drouhin family, you will be guided through the estate’s unique historical cellars located in the heart of Beaune. Once in the cellars, taste a wide range of some of the most prestigious and famous wines from Chablis to Côte de Beaune. All interpreted by the Drouhin family for four generations, this unique tasting will lead you to discover the various terroirs that Burgundy has to offer. Hungry for more? Your stay also includes lunch or dinner with a member of the Drouhin family in the guest house.

From your home in Beaune, ride on electric bikes to the famous Premier Cru Clos des Mouches vineyards. Once filled with beehives, this vineyard is mid-slope on a mild incline with a preferable east/southeast exposure for optimal grape ripening. It is the largest parcel of the Clos des Mouches, one half planted with Chardonnay, the other half with Pinot Noir.

Next, travel from Beaune to the heart of France—Paris! Your luxury stay in the Ritz Paris’ Executive Suites will include daily breakfasts and full access to the Ritz Club. Overlooking the rooftops of Paris or the charming Grand Jardin, the details and decor of your stay will breathe style and spirit. Bathed in natural light, the elegant, spacious Executive Suites come with exquisite bathrooms, marble fireplaces, and the space to move around as you please.

In anticipation of your stay, enjoy a stellar and rare jeroboam of 2017 Joseph Drouhin Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru. The Clos Vougeot vineyard is located right between the famed Vosne-Romanée and Chambolle Musigny and was first planted by monks in the 12th century. This aromatic Pinot Noir boasts a sublime structure and refined tannins. An ideally elegant example of Joseph Drouhin’s wines, you will enjoy the remarkable balance and lingering persistence of raspberry, red cherry, truffle, and candied fruit on the palate, which will transport you to the vineyards of this remarkable wine trip of a lifetime.
A FIVE-NIGHT ROYAL ADVENTURE FOR FOUR, REPLETE WITH RACING AND ENGLAND'S FINEST SPARKLING WINES

YOUR FIVE-NIGHT TRIP FOR FOUR INCLUDES:
- Four tickets to Royal Ascot on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 in the invitation-only Royal Enclosure
- Two fascinators designed and crafted by City Mouse Adornments and member of Lyric’s creative team
- Tour and cocktail session at Sipsmith Distillery, followed by lunch
- Stay for four at Claridge’s
- The Icons Experience and lunch at Gusbourne Estate
- Dinner with either Chief Winemaker Charlie Holland or Laura Rhys, MS, Global Brand Ambassador for Gusbourne Estate
- Double room and breakfast for two at The George in Rye, a 16th-century coaching inn

WINNERS WILL ALSO RECEIVE:
- GUSBORNE ESTATE BLANC DE BLANC 2013 (1 MAGNUM)
- GUSBORNE ESTATE BRUT RESERVE 2013 (1 MAGNUM)

REGION: ENGLAND
ESTIMATED VALUE: $40,000

NOTE: ROYAL ASCOT DATE IS NOT FLEXIBLE. AIRFARE IS NOT INCLUDED. TRANSPORT TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT IS NOT INCLUDED. ALL GUESTS MUST PASS A SECURITY CLEARANCE. IF THE DATES DO NOT FIT IN WITH WHEN THE ICON EXPERIENCES TAKE PLACE, A SUITABLE SOLUTION WILL BE FOUND.

GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED BY: BEAM SUNTORY, GUSBORNE ESTATE, SIPSITH DISTILLERY, AND DTR MODERN GALLERIES, WITH SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FROM STEPHANIE FISHER TRAVEL

Feel just like royalty on this decadent and exclusive trip featuring one of the most quintessential British experiences — Royal Ascot! Begin your weekend by checking in to one of London’s most iconic five-star luxury hotels, Claridge’s. Set in the heart of Mayfair, Claridge’s is an art deco icon and a byword for understated elegance. Since the 1850s, Claridge’s has excelled at the finer things in life: glamorous design, inspiring dining, and impeccable service.

The “quite right” trip in London continues with the Sipsmith Distillery. Enjoy a private tour of their enchanting distillery in West London, learning about the handcrafted process of making the quintessential expression of a London Dry Gin, followed by a cocktail session with founder, Jared Brown. You and your guests will also enjoy lunch at a restaurant nearby.

Then, descend upon Royal Ascot, with fascinators expertly crafted by Sarah Riffle of City Mouse Adornments and member of Lyric’s creative team. There you will join Simona Vassilev and Ted Vassilev, expertly crafted by Sarah Riffle of City Mouse Adornments and member of Lyric’s creative team.

By the Emperor, the King of Saxony, and Prince Albert to examine the winner of the Queen’s Vase, an impromptu descent into the Winners’ Enclosure on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 was established in the mid 19th century when the Emperor of Russia, Nicholas I, visited Ascot for the first time as a guest of Queen Victoria and her husband, Prince Albert. The concern raised from this impromptu descent into the Winners’ Enclosure by the Emperor, the King of Saxony, and Prince Albert to examine the winner of the Queen’s Vase, prompted authorities to enclose the area in front of the Royal Stand in 1845. Excluding the Royal Stand, this area immediately became the most exclusive part of the racecourse.

Royal Ascot is also equally synonymous with sartorial elegance, being awash with exquisite fashion and magnificent millinery creations. From the arrival of the Royal Procession to the communal singing around Ascot’s Bandstand, each of the five days is an event that must be seen to be believed.

At the conclusion of your London experience, you will then venture to the English countryside in Kent for the Icons Experience at the Gusbourne Estate. Your stay during the Gusbourne experience will transport you back to medieval times with a fascinating history. Located in the center of Rye, East Sussex, The George coaching inn in Rye was renovated to create one of the most stunning hideaways on the south coast. The building dates from 1575 and has an enviable heritage. An eclectic and contemporary design has been given to this historic fabric using a wide range of antique and modern furniture, materials, and art. The result is a comfortable blend of old and new, creating an atmosphere which is relaxed, informal, and individual.

Upon your visit to Gusbourne’s beautiful 60-hectare estate, you will understand why this unique parcel of land produces such outstanding fruit year after vintage year. For the first time, wine lovers have the opportunity to taste wines from an extra-special portfolio, available exclusively through the Gusbourne Icons Experience — an immersive tasting and dining event hosted by one of the knowledgeable Gusbourne Ambassadors who will lead guests through a tutored masterclass, inviting you to explore the story of each wine from soil to sun, vine to grape, tank to barrel to bottle. To complement a specially created lunch menu, the Ambassador will select one of Gusbourne’s limited-edition wines to pair with each of four courses prepared on site by Head Chef Anthony Coppard. Your Ambassador will pour Gusbourne’s rarest limited-edition bottles, including older vintages, still wines, and its very special new prestige Cuvée.

A money-can’t-buy treat for you and a guest, you will join either Chief Winemaker Charlie Holland or Global Brand Ambassador Laura Rhys, MS for a private dinner. And to help you reflect and reminisce about your wonderful time spent in England, two magnums of Gusbourne are included to toast with friends and family upon your return!
Château d’Yquem is considered “the” great sweet wine of the world. Yquem is a famous name for many reasons, including its presence at the wine auctions of Lyric Opera of Chicago. Former vineyard owner Comte Alexandre de Lur Saluces was Lyric’s Honored Guest at its Wine Auction 1990. He has been the “former owner” since the early 2000s, when the property was sold after being in the Lur Saluces family for over 400 years.

This lot is being auctioned as a tribute to Monsieur de Lur Saluces and to the recognized excellence and nobility of the wine. Comprising this auction item are six of the most distinguished vintages from the 20th century.

We start with Château d’Yquem 1921. English wine authority and past auctioneer for several Lyric Wine Auctions J. Michael Broadbent, Master of Wine, wrote in his “Great Vintage Wine Book” that “Chateau d’Yquem 1921 is considered the greatest Yquem since the equally famous vintage of 1847.” Retired preeminent American wine authority Robert M. Parker, Jr. in his book “Bordeaux” exclaimed, “The greatest Yquem I ever drank was the 1921.”

Recently tasted, the 1921 is showing its age a bit but still exhibits the ethereal qualities that have made enjoying it a wonderful experience and enduring memory.

Joining the 1921 in this group of Château d’Yquem are five more illustrious and sought-after vintages. The first is 1934, the birth year of Monsieur de Lur Saluces. Then the vintage 1947, which currently garners a 97-point rating from English wine critic Neal Martin. Next is the outstanding 1959, which Michael Broadbent has given his top rating of five stars. Completing this six-bottle auction lot are the vintages of 1967 and 1975, both of which have consistently received a near-perfect rating of 98 or 99.

This beautiful lot of six consecutive decades (1920s, 1930s, 1940s, 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s) comprises many of the most highly prized vintages of Château d’Yquem from the 20th century. All bottles were acquired between the early 1980’s and 1992 and have lain undisturbed since that time.
Perhaps the most famous wine in California, Opus is the brainchild of a partnership of Baron de Rothschild and Robert Mondavi. Here is a great opportunity to drink six amazing vintages of this legendary wine. Opus is a Bordeaux-style blend of Cabernet and Merlot from the heart of the Napa Valley. These great wines will easily age for at least 20 years and provide immense enjoyment for the winning bidder.
Fall in love with Northern California with this heavenly trip. Make your way to Napa Valley, where you will stop into several extraordinary wineries that will treat you to winery tours, private tastings, and delicious meals.

Grgich Hills has been at the forefront of Napa Valley wineries since Miljenko “Mike” Grgich first gain international recognition at the celebrated “Paris Tasting” of 1976, where their Chardonnay beat the finest French Chardonnay of the day for the title of finest white wine in the world. Enjoy an exclusive meal and tasting and picnic lunch at Arietta with Owners Fritz Hatton and Caren Frutig Hatton or ship 2 cases of various Arietta Wines to your personal home.

Exclusive dinner at Beth Miliken’s residence at Spottswoode Estates with Kistler Vineyards for up to 12 guests.

A tour and tasting at Kistler

A tour and tasting and lunch at Futo Estates

The “Art of Sabrage Experience” at Domaine Carneros with a tasting, behind-the-scenes tour and “Bubbles & Bites” lunch

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With a celebratory mood set, enjoy an abundant selection of local artisan delights from Journeyman Meats, Cowgirl Creamery, and Tsar Nicolai Caviar paired beautifully with Domaine Carneros crafted sparkling wines. Hosted by one of the winemakers, you will be escorted on a private behind-the-scenes tour of the winery and a look into the magic of méthode traditionnelle sparkling winemaking. Following your tour, enjoy a light lunch of Bubbles & Bites. The menu celebrates the diversity of cuisine taking you on a journey of unexpected and delightful pairings with an array of sparkling wine.

The Mayacamas Mountains and their Rutherford white wine in the world. Enjoy an exclusive meal and tasting and lunch at Cakebread Cellars.

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TRIP FOR FOUR TO NAPA VALLEY

YOUR FOUR-NIGHT TRIP FOR FOUR INCLUDES:

First class, roundtrip airfare for four to San Francisco, Oakland, or Sonoma County on American Airlines

Rental car to drive to Napa Valley

Hotel accommodations in Napa Valley

A tour, tasting, and exclusive meal at the Grgich Hills Rutherford vineyard with signed bottles of the Paris Tasting Commemorative Chardonnay

A tour, tasting and lunch at Cakebread Cellars

A tasting and picnic lunch at Arietta with Owners Fritz Hatton and Caren Frutig Hatton or ship 2 cases of various Arietta Wines to your personal home

Exclusive dinner at Beth Miliken’s residence at Spottswoode Estates with Kistler Vineyards for up to 12 guests

A tour and tasting at Futo Estates

A tour and lunch at Lail Vineyards

The “Art of Sabrage Experience” at Domaine Carneros with a tasting, behind-the-scenes tour and “Bubbles & Bites” lunch

Gourmands with a taste, behind-the-scenes tour and “Bubbles & Bites” lunch
Select your own unique treasure from Tamzen Z at a personal consultation in her Upper East Side atelier in New York City.

Ann Ziff, founder and sole designer for Tamzen Z, has had a lifelong love affair with jewelry and a connoisseur’s eye for the world’s most exceptional gems. Worn by discerning collectors and exceptional opera singers from around the world, each unique piece is designed by Ann, beginning with her own hand sketched designs. She selects and arranges the stones and personally strings every gold, pearl, and gem bead necklace. Ann’s artistry lies in the mixing of color, texture, and material: sparkling black diamonds strung with sapphires and handmade gold beads, rainbow-hued black opals surrounded by electric green demantoid garnets and vivid blue haüynites, and shimmering South Sea pearls set off by diamonds and aquamarines. She captures the exquisite beauty of the world’s most precious gemstones in pieces handcrafted from magnificent metals for truly one-of-a-kind pieces.

Then take your new jewelry out on the town with tickets to the Metropolitan Opera, where Ann is Chair of the Board, and pre-performance dining in the Grand Tier Restaurant in the opera house, or see the latest Broadway show.
These 12 bottles have never been owned by any other person. You will be the first! They are in impeccable condition. Add in the great quality of these two vintages, among the best ever, and you have an amazing chance to experience Bordeaux at its finest. These two wines are entering their period of peak drinking, but you don’t have to rush to enjoy them – they will remain wonderful for at least two more decades.

The process of growing and harvesting grapes is not an easy one. Winemakers have spent entire careers developing a vineyard’s procedures, particularly when it comes to picking grapes in their state of perfect ripeness. Château Margaux states that “to enable a grape to ripen well is to ensure that its components, that is to say sugar, acidity, aromas, and tannins, evolve together at the same pace.” The summer of 2003 yielded grapes with a remarkably balanced ripeness, thanks to the terroir and expert winemaking team at Margaux.

From a legendary warm year, this bottle is brimming with deep fruits and spices, and Robert Parker gives it a near-perfect score praising its “velvety texture, and notes of spring flowers interwoven with camphor, melted licorice, and crème de cassis.” Signed by owner Corinne Mentzolopoulos, the Honored Guest of the 2018 Auction, this is a piece of opera lover’s history.
Celebrate summer with a delightful Rosé Fête hosted by Château d’Esclans on Bastille Day, Friday, July 14, 2023! Gather together with 30 of your closest friends. Enjoy a delicious catered meal and dance the night away with a DJ. Of course, there will be no shortage of incredible wines to enhance the evening.

Château d’Esclans is the home of the finest rosés in the world. Winners of this lot will also receive an exquisite limited-edition case including Château d’Esclans Rosé, Les Clans Rosé, and Garrus Rosé.

Château d’Esclans’ Whispering Angel is the most famous rosé from Provence today. Pale pink with berry and floral notes and a smooth, dry finish, it’s the perfect aperitif, or enjoy it with a variety of cuisines. It also has the distinct honor of being the favorite rosé of beloved late Lyric family member Deborah S. Hare. Winners will receive a case of Whispering Angel in her loving memory.
LOT NO. 12

A BAYLESS GARDEN FÊTE

ARTIST DINNER AND TEQUILA TASTING FOR EIGHT

WHAT’S INCLUDED:
- Five-course dinner and wine pairing for eight in Rick Bayless’ garden
- El Tesoro tequila tasting by Beam Suntory
- Private performance by a Lyric Opera artist

ESTIMATED VALUE: $15,000

GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED BY: RICK BAYLESS AND BEAM SUNTORY

TO BE SCHEDULED ON A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE DATE

Most people know Rick Bayless from winning the title of Bravo’s Top Chef Masters with his authentic Mexican cuisine, and for his side-by-side, award-winning restaurants in Chicago. The recipient of seven James Beard Awards and countless nominations, Rick will host the winners of this lot for a five-course dinner and wine pairing for eight guests in his sun-soaked garden in the Bucktown neighborhood of Chicago.

If you are traversing the city’s 606 elevated trail and look down to see a spectacularly lush and colorful landscape, you have found the Bayless Gardens. The 1,000-square-foot backyard area is the main production garden where 13 raised planter beds produce a bounty of specialty salad greens, edible flowers, and herbs destined for Rick’s restaurants.

Your experience with Rick will be enhanced by Tyler Wang, Brand Ambassador of El Tesoro Tequila, whose cocktails have been featured nationally in Esquire, Imbibe, Tasting Panel, and the Boston Globe, as well as numerous books and cocktail anthologies. He brings El Tesoro to life in ways that honor the rich legacy of the Camarines and their community of tequila artisans.

Of course, it is not a Lyric Wine Auction experience without opera! Your dinner, wine, and tequila tasting will feature a private performance by a world-class Lyric artist.
PINGPONG AROUND VIRGINIA’S HISTORIC HOMES AND WINERIES

TRIP FOR FOUR TO VIRGINIA’S HISTORIC WINE COUNTRY: VISIT BARBOURSVILLE VINEYARDS, MONTPELIER, MONTICELLO, AND THE FUN BROADBENT SELECTION HEADQUARTERS

YOUR TWO-NIGHT TRIP FOR FOUR INCLUDES:
- First-class, roundtrip airfare for four to Virginia on American Airlines
- Ground transportation between experiences
- Tour, tasting, and dinner courtesy of winemaker Luca Paschina in the Barboursville Wine Library
- A one-night stay at The 1804 Inn and Cottages in Barboursville
- Private tour of Montpelier, home of the President James Madison
- Tour of Monticello, home of President Thomas Jefferson
- Tour, tasting, and ping pong game with Bartholomew Broadbent, CEO, Broadbent Selections
- Dinner in Richmond
- A one-night stay at the Quirk Hotel in Richmond

ESTIMATED VALUE: $7,500

GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED BY: BARTHOLOMEW BROADBENT, BROADBENT SELECTIONS AND LUCA PASCHINA, BARBOURSVILLE VINEYARDS AND AMERICAN AIRLINES, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM KA T CAMERA

Spend a weekend in Virginia wine country tasting both local and imported flavors focused on family-owned wineries, places with personality and stories, and wines that come from the heart. Fly into the capital city of Richmond and begin your weekend in Barboursville, Virginia, an area rich in agricultural and intellectual gifts. Whether strolling down the tree-lined boulevards downtown or revisiting America’s roots, Barboursville is a community where the past is abundantly present.

Receive a warm welcome from winemaker Luca Paschina at Barboursville Vineyards. In partnership with the Zonin family, who have lent eight generations of agricultural passion to the Barboursville landscape, Luca has been Barboursville’s resident winemaker since 1990 and holds the most diverse and extensive record of honors among all his peers in Virginia. Visit the Barboursville Wine Library and taste select wines from exemplar vintages presented in flights. Enjoy a dinner paired with current and older wines, and taste from a barrel of 2021 Octagon. Find your sense of personal envelopment during your stay in the historic houses of the Barboursville grounds.

Spend your next day touring the homes of this nation’s founders. Begin with a private tour of the home of President James Madison, Father of the Constitution and architect of the Bill of Rights. Montpelier, built in 1764, is an ongoing archaeological dig that reveals 18th-century life. Discover the story of James Madison and his fight for government by the people through gardens, trails, and exhibition spaces encompassing 2,650 acres. Then, head to your private Monticello tour. Built in 1784, this site was home to Declaration of Independence author President Thomas Jefferson. The historic museum, research institute, and presidential library populate the 5,000 acres of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, topped by Jefferson’s autobiographical architectural masterpiece.

Trade historic houses for a game of pingpong at your next stop, Broadbent Selection Headquarters. Since its founding in 1996, Broadbent Selections has been twice nominated Importer of the Year by Wine Enthusiast and once named one of the 100 fastest-growing companies by Entrepreneur magazine. Under the care of Bartholomew Broadbent, founder and CEO, tour the Broadbent facilities, taste the world’s highest-quality wine and enjoy a paired dinner, then go head-to-head with “one of the 50 most influential people in the wine world” in a game of pingpong.

End your night in the capital city of Richmond with a unique stay in the Quirk Hotel. Art-forward and designed to inspire, the Quirk Hotel redefines and celebrates Richmond, channeling its energy into a boutique hotel experience with exactly the right amount of whimsy.
A QUARTET OF BEAUTIFUL BORDEAUX MAGNUMS

TWO LEGENDARY VINTAGES, FOUR EXQUISITE WINES

- CHATEAU CHEVAL BLANC 2009 (1 MAGNUM)
- CHATEAU LAFITE ROTHSCHILD 2005 (1 MAGNUM)
- CHATEAU HAUT-BRION 2005 (1 MAGNUM)
- CHATEAU MOUTON ROTHSCHILD 2005 (1 MAGNUM)

REGION: BORDEAUX

ESTIMATED VALUE: $8,500

Each of these exquisite magnums from famed Bordeaux producers exemplify the rich tradition of this historic region. These bottles offer the rare mix of elegance and intense concentration. From the legendary 2005 and 2009 vintages, the tannins in these magnificent wines have softened over time, so these magnums are ready to drink now. With less exposure to oxygen than in standard bottles, though, wine in magnums evolves more slowly, thereby lasting longer and, some argue, gaining more complexity, so feel free to hold onto these precious gems a little longer.

GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED BY: CATHY AND BILL OSBORN
THE FUTURE IS BORDEAUX!

**TWELVE BOTTLES OF BORDEAUX**

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**REGION:** BORDEAUX  
**ESTIMATED VALUE:** $12,000

Bordeaux has been on a roll with 2018, 2019, and 2020 being some of the great vintages of all time. Here are pristine examples of four of the First Growths. You will be the first to own these gems. This lot will require some patience as the wines will arrive (directly from the Châteaux) in the coming months but it is well worth waiting for, and prices for these wines will just go up from here.

Generously contributed by: Patrick G. and Shirley Welsh Ryan
When you think of Bordeaux, first and foremost it is wine that comes to mind. And no wonder, with 60 appellations and 7,000 winemakers, the city is the capital of a region that is home to some of the oldest vineyards and finest wines in the world.

Nestled in its vineyard setting on the edge of Pauillac, between the Gironde and the Atlantic, Château Cordellan-Bages is a historic delight. The main structure of the current boutique hotel is a mansion dating back to the mid-19th century, and the oldest turrets are vestiges of the first dwelling built in the 17th century. The ultimate French wine-lover address, two nights at Château Cordellan-Bages will provide you with easy access to thousands of wineries.

Château Palmer consists of 66 hectares of gravelly soil and grassy rows over looking the Gironde estuary. Between this earth rich in ancient history and heavenly skies with their nurturing microclimate, vines flourish. Tour this incredibly popular winery and estate, then enjoy a delicious dinner paired with some of the best wine in Bordeaux.

From Bordeaux, travel to “the city of love” – Paris. Make your home Relais Christine, a delightful and discreetly luxurious boutique hotel that has managed to preserve the intimacy of the private residence it once was. Its comfortable rooms and suites, quiet lounges, vaulted spa, private flowered garden, and personalized service make Relais Christine a restful and friendly place to stay, worthy of the most famous Parisian addresses.

As a preview of the wonderful wines in store for you in Bordeaux, take home five fantastic magnums from two of the most beautiful producers in Bordeaux – Château Palmer and Château Lafite. This exquisite taste of Bordeaux, with magnums ranging in vintage from 2002 to 2012, will provide you with ample opportunities to uncork and reminisce about your incredible trip to this storied and historic region.
Welcome to Italy! Enjoy a smooth landing at the Catania Airport with VIP arrival services from an English-speaking assistant. Connect with your private driver for transfer to Grand Hotel Timeo, where old-world grandeur is punctuated with a cosmopolitan spirit. Dive into the cooling panoramic pool, surrounded by lush terraced gardens, or keep active in a well-equipped fitness center. Long evenings on the panoramic terrace sparkle with cultured conversation, and the lure of the sea is never far away. Authentic Sicilian warmth fills the walls and spills out to stunning gardens, while signature cocktails and Michelin-starred dining satiate the taste buds. This was the first hotel to be built in Taormina, harnessing the history and mystique of nearby Mount Etna and Greek theater, a place where the old world and new harmonize.

On day two, meet your private driver to depart on your excursion to Palmento Costanzo, uniquely located within Mt. Etna National Park. Transfer to the winery where your tour and tasting experience begins. Marvel at the 18th-century millstone, which still stands as an original structure and defines the winemaking process. Stroll through the picturesque vineyard before heading down to the cellars to discover the intricacies of traditional wine creation. End your visit with a selective wine tasting, followed by a four-course lunch.

On day three, meet your private guide who will escort you on a walking tour of Taormina. Begin at the Ancient Amphitheater, which was built in the third century BC and expanded by the Romans. Take in expansive views of Mt. Etna and the sea as you learn about the rich history of the arts in the region. Continue on to admire the Roman Odeon, Corvia Palace, the Dome, and the incredible landscape of Belvedere Square. End your discovery tour with a refreshing granita tasting.

On day four, meet your local guide to tour the impressive UNESCO Sites along the Sicilian coastline, beginning at the Archaeological Park of Syracuse, which houses the Greek Theater, one of the largest and most important monuments of the ancient world. Proceed to Ortigia Island for a walking tour of the historical center, which retains many early Greek buildings such as the Temple of Athena and the famous Aretusa Fountain. Break for lunch at Don Camillo, a refined restaurant that boasts an “evolution of local cuisine” that can be paired with a selection of wonderful Italian wines. After your meal, you will venture to Noto, known for its baroque architecture and 18th-century buildings. This entire city is classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Spend some time exploring the picturesque streets alongside your guide, admiring the historical architecture around every corner. End your exploration at a historical pastry shop that is managed by Chef Corrado Assenza. Celebrate your final night in Taormina with a fabulous dinner at Michelin-starred restaurant La Capinera.

Your Four-Night Trip for Two Includes:

- A four-night stay in Grand Hotel Timeo, a Belmond Hotel in junior suite with a balcony
- Daily breakfast
- Concierge service to and from the airport
- Local transportation by private vehicle
- Guided excursions with English-speaking guide
- Lunch and tasting at Costanzo
- Granita tasting
- Lunch at Don Camillo
- Dinner at Michelin-starred restaurant La Capinera

Estimated Value: $30,000

Generously Contributed By: TCS World Travel

Note: Trip is October 11-15, 2023. Dates are not flexible. Airfare is not included.
What can we say about this legendary wine that has not been said before? The 2005 Richebourg from Domaine de la Romanée-Conti is among a handful of the world’s greatest wines and is sought after by every serious collector. The impressive 2005 vintage was given 97 points by Wine Spectator, noting that “the aromas are seductive, exuding raspberry, red currant, cherry and spice notes. More muscular and powerful on the palate, full of dense tannins, this is concentrated, ripe and long.” Pinot Noir, when it is so beautifully made, is a sublime treasure.
The 100-point scale, made famous by Robert Parker in Wine Advocate, seeks to define perfection in a wine using a highly specialized range of criteria. 100-point wines require structure, complexity, balance, and typicity of the region — especially in the case of Old World wines, they must communicate the unique terroir where the grapes have been grown. Each of these bottles comes steeped in rich history and pedigree. First, named the best Portuguese wine of 2018, James Suckling calls the Taylor Fladgate Vintage 2016 “the jewel of this fantastic new vintage.” Next, five stellar bottles of Bordeaux with vintages from 2000 to 2016 give the winning bidder ample opportunity to compare both region and aging. The Beaucastel Hommage, made only in exceptional years and also the estate’s most collectable wine, is a treasure of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Some might be surprised to discover that Ornellaia is 100% Merlot, and it has been called a “primordial powerhouse of a Merlot” which will evolve for decades. With three bottles, taste and compare the evolution. Rounding out these wines is the stunningly delicious 2016 Sassicaia. A veritable journey through Old World Europe, these wines will take you on a tantalizing passage through the most classic regions of European winemaking.
Experience a tour of Sonoma like no other! The winners of this spectacular lot will enjoy a robust agenda moving from one spectacular location to another throughout the week. Start your adventure with a luxurious two-night stay at the Farmhouse Inn, nestled in the Russian River Valley among stunning majestic vistas. Kick off your trip with dinner at the FARMSTAND.

Activate all five of your senses as you experience a VIP Tasting at the spectacular vineyard of Senses Wines. Continue your VIP experience with an exclusive tasting at Occidental, where you will take a magnum with you to enjoy at a later date. Enjoy a classic farm tour with Hog Island Oyster Co. followed by a special luncheon led by Catherine Kistler from Occidental, with some of Sonoma County’s upcoming winemakers: Jasmine Hirsch from Hirsch Vineyards, Chantal Forthun from Flowers Vineyards & Winery, and Cleo Pahlmeyer from Wayfarer.

Make your way to the transformative Montage Healdsburg, nestled among 258 acres of rolling vineyards and oak tree groves. Williams Selyem will welcome you for a tour of the spectacular vineyard and receive a magnum each of their Estate Pinot Noir. Additionally enjoy two bottles for the delectable dinner at Valette. Another private tasting awaits you at Vérité, where they will host you at their stunning estate. Next, enjoy an exclusive tasting with Wayfarer Vineyard at the Pahlmeyer family home in Napa Valley, where you will once again spend time with Proprietor Cleo Pahlmeyer.

Spend an incredible afternoon and evening at Peay Vineyards’ Estate vineyard on the far reaches of the new West Sonoma Coast AVA. This stunning vineyard sits on a ridgetop amongst the coastal redwoods often nestled in a bank of fog. You will walk the vineyard with Andy Peay and spend a lazy afternoon on the porch overlooking the vineyard, sipping seven wines and nibbling on a plate of local cheeses and salumi. Afterward Andy, also an accomplished cook, will prepare you dinner paired with armfuls of Peay wines from the winery’s cellar. And, luckily, your bed is not far away as you will stay in their gorgeous Barn House that evening.

THE BEST OF SONOMA
FIVE SPECTACULAR DAYS FOR FOUR IN SONOMA

YOUR TRIP FOR FOUR INCLUDES:
- First-class roundtrip airfare to Sonoma County Airport, San Francisco Airport, or Oakland Airport on American Airlines
- A rental car
- Two junior suites for a two-night stay at the Farmhouse Inn
- Dinner at FARMSSTAND
- VIP tasting at Senses Wines
- VIP tasting at Occidental with a magnum for each couple
- Classic farm tour at famous Hog Island Oyster Co.
- Lunch at Tony’s Seafood with upcoming winemakers led by Catherine Kistler from Occidental
- Two rooms for a two-night stay at Montage Healdsburg with breakfast
- A tour at Williams Selyem with a magnum of Estate Pinot Noir given to each couple
- Dinner at Vérité
- A private tasting with Wayfarer in the Pahlmeyer family home
- Wayfarer Estate Pinot Noir Vertical 2016-2019 in fire branded wood case
- Two rooms for a one-night stay at the Barn House on site at Peay Vineyards
- A vineyard walk, tasting, and dinner at Peay Vineyards

ESTIMATED VALUE: $13,000

GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED BY: PEAY VINEYARDS, WILLIAMS SELYEM, SENSES WINES, OCCIDENTAL, WAYFARER, VÉRITÉ, FARMHOUSE INN AND MONTAGE HEALDSBURG

NOTE: BLACKOUT DATES FOR PEAY VINEYARDS EXPERIENCE INCLUDE MAJOR HOLIDAYS AND MID AUGUST THROUGH MID OCTOBER

BLACKLISTED DATES FOR PEAY VINEYARDS EXPERIENCE INCLUDE MAJOR HOLIDAYS AND MID AUGUST THROUGH MID OCTOBER
Awaken your senses on the wild shores of the Pacific Ocean in the heart of Canada’s Great Bear Rainforest at the remote luxury retreat of Nimmo Bay Resort. This exalted experience for four people in two cabins offers world-renowned customized wilderness, wildlife, culinary and wellness experiences. Of special interest is a helicopter adventure for a guided wilderness tour, a coastal safari, and curated wine pairings to complement Nimmo Bay’s culinary wonders.

Guests will reconnect with true nature through a stirring rush of available activities. Observe the local wildlife pawing the shoreline for their breakfast. Sink into a soothing massage before paddling out to our floating sauna. Awaken your palate with locally foraged culinary delights, expertly prepared under the open sky. Walk amongst ancient cedar giants. Cast a line into breathtaking mountainside rivers, accessed only by helicopter. Shower in sea spray from a breaching whale as it surfaces to greet you. Settle in around the outdoor fire for connection, storytelling, and nightcaps. Sleep soundly in the luxury of stillness, surrounded by nature’s calls.

No matter how you imagine your time in nature, the Nimmo Bay team will work with you to curate the adventures and memories of a lifetime.
From 1977 to his passing in 1980, André Mentzelopoulos transformed Château Margaux by restoring the vineyard and mansion, thereby reinstating the former reputation the Château had been known for in its beginnings. His daughter, Corinne Mentzelopoulos, took on the role of manager of the property throughout the 1980s, eventually becoming the sole shareholder and owner in 2003.

With a perfect 100-point rating from Robert Parker, this Château Margaux 1996 is “blessed with breathtaking delineation and freshness on the nose, understated at first and then blossoming with mineral-infused black fruit, hints of blueberry, crushed stone, and violet. The palate is perfectly balanced with filigree tannin and perfect acidity – a wine where everything seems to be in its right place.”

Margaux’s reputation has not once wavered since the Mentzelopoulos’ supervision, and tonight’s esteemed Auctioneer, Michael Davis, notes that the 1996 is widely recognized as one of the greatest wines under Corinne Mentzelopoulos’ reign. Magnums may be the best bottle size for long-term aging, and to have six great experiences with this outstanding vintage is a wine lover’s dream.
Our Honored Guest Maison Drouhin certainly has an abundance of superb wines in their cellars, but they are particularly noted for their Clos des Mouches. One of the first vineyards acquired by Maurice Drouhin, the founder’s son, it is named for the bees that once flew around the sun-drenched “clos.” This is a famed Premier Cru with a reputation that stands above its neighbors. The Clos des Mouches Blanc, of course made entirely of Chardonnay, is harvested by hand in small crates to maintain the integrity of the fruit. It has a complex floral nose of white lilac and white rose, white truffle, citrus, nutmeg, and honey with the complexity and integrity of a Batard-Montrachet and the power of a Corton-Charlemagne. In addition to the Close des Mouches, the 10 bottles of Premier Cru Chassagne-Montrachet have a slightly more tropical bouquet with hints of apricot and orange rind and ample depth. This lot is a White Burgundy lover’s dream!
**A FLIGHT OF PAPPY**

**PAPPY VAN WINKLE’S FAMILY RESERVE STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKEY:**
- 10yr (1 bottle)
- 12yr (1 bottle)
- 13yr (1 bottle)
- 15yr (1 bottle)
- 20yr (1 bottle)
- 23yr (1 bottle)

**ESTIMATED VALUE:** $20,000

**GENEROSLY CONTRIBUTED BY:** BREAKTHRU BEVERAGE AND SAZERAC

The 15yr is a striking, brilliant copper with a seductive aroma of intense sweet brown notes like maple, caramelized sugar, toffee, and toasted almond. The 20yr is a full-bodied bourbon with a sophisticated forefront of leather with complex notes of smoke, warm tobacco, and charred oak. Finally, the 23yr is a rich mahogany color reminiscent of a crisp fall day, with aromas of red apples, cherries, and tobacco.

**WORLD OF WHISKY DINNER**

**ARTIST DINNER AND WHISKEY TASTING FOR TEN**

**WHAT’S INCLUDED:**
- Six-course dinner for ten with Gage Hospitality Group
- Whisky tasting by Beam Suntory
- Private performance by a Lyric Opera artist

**ESTIMATED VALUE:** $10,000

**GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED BY:** BEAM SUNTORY AND GAGE HOSPITALITY GROUP

Gather your party of ten for an exclusive whisky tasting dinner, led by Beam Suntory Master of Spirits Iain McCallum. Previously the master blender for Bowmore and distillery manager of Auchentoshan, Iain has over 25 years of experience with Beam Suntory, including training with the Suntory distillery and blending teams in Japan. Enjoy a six-course dinner by Gage Hospitality Group paired with expertly selected whiskies from Beam Suntory's world whisky portfolio. Your tasting will include spirits from the Yamazaki, Bowmore, Maker’s Mark, Kilbeggan, and Canadian Club Distilleries.

While sampling notes of whisky, you will also enjoy notes of music with a private performance by a Lyric Opera artist.

Julian "Pappy" Van Winkle hadn’t always planned to enter the bourbon business, but his impact on the industry continues to be felt four generations later. As Pappy put it, he “simply tried to be honest and make a good product.” It was that clear to him, and it has stayed that way for more than 100 years. With extremely limited releases, it’s nearly impossible to buy a bottle yourself, let alone a flight!

The annual release of the Van Winkle whiskey expressions are heavily anticipated by bourbon aficionados worldwide. This exclusive lot of all six 2022 releases marks a special point in the Van Winkle history. This is the 20th year that the Van Winkle and Buffalo Trace Distillery have partnered in the distillation and aging of these products.

The flight in this lot is a magnificent combination of 10yr, 12yr, 13yr, 15yr, 20yr, and 23yr aged bourbons. Each year features its own unique profile of color, nose, taste, and finish.

The 10yr is tawny in color and very sweet, with notes of honey, dulce de leche, caramel corn, and more. The 12yr is a brilliant amber and tastes rich and decadent with butterscotch, toffee, vanilla, and hints of nectarine and satsuma adding to the complexity. The 13yr Rye is a rich copper color with incredibly enticing and complex aromas.
YOUR SEVEN-NIGHT TRIP FOR SIX INCLUDES:

- Tickets to the Ryder Cup Final Day, Sunday October 1, 2023, at Marco Simone Golf and Country Club in Rome with access to the Captain’s Club exclusive premium experience
- A two-night stay in the elegant Hotel Eden in Rome
- A five-night stay at the beautiful Villa Rosa, in the heart of Tuscany—the stunning UNESCO Heritage site Val d’Orcia
- Visit Brunello Cucinelli’s beautifully restored hamlet of Solomeo, with lunch, company tour, and an opportunity to shop at their luxurious boutique
- A white truffle hunting adventure in a private reserve, with a cooking class led by the Tuscan Chef, Alessandro Piccinini, truffle lunch and wine tasting at boutique winery, Ultima Pietra
- Tour and tasting at the historic and important Sesti winery at the medieval Castello di Argiano, featuring their beautiful Brunello wines and private lunch prepared by Michelin star restaurant Il Silene
- Round of golf for six at the private Castiglion del Bosco Golf Club, ranked No. 1 in Italy
- Epic last day of the Ryder Cup competition in Rome, cheer on the USA at the historic and important Sesti winery at the medieval Castello di Argiano, featuring their beautiful Brunello wines and private lunch prepared by Michelin star restaurant Il Silene

ESTIMATED VALUE: PRICELESS

NOTE: ALL EXPERIENCES ARE FOR SIX GUESTS IN THIS LOT. TRIPS MUST OCCUR FROM SEPTEMBER 30 TO OCTOBER 7, 2023. DATES ARE NOT FLEXIBLE. TOURS AND TASTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. AIRFARE IS NOT INCLUDED. SHIPPING BOTTLED WINE TO THE UNITED STATES IS NOT INCLUDED.

GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED BY:
Brunello Cucinelli, Sesti, The Vines, the Club at Castiglion del Bosco, Ultima Pietra and with special assistance from Neiman Marcus Northbrook

BEGIN YOUR LUXURY TRIP IN THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME AND ENJOY TWO NIGHTS IN THE BEAUTIFUL, SERENE ROOMS OF HOTEL EDEN.

Rome will host the highly anticipated 2023 Ryder Cup at the Marco Simone Golf and Country Club. Attend the final day of the Ryder Cup competition with access to the course and the Captain’s Club, a reserved table and prime-viewing position on the 7th hole—a memorable premium experience.

From Rome, travel to the picturesque hilltop village of Solomeo, the beautifully restored 12th-century hamlet, home to Brunello Cucinelli’s headquarters and factory. Enjoy an exclusive insider’s tour followed by a special access employee lunch and shopping at the elegant boutique, with its unique and coveted offerings.

Next, you will be driven to Villa Rosa, your “home away from home” for five magical nights in the Val d’Orcia, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Explore the quintessential Tuscan landscape and its spectacular scenery dotted with castles, villas, and vineyards. Your picturesque rose-colored two-story villa has four bedrooms and features an infinity pool, pool house, and an expansive 10,000 square meter garden with stunning boxwood sculptures.

Continue your experience under the guidance of one of Italy’s finest winemakers to blend your own custom barrel of Super Tuscan wine from local grapes. An exclusive experience offered by The Vines, a private club that hosts “blending escapes” with celebrated growers and winemakers across the globe to allow members to create their own unique vintage. You will work with winemaker Roberto Gipresso to blend a custom barrel, design a personalized label, and then ship the finished wine to your private cellar to be enjoyed for years to come.

Embark on a white truffle hunting adventure in a private truffle reserve hidden in the Tuscan hills. Nico and his highly trained dogs will share the secrets of white truffle hunting. Join noted Tuscan chef Alessandro Piccinini at boutique winery, Ultima Pietra, for a cooking class and lunch starring your fresh white truffles. Enjoy lunch and a very special wine tasting under the pergola at Ultima Pietra with its spectacular Tuscan vistas.

Travel to the beautifully restored medieval Castello di Argiano, home to the historic Sesti winery to tour and taste Sesti’s extraordinary expressions of Brunello. Enjoy the magnificent views during a private lunch prepared by Michelin-star chef Roberto Rossi of Il Silene, celebrated for his artistic and elegant interpretation of Tuscan cuisine.

To complete the week, play 18 holes of golf at the private Club at Castiglion del Bosco, ranked No. 1 in Italy, a Tom Weiskopf design noted for its stunning design in the rolling Tuscan hills. The final challenge is a special 19th Brunello hole with the opportunity to win a magnum of Brunello with a hole-in-one.
Lot No. 27

100 Points of Wine in the New World

**Lot No. 27**

- **SCREAMING EAGLE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2010** (1 BOTTLE)
- **SCREAMING EAGLE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2007** (1 BOTTLE)
- **SCREAMING EAGLE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2010 (1 MAGNUM)**
- **LAIL VINEYARDS J. DANIEL CUVEE 2018** (1 BOTTLE)
- **QUILCEDA CREEK CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2003** (1 BOTTLE)
- **QUILCEDA CREEK CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2005** (1 BOTTLE)
- **CHAPPELLET Pritchard Hill CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2015 (2 BOTTLES)**
- **HUNDRED ACRE Wraith CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2013 (1 BOTTLE IN OWB)**
- **HUNDRED ACRE Wraith CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2014 (1 BOTTLE IN OWB)**
- **HUNDRED ACRE Wraith CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2015 (1 BOTTLE IN OWB)**
- **DOMINUS 2018 (1 BOTTLE)**
- **MORLET FAMILY VINEYARDS CHARDONNAY “COUP DE COEUR” 2019 (1 BOTTLE)**

**Regions:** Napa Valley, Columbia Valley

**Estimated Value:** $10,000

Generously Contributed by: Caroline and Charlie Huebner, Elizabeth and Mark Hurley, Brendan and Suzanne Mulshine, Sylvia Neil and Dan Fischel, and Nancy S. Searle

**Clone Selection:**

According to Wine Advocate, the wine “comes skipping out of the glass with bright cheery scents of fresh pineapple passion fruit pink grapefruit and lime blossoms with suggestions of fresh ginger, almond croissant, and chalk dust. The medium to full-bodied palate has an electric intensity of citrus and tropical fruit layers with compelling tension and a beguiling mineral-tinged finish.”

With vintages from 2003 to 2019 in this case, you will have the opportunity to open some bottles right away and save others for special moments in the decades to come if you so choose.

Screaming Eagle, Hundred Acre, Lail, Spottswoode, Quilceda, Chappellet — these names conjure sensory notes of the most decadent American wines ever to be tasted. Treat yourself to a case of these 100-point wines.

Robert Parker calls this bottle of Screaming Eagle “utter perfection” and gives it the score to back it up. This cult wine has a following and a reputation, and this bottle stands amongst the best of the entire 2010 Napa Valley vintage.

Hundred Acre is the undisputed king of the 100-point score, having earned more than any other producer in the world. Owner Jayson Woodbridge has developed a formula for success not just with the critics, but also with his long-time followers and new collectors alike. His wines are not shy but do strike a remarkable balance that is unique to Hundred Acre.

With meticulous winemaking techniques such as cluster sorting by hand, optical sorting of berries, gentle pump-over to delicately extract aroma, color, and tannin, and hand-racking barrel to barrel every three months, it’s no surprise that the Cabernet Sauvignon produced by Dominus garners such well-deserved praise. Christian Moueix’s 2018 is another vintage of uncompromising quality.

Chappellet is a classic Napa producer with roots going back into the 1960’s. The Pritchard Hill Vineyard may be the top terroir in California and this wine is incredible. With roots dating back to 1879, Lail Vineyards is built upon generations of winemaking tradition in Napa Valley, which is represented in the J. Daniel Cuvee.

Quilceda Creek put Washington Cabernet on the map, and 2003 and 2005 were outstanding vintages. Perfumed with violets, truffles and black cherries and aged for 22 months in new French oak, these Cabernets are heavenly.

With accolades from wine critics abounding, the 2010 vintage of Spottswoode has been called “perfect” and “the epitome of wines around St. Helena.” The magnum, which ages more slowly, will be drinking beautifully for decades, while the 2007 is at its peak right now.

Coup de Coeur is a barrel-selection blend of Morlet’s Chardonnay vineyards using exclusively Old Wente clone selection. According to Wine Advocate, the wine “comes skipping out of the glass with bright cheery scents of fresh pineapple passion fruit pink grapefruit and lime blossoms with suggestions of fresh ginger, almond croissant, and chalk dust. The medium to full-bodied palate has an electric intensity of citrus and tropical fruit layers with compelling tension and a beguiling mineral-tinged finish.”
Travel to Oregon and see the Willamette Valley, home to over 500 wineries and the magnificent Willamette River. Stay in the serene Allison Inn & Spa nestled amidst the lush natural beauty of the vineyards.

Sitting on a quaint 35-acre setting surrounded by sweeping views of wine country and farmland, this elegant retreat is a true escape from the business of everyday life and will serve as a relaxing home base for exploring nearby wineries. Travel & Leisure has ranked the Allison No. 3 on its list of resorts in the western United States, making it the top resort in Oregon. While there, enjoy dinner at the Jory Restaurant, where fine dining accentuates the native flavors of Willamette Valley with a strong influence on seasonal, farm-to-table agriculture.

During your stay, Domaine Drouhin will welcome you and your guests to their Oregon property poised atop the Dundee Hills, with gentle slopes that capture the breezes and the sunshine. Here, Robert Drouhin has achieved his vision of an Oregon estate winery that could rival the great vineyards of Burgundy. The family’s principled approach to viticulture and winemaking, and long experience with Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, have earned an international reputation for excellence, which you will be able to taste during your visit to the estate.

Next, find yourself in the Résonance tasting room, located on a dramatic hilltop on their estate in the heart of Oregon Wine Country. President of Maison Louis Jadot, Pierre-Henry Gagey once said, “With Résonance Vineyard, we realized an ‘expressive single-vineyard Pinot Noir wines with an identity and personality’. You and your guests will have the opportunity to experience this yourselves with a visit and tasting at the stunning estate.

Join Bergström Wines for a private tasting at Ekollon in the heart of the Dundee Hills. Ekollon is perched at the crest of the Bergström Vineyard with a panoramic view of the Willamette Valley and its world-renowned AVAs. You will enjoy an exploration of regenerative and terroir-guided farming and vinification practices and a celebration of the delicious results.

Enjoy a private VIP winery and vineyard tour and tasting at Beaux Frères Vineyards & Winery located on an 85-acre farm atop beautiful Ribbon Ridge. Taste exceptional wines including single-vineyard Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from their Estates and other rare vineyard designates. Delight in a rustic, seasonal picnic lunch amid their scenic oak grove.

Next, Ponzi Vineyards welcomes you and your guests for a tour, tasting, and lunch with Luisa Ponzi, Director of Winemaking and Viticulture, or Jean Baptiste-Rival, CEO. Since its founding in 1970, Ponzi Vineyards has practiced winemaking that is grounded in a remarkable balance between innovation and tradition. In the vineyard and the cellar, gentle handling and a deep respect for varietal integrity are the foundation of their winemaking philosophy.

Finally, Adelsheim Vineyard welcomes you to their gorgeous property. Start your experience by walking the estate with the vineyard manager and continue touring the cellar with their esteemed winemaker, including a cave tasting experience. Stop into the home of David Adelsheim to enjoy dinner and walk through their original vines planted in the early 1970s.

Leave with four bottles of Adelsheim Quarter Mile Lane Pinot Noir 2019 to enjoy later while reminiscing about this special trip.

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A GOLFER’S PARADISE
TEE UP AT SCOTLAND’S FINEST COURSES AND DISTILLERIES

YOUR SEVEN-NIGHT TRIP FOR FOUR INCLUDES:
• Three nights at the Gleneagles Hotel in Perthshire
• Three nights at the Machrie Hotel in Islay
• One night at the Kimpton Blythewood Square in Glasgow
• All transportation while in Scotland
• Distillery tours at Bowmore and Laphroaig

ESTIMATED VALUE: $25,000
GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED BY: BEAM SUNTORY, AN ANONYMOUS DONOR, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM PAUL KLEIN TRAVEL
NOTE: TRIP DATES ARE SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 7, 2023. DATES ARE NOT FLEXIBLE. AIRFARE IS NOT INCLUDED.

Arrive in Edinburgh for a scenic 50-minute drive to your accommodations at Gleneagles, a five Red Star golf resort hotel set on 850 acres of stunning scenery in Perthshire, Scotland. A member of The Leading Hotels of the World, Gleneagles has an international reputation for the excellence and variety of the dishes prepared in its kitchens. Gleneagles, the “Palace in the Glens,” epitomizes Scotland’s rugged natural beauty with a glorious playground of pursuits. Don’t forget to start your day with breakfast, which is included in your stay.

Your next morning will begin with tee time at the King’s Championship Golf Course. Designed by the legendary James Braid, the heather and heathland-based King’s has enthralled golfers for 100 years with 18 regal holes you’ll want to play again and again. This truly is one of the best golf courses in Scotland. Take the rest of the afternoon for your leisure, exploring an array of estate activities.

Spend your last day in Perthshire with morning tee time on The PGA Centenary Championship Golf Course followed by afternoon adventures of your choosing. Jack Nicklaus described the PGA Centenary course as the “finest parcel of land in the world I’ve been given to work with.” Host to both the Ryder Cup 2014 and Solheim Cup, 2019, this masterpiece of a course offers a stern challenge in a fabulous setting.

After your stay at Gleneagles, transfer to the Glasgow International Airport for a quick flight to Islay and your three-night stay at the Machrie Hotel. Golf purists will recognize the appeal of a trip to Islay, as the Inner Hebrides rests not on a hotel, but on the Machrie Links, a Willie Campbell course. The Machrie is hotelier Gordon Campbell Gray’s first hotel in Scotland, and it’s luxurious, impeccably tasteful, and historically aware, but never old-fashioned.

You will be treated to an afternoon tour at Bowmore Distillery, Islay’s oldest licensed distillery, and home to one of the world’s oldest Scotch maturation warehouses, the No. 1 Vaults. It’s in this legendary warehouse that Bowmore single malts have been meticulously matured and transformed for over 240 years.

Enjoy your next two mornings with breakfast and tee time at The Machrie, an iconic Scottish championship links stretching to over 7,000 yards from the back tees. An original Willie Campbell design dating back to 1891, it is now a masterpiece redesigned by DJ Russell and reopened in 2018. The perfect links terrain is set on unique dune lands bordering on the magnificent Laggan Bay in Islay. The course offers four sets of accessible tees and generous fairways. The inspired runoffs, contoured greens, and revetted bunkers provide an array of shot selections around the greens, which will let the imagination run wild.

While on Islay, you will also enjoy an afternoon tour of Laphroaig Distillery with a private tasting. This historic distillery was founded in 1815 and receives its name after its location, “broad hollow by the bay.” The Laphroaig team is small and tight-knit, most having worked at the distillery for the majority of their adult lives.

Next, you will fly to Glasgow, where you will be taken to your luxurious accommodations at The Kimpton Blythevood Square, just a 15-minute drive from the airport. Glasgow’s Kimpton Blythwood Square Hotel is celebrated for its gorgeous Georgian architecture, superior service, recently renovated rooms, well-loved spa, unique event venues, and indulgent afternoon tea. The five-star property continues to define Glaswegian luxury as the only hotel in the city with AA accreditation. On your last afternoon, spend your time marveling at the red sandstone Victorian buildings and walking the delightful parks.
DINNER FOR TWELVE WITH ENRIQUE

ESTIMATED VALUE: $17,500

GENEROSLY CONTRIBUTED BY: RICHARD SHEPRO AND LINDSAY ROBERTS, AND RON BREITSTEIN

NOTE: DINNER SCHEDULED FOR FALL 2023. DATE TO BE DETERMINED.

You will have the sweetest of dreams (or sogni d’oro) after an evening spent at the home of Richard Shepro and Lindsay Roberts with their friend and special guest Enrique Mazzola. Enrique is celebrating his second season at Lyric this year, having begun his tenure as Music Director with the Early Verdi series, featuring Luisa Miller, Macbeth, and Ernani. Did you know that along with his incredible musical talent and expertise, Enrique is also the Ambassador of Vino Nobile di Montepulciano? Get a chance to hear about his exciting world travels over a glass of marvelous Montepulciano wine!

Creative gourmet and food historian Richard Shepro invites you to his state-of-the-art home kitchen for a fabulous meal and enriching conversation. Also, as a special treat, open a jeroboam of 2018 Sassicaia for you and your guests to enjoy. We guarantee you will love this meal!
A BEAUTIFUL BORDEAUX COMPARISON

TWELVE BOTTLES PLUS SIGNED DOUBLE MAGNUM

- CHÂTEAU LYNCH-BAGES 2000 (DOUBLE MAGNUM, SIGNED)
- CHÂTEAU LA MISSION HAUT-BRION 2015 (6 BOTTLES)
- CHÂTEAU HAUT-BRION 2015 (6 BOTTLES)

REGION: BORDEAUX
ESTIMATED VALUE: $10,000

A great look at a wonderful modern Bordeaux vintage. This lot gives the high bidder six chances to compare the great estates of Haut Brion and La Mission Haut-Brion as they age gracefully. Try them next to each other every four or five years. The Jeroboam of Lynch-Bages is icing on the cake – a festive large bottle that will be delicious for at least a couple of decades.
Lot No. 32

**POWERFULLY ELEGANT PALMER**

- **Château Palmer 2020** (1 Case)
- **Region:** Bordeaux
- **Estimated Value:** $4,000

Palmer delivers elegance and power, especially in a top vintage like 2020. A great lot for a person with a reason to celebrate the year 2020, be it a wedding year, a birth year, or some other occasion. These 12 bottles will easily last 40 to 50 years and will continue to give joy as they age. These bottles are futures and will arrive in the coming months.

Lot No. 33

**SEEING RED — A BURGUNDY LOVER’S DREAM**

- **Joseph Drouhin Beaune Clos des Mouches Premier Cru Rouge 2020** (10 Bottles)
- **Joseph Drouhin Gevrey-Chambertin, Les Cazetiers 2020** (10 Bottles)
- **Joseph Drouhin Beaune Clos des Mouches Premier Cru Rouge** (2 Jeroboams)
- **Region:** Burgundy
- **Estimated Value:** $5,500

Over the past centuries, the terroir in Burgundy has become known for producing the best Pinot Noir in the world. Across the globe, other regions try to re-create these ethereal bottlings, some with more success than others, but the conditions in Burgundy are difficult to emulate, and the most incredible bottles of Pinot Noir are still found in this storied region. Maison Drouhin’s famed Clos des Mouches is one of these special storied vineyards, and this lot includes 10 bottles and two jeroboams of the 2020 Rouge. The vines in the Clos des Mouches are biodynamically cultivated leading to Pinot Noir with aromatic complexity and structural finesse. Also included in this lot is one of the most highly rated Premier Crus in Gevrey-Chambertin, Les Cazetiers. The vineyards sit on a southeast-facing slope immediately west of the village of Gevrey, and Les Cazetiers is among the most elevated Premier Cru sites in all of Burgundy, yielding rich and structured wines that are relatively robust and tannic. This lot is a red Burgundy lover’s dream.
Looking to build your wine collection? Don’t miss this incredible opportunity to acquire a cellar of wine from around the world, the list of producers a veritable “who’s who” of the wine industry. These bottles span a diverse range of regions and vintages with some ready to drink now and others able to be put aside until they reach their absolute peak. Along with the wines, the winner will receive a wine refrigerator with the capacity to hold 62 bottles. This lot would make a wonderful addition to a cellar or the perfect starting point for someone who is just embarking on their oenological journey!

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**Regions:** Bordeaux, Napa Valley, Russian River Valley, Burgundy, Champagne  
**Estimated Value:** $20,000
Sourced from select hillside estates, BOND’s Cabernet Sauvignons vividly demonstrate the range of Napa Valley’s finest terroirs where they have identified and selected specific properties with the potential to define the Grand Crus of Napa Valley. These small hillside Cabernet vineyards, ranging in size from just seven to 11 acres, have become the basis for the wines of BOND. The winning bidder will have the opportunity to taste and compare each of BOND’s five Grand Crus: Melbury, Pluribus, Quella, St. Eden, and Vecina.

Next, three boxes containing three bottles each of the 2013 Hundred Acre Kayli Morgan, a wine given 100 points by Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate, will also be yours. According to the Advocate, the wine has an “extraordinary fragrance of white flowers, creme de cassis, blackberry and graphite ... a beautifully balanced, full-throttle and highly extracted wine with no hard edges and a finish of a good 45-50 seconds. The fruit character is still vibrant and intense, despite the 32 months of oak age.”
The Women's Board of Lyric expresses its immense gratitude and appreciation to all of our Featured Vintners with a bottle of wine from each. Do not miss out on this rare opportunity to bring the auction home with you!

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Raise your paddles high to support Lyric Opera of Chicago’s dedication to arts education and community engagement programs, which connect people across our city to the power of performing arts. Each bidder will receive a magnum of SONG from Gemstone Vineyard to take home and remember this wonderful night.

Commissioned by the Women’s Board of Lyric Opera of Chicago, SONG is intended to evoke the elegance of opera and the ethereal nature of the voice producing beautiful sound. This exclusive bottling of SONG comes from Gemstone Winery. The family at Gemstone is committed to sustaining and building upon the exceptional legacy of small, family-owned wineries that helped put Napa Valley on the map. Their limited production ensures optimal fruit quality to make the very best wines possible. We are thrilled to have 25 bottles of their 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon available tonight, so raise those paddles!
The first, and one of the best Super Tuscan, Sassicaia has the privilege of being the only wine from a single estate granted its very own DOC, Bolgheri Sassicaia DOC. With perfect or near-perfect scores across the board, the 2019 is one of the best vintages of all time. This is almost all Cabernet Sauvignon with a dash of Cabernet Franc, and while there is certainly plenty of fruit, it is balanced by a delicious dose of restraint. One of the most famous wines in all of Italy, Sassicaia’s stellar reputation is justified once again in this superb bottling.
Lot No. 39

1. A two-night stay at The Four Seasons Ritz Lisbon
2. A three-night stay at The Yeatman Hotel in Porto
3. Dinner at The Yeatman Gastronomic Restaurant
4. Passes to all five museums at the WOW (World of Wine)
5. A one-night stay at The Vintage House Hotel in the Douro
6. A one-night stay at Taylor Fladgate Lodge in Porto
7. Picnic lunch and tour at Croft’s Quinta da Roeda estate
8. Tour at Fonseca’s estate, Quinta do Panascal
9. A barrel tasting and picnic at Pinea Wines

Estimated Value: $9,000

Generously Contributed by: Taylor Fladgate, Four Seasons Ritz Lisbon, and Pinea, with assistance from Stephanie Fisher Travel and Ron Breitstein

WOW — PORTUGAL!

Port awaits upon arrival at your Port in Europe’s Most Unique Wine Destination

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- A two-night stay at The Four Seasons Ritz Lisbon
- A three-night stay at The Yeatman Hotel in Porto
- Dinner at The Yeatman Gastronomic Restaurant
- Passes to all five museums at the WOW (World of Wine)
- A one-night stay at The Vintage House Hotel in the Douro Valley
- A one-night stay at Taylor Fladgate Lodge in Porto
- Picnic lunch and tour at Croft’s Quinta da Roeda estate
- Tour at Fonseca’s estate, Quinta do Panascal
- A barrel tasting and picnic at Pinea Wines

Estimate Value: $9,000

Generously Contributed by: Taylor Fladgate, Four Seasons Ritz Lisbon, and Pinea, with assistance from Stephanie Fisher Travel and Ron Breitstein

Treat yourself to a one-of-a-kind European getaway by staying in the most luxurious accommodations Portugal can offer. Begin your adventure with two nights at The Four Seasons Ritz Lisbon, located in the heart of the city. Take in the views of the city’s vast, rolling hills while enjoying the art deco style of the hotel’s interiors. You can spend the day exploring the city sights, many just steps from the hotel, and enjoy a gastronomic experience at the hotel’s seasonally inspired, Michelin-starred CURA restaurant.

Following your time in Lisbon, indulge in a relaxing stay at the Yeatman Hotel in Porto. The Yeatman is located in the historic heart of Vila Nova de Gaia, next to the ancient “lodges” where Port houses like Taylor Fladgate have aged their wines for over three centuries. As one of Europe’s leading wine hotels, the Yeatman is a haven for wine lovers and the prime destination for those wishing to explore the pleasures of Port and Portuguese wine. You’ll experience the two-Michelin-star Yeatman Gastronomic Restaurant, which provides an environment of classic comfort, where discreet and understated service blends with a warm welcome. While in Porto, you’ll have passes to all five museums at the exciting new wine and culture quarter, World of Wine (WOW), where you could spend days learning about all the facets of Portuguese wine and culture. The extraordinary panorama of the River Douro and the historic center of Porto guarantee the most spectacular experience.

Visits can be arranged to leading vineyards and estates in the Minho, Dão, and Bairrada wine regions before you head to Douro for a one-night stay at The Vintage House Hotel in the heart of the Douro Valley, classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the oldest demarcated wine region in the world. The hotel, a former 19th-century winery, lies next to Rio Douro with serene and tranquil views. That night, enjoy dinner at their restaurant, Rabelo, where you may choose to dine outdoors on the terrace while you indulge in regional cuisine and wine. While in the Douro Valley, you’ll visit both Fonseca and Croft’s famous estate, Quinta da Roeda, for a tour and picnic overlooking the vineyards.

Time permitting, head out to experience the best Ribera del Duero wines at the Pinea Estate in Spain. Enjoy barrel tasting with the winemaker, a 4x4 excursion through Pinea Estate, and an alfresco picnic surrounded by Pinea vineyards at one of the highest elevations in the region. Your group will also have access to Pinea’s reserve library including old vintages, limited edition Korde Blanc, Pinea PSOUL, and large formats.

Complete your trip with a one-night stay at the Taylor Fladgate cellars and lodge, just a train ride away from Porto. Established over three centuries ago in 1692, Taylor Fladgate is one of the oldest of the founding Port houses. It is dedicated entirely to the production of Port wine and to its finest styles.
A SOUTH AFRICAN TRIP OF A LIFETIME
THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS! SPEND A WEEK EXPLORING CAPE TOWN AND VISITING WINERIES BEFORE HEADING TO KENYA FOR SAFARI

ESTIMATED VALUE: $65,000

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Often referred to as “a world in one country,” South Africa offers its visitors a picturesque natural landscape, diverse cultural heritage, and highly regarded wines. Centered around Table Mountain, one of the New Seven Wonders of the World, is one of three capital cities: Cape Town. Begin your journey here, in the city named the best place in the world to visit by both The New York Times and The Daily Telegraph.

Settle into The Glen Hotel, a boutique venue on a quiet street that promises a memorable stay filled with wonderful experiences and treasured moments before you meet your private driver, who will guide you through your week in wine country.

Get acquainted with Cape Town on a tour that treats you to the best experiences the city has to offer. After seeing the city, shop The Old Biscuit Mill, which boasts the city’s best one-of-a-kind fashions, quirky travel mementos, and an impressive trove of other unique Cape Town treasures. Enjoy lunch at The Potluck Club before meeting Duncan Savage of Savage Wines for a tour and tasting at his urban winery. Elegance and purity define these special, fresh wines. Spend the rest of your afternoon exploring Table Mountain.

Awaken the next morning for your tour of the Cape Peninsula. Begin at the Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden, known for its emphasis on the cultivation of indigenous plants. Travel next to beautiful Boulders Beach, one of few places in the world where you can get close to African penguins. After lunch, visit the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, before traversing Chapman’s Peak Drive, for another perspective of the majestic Cape Town scenery.

The next day of your stay will be spent touring the limestone-rich soils and crisp white buildings of the De Wetshof Wine Estate. The name De Wetshof has been synonymous with the production of fine wines in South Africa since the 1970s. As the first registered wine estate in the Robertson Wine Valley, De Wetshof has become known internationally as South Africa’s eminent Chardonnay house. Sample their wines as you enjoy lunch at the winery.
Your next stay is generously made possible by Delaire Graff. Positioned atop the Helshoogte Pass, delight in the unforgettable setting, panoramic views, and exceptional facilities that encompass the pinnacle of Cape Winelands hospitality. Awaken each morning in your luxury Delaire Graff lodge and enjoy the breathtaking views. Enjoy dinner at the on-site Indochine Restaurant with Indo-Asian dishes ranging from unagi linefish to yuzu and guava.

Embark on a private tour of the extraordinary palate of over 400 works from Laurence Graff’s personal art collection, carefully curated to showcase South Africa’s finest contemporary artists. Relax with a signature couples massage in the luxurious Delaire Graff Spa. Dine at Delaire Graff Restaurant, a year-round culinary destination in the Cape Winelands. Savor impeccably plated, creative bistro favorites with a South African touch paired with peerless wines in a breathtakingly beautiful setting. And experience a private tasting with Morné Very, Delaire Graff winemaker. An accomplished South African winemaker, Morné Very is relentless in his pursuit of quality and responsible for the superb portfolio of wines produced at Delaire Graff.

After a relaxing stay at Delaire Graff, visit Franschoek, known as the “Valley of Dreams” and one of the oldest towns in South Africa. Once a country retreat, Franschoek is now noted for having some of the top restaurants in the country, a strong wine culture, and pristine natural and architectural beauty.

Home to the region’s oldest wine cellar, Beaumont Family Wines was originally established in the 1700s by the Dutch East India Company as a supply farm producing fruit, vegetables, dairy, wine, and flour. Your next stop will include lunch, a tasting and a tour of the Beaumont Wine Estate, today representing a legacy of quality and responsible for the superb portfolio of wines produced at Delaire Graff.

After breakfast, check out from your hotel and transfer back to the airport for your private charter flight to the Loisaba Conservancy. Loisaba is a 57,000-acre wildlife conservancy located in Laikipia, Northern Kenya. Made up of vast community-owned ranches, it is one of Kenya’s most exciting wilderness areas with spectacular scenery and an abundance of wildlife, including many endangered species such as the black rhino, the reticulated giraffe, the white rhino, the hartebeest, and the patas monkey. Laikipia is also one of the best places to see wild dogs. Upon arrival to the Loisaba airstrip, you will be met and transferred the 15 minutes to Lodo Springs, your home for the next three nights. Take the rest of the day to get settled in your private accommodations and take in the vast views on all sides.

Located within Loisaba Conservancy, Elewana Loisaba Lodo Springs offers an ultra-private experience with eight individual, spacious tented rooms with impressive views that reach across the magical landscape of northern Kenya stretching out to Mount Kenya. Service is paramount, with each room assigned an Elewana Guest Ambassador to serve and cater to guests’ every need, as well as a dedicated safari vehicle and a highly qualified Elewana field guide who will accompany guests for the duration of their stay. Loisaba sits on a vital elephant corridor connecting the famous Laikipia Plateau and plays a key role in supporting one of Kenya’s largest and most stable lion populations.

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The Conservancy is also home to several critically endangered large mammals, including the Grevy’s zebra, wild dog, leopard, and cheetah. The next two days at Lodo Springs, are fully inclusive of meals and activities. Embark on daily safari excursions with your dedicated private guide, bird-watching walks, fishing, or mountain biking throughout the scenic grounds.

Enjoy breakfast with time for one last morning safari if you choose. Then, check out and transfer to the Loisaba Airstrip for your private charter flight to the Maasai Mara Wildlife National Reserve. On arrival to the Maasai Airstrip, meet your driver-guide and transfer to your all-inclusive private camp where you can settle in and marvel at your impressive surroundings. Wedged between the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania, the Mara River, and the Oloololo Escarpment in the western section of the Maasai Mara, the Mara Triangle is a special area of the national reserve which, unlike the rest of the reserve, is managed by a nonprofit conservancy company formed by local Maasai communities. The aims with the management of the Mara Triangle are to reduce poaching, improve infrastructure, and run community projects that strengthen conservation.

While staying at Ker & Downey Private Camp, you will be looked after by the classic style of Grevy’s zebra mobile safari, with everything planned and delivered just for you. The professional camp crew have been trained over decades to provide the ultimate safari experience. Your stay here is inclusive of all meals and game drives. Some activities may be at extra cost, such as hot air ballooning. Over the next two days, spend time at your exclusive camp taking advantage of the wonderful activities available. Explore the vast wildlife reserve with game viewing in the Maasai Mara in your private safari vehicle. Enjoy the activities offered by the lodge, including birding explorations, guided walks, and a colorful range of cultural interaction.

After a leisurely breakfast at camp, board your private charter flight to return to Nairobi, where you can connect with your departing international flight home.
Sip Champagne and savor caviar with nine of your guests as you take in breathtaking views of Chicago’s remarkable skyline and glittering lakefront from historic John G. Shedd Aquarium. Enjoy a delectable three-course dinner with well-paired wines among the vibrant colors and rhythms of aquatic life that abound around you. Dr. Bridget Coughlin, President and CEO of Shedd Aquarium, will provide a brief overview of Shedd’s critical species conservation work, including new global shark reintroduction efforts in Indonesia, coral resiliency research helping to actively restore the seven iconic reefs in the Florida Keys, and freshwater biodiversity hotspot monitoring from Central America to the Great Lakes. Delight in this special private excursion below the surface.

YOUR EVENING WILL INCLUDE:

- Dinner for twelve at the John G. Shedd Aquarium, including sustainably sourced caviar

ESTIMATED VALUE: $15,000

GENTLY CONTRIBUTED BY: INLAND SEAFOOD, JOHN G. SHEDD AQUARIUM, AND NANCY S. SEARLE

TO BE SCHEDULED ON A MUTUALLY AGREABLE DATE.
Michael Broadbent, the 24th Master of Wine, had a rich history in the wine business. His book, Wine Tasting, was the first book devoted to the taste of wine, and set the standard for how wine is tasted by professionals. Broadbent wrote notes on over 90,000 wines and had a monthly column in Decanter for 36 years, but he is best known for pioneering wine auctions. He was the founder of Christie’s wine department in 1966, partnered with Robert Mondavi to start the Napa Valley Wine Auction in 1981, and was Lyric Wine Auction’s first auctioneer! The winner of this lot will receive a signed copy of Wine Tasting. The Auctioneer is a tribute to the great Michael Broadbent, and it is a wine he’d be proud to drink in good company. The wine is refined, elegant, and beautifully balanced — in essence, the style of wine that made Napa Valley famous. Aged in one-year-old French oak barrels for 18 months, this Cabernet Sauvignon is a perfect representation of the glorious conditions Mother Nature provides. The wine is dark with aromas of cassis, plum, and anise. The palate displays rich cherry and blackberry flavors with just the right amount of fresh acidity and toasty spice. Your palate is enveloped in soft, ripe, tannins, which lead to a beautifully balanced and long finish. Only six bottles of the 2019 were made in the imperial size, adding to the allure of this rare treasure.
For the true Bordeaux aficionado who is ready to enjoy the fruits of the vine right now and save some for the cellar, this lot is for you! Here are the four first growths of the Médoc in one lot with a grand supporting cast. Each of these iconic producers has proven that their bottlings can stand the test of time, the wine evolving, changing, and improving with age. The tannins soften, the balance of fruit and earth harmonizes, and the wines sing. This lot includes a ready-to-drink vertical of Château Margaux. Open all three at a decadent dinner to taste and compare the evolution of this legendary producer. Finish your evening with the Château Rieussec Sauternes, which has evolved beautifully into a treasure trove of honeyed and lush tropical fruit. Enjoy two bottles from the perfect 2000 vintage, which has yielded wines that are opulent, fresh, and consistent. Finally, the 2005 vintage is meant for cellaring with tannic and elegant wines that will continue to improve and evolve with time. The perfect Bordeaux lot for someone to enjoy both now and in the future could be yours tonight!
When Carol Fox, co-founder and general director of Lyric, retired in 1980, the Women’s Board recognized her leadership with the gift of an 18-karat gold Rose Petal necklace designed by Angela Cummings for Tiffany & Co. The necklace was bequeathed to Lyric by Miss Fox’s daughter Victoria Flanagan Defty with the express purpose of including it as a lot in Wine Auction 2023. Women’s Board member Katherine Harvey purchased the matching earrings so that a complete set can be offered.

Angela Cummings is recognized as one of the foremost fine jewelry designers in the world and her jewelry reflects the beauty in nature and the three-dimensional art of sculpture. In 1974, she was hired as an in-house designer by Tiffany & Co. and the brand Angela Cummings Exclusively for Tiffany & Co. was created. Both the necklace and matching earrings are from this collection.

Your Scotch tasting will take you on a “tour of Scotland” and will include spirits from Beam Suntory’s Auchentoshan, Ardmore, Glen Garioch, Bowmore, and Laphroaig distilleries that have been paired with your dinner for you and your guests prepared by Gage Hospitality Group. The Scotch tasting dinner will be led by Beam Suntory Master of Spirits Iain McCallum. Previously the master blender for Bowmore and distillery manager of Auchentoshan, Iain has over 25 years of experience with Beam Suntory, including training with the Suntory distillery and blending teams in Japan.

A private performance by a Lyric Opera artist will culminate this unforgettable experience.
You won't want to miss this luxurious trip to beautiful Palm Beach, with excursions curated by jewelry designer and co-creative director of the Buccellati brand Lucrezia Buccellati. Founded in 1919, Buccellati is a renowned high jewelry brand, admired for its craftsmanship and the uniqueness of its creations. Distinctive is the use of rare stones with extraordinary colors, mixed with white and yellow gold, all nicely carved like laces. Today, the Buccellati jewels stand out for their design and for the techniques used to create them, such as the hand-engraving technique, dating back to the ancient goldsmithing traditions of the Italian “bottega” during the Renaissance times. The shapes of the collections are all inspired by the historical archive drawings, and by the very first creations of the founder, Mario Buccellati.

You and a guest will stay in a guest room at the Eau Palm Beach Resort and Spa, the only independent property in Palm Beach to earn the coveted Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star recognition and one of ten in Florida to earn the AAA Five Diamond Award. Enjoy private beach access and incredible ocean views from your own private balcony.

Your getaway begins with a private tour of The Norton Museum of Art. The museum’s permanent collection consists of more than 7,600 works in five curatorial departments: European, American, Chinese, Contemporary, and Photography. Lucrezia is an avid art collector and got the inspiration for the Buccellati Art Collection from some of the great masters of Impressionism and Post-Impressionism such as Claude Monet, Pierre Bonnard, Winslow Homer, Mikhail Larionov, and Odile Redon. The specific works included on the tour will be curated based on the winning bidder’s favorite genre and time period.

Next, you will enjoy lunch at the fabulous French bistro Bilboquet. Tucked away, just off Worth Avenue in a courtyard filled with climbing jasmine, you’ll find this elevated bistro featuring mid-century French elegance interplayed with marine touches. Echoing a South of France vibe, Bilboquet’s cuisine incorporates local South Florida ingredients, fresh catches, and daily specials.

Complete your trip with a meal created by chef Marco Barbisotti in this Palm Beach location of the Manhattan favorite, Sant Ambroeus. A touch of old-world Milan in design inspired by the Gran Caffè of the 1950’s in Italy: a mix of clean, modern lines with a warm, traditional atmosphere. Enjoy refreshing seasonal cocktails alongside a wine program comprised of fine Italian wines including esoteric options from widely unknown regions. The menu, along with the weekend’s itinerary, is designed to embrace the luminous surroundings that encompass Palm Beach.
YOUR TWO NIGHT TRIP FOR FOUR INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip flight on a NetJets Citation Latitude from Chicago to Kentucky
- Rental car
- Lodging at the Omni Louisville Hotel
- Experiences at the James B. Beam Distilling Company and Maker’s Mark
- Cocktails with the Samuels family
- VIP members-only experience at Keeneland Race Track
- Two fascinators created by Sarah Ripple of City Mouse Adornments and a member of Lyric’s creative team

ESTIMATED VALUE: $60,000

GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED BY: NETJETS AND BEAM SUNTORY

NOTE: A 3-MONTH LEAD TIME IS REQUIRED FOR KEENELAND. NETJETS AIRFARE IS VALID FOR ONE YEAR. BLACKOUT DATES APPLY.

Join your party of four in Kentucky for a special tour of two iconic distilleries and a VIP experience at Keeneland Race Track.

Your trip to the Bourbon Belt begins as your party boards a private jet courtesy of NetJets. As the most popular jet in their fleet, the Citation Latitude is designed with optimum comfort in mind and the amenities are simply endless. After arriving in style in Louisville, you’ll check into the Omni Louisville Hotel. The hotel reflects the essence of the city and invites you into an unforgettable stay.

You will then discover how the Beam Family has been making Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey for over 2 centuries. You will have the opportunity to taste bourbon the Beam way, straight from the barrel with a hammer and a thief. And, better yet, you will be sent home with more than just a taste. You will meet seventh- and eighth-generation Master Distillers Fred and Freddie Noe, in one of the historic rack houses to help you choose a bourbon to bottle. Additionally, you will experience the finest Kentucky hospitality at The Kitchen Table, where the Executive Chef will expertly pair a menu inspired by the Beam family with rare vintage spirit.

The following day, you will then explore the inner workings of the Maker’s Mark historic distillery on an intimate private tour led by Bill Samuels, Jr., Chairman Emeritus of Maker’s Mark and member of the Bourbon Hall of Fame. Spend time hearing the history and family stories while getting an in-depth look at the unique bourbon-making process from the grains to the bottle. Take a peak behind the curtain at the bespoke Maker’s Mark Private Selection custom barrel program typically reserved for top bars and restaurants around the world. Learn how wood impacts flavor with a private tasting of special not-for-sale bourbons before trying custom cocktails driven by your palate and flavor vision. Enjoy the beauty of the historic distillery while enjoying lunch with a private chef and a curated tasting of Maker’s Mark bourbons. Your visit will conclude with cocktails with the Samuels family.

Don your one-of-a-kind fascinator created by Sarah Ripple of City Mouse Adornments and a member of Lyric’s creative team as you head to Keeneland Race Track for a VIP members-only experience. Located in the Horse Capital of the World, Keeneland is an internationally renowned racecourse and the thoroughbred industry’s leading auction house. Founded in 1936, Keeneland’s mission is to continually invest in the industry and to preserve the tradition of thoroughbred racing.

Between the Bourbon Belt and Keeneland, you and your guests will have a true Kentucky experience.
William Larue Weller was the first place in bourbon history to commercially sell bourbon in the 1840s featuring wheat instead of rye in the mash bill. Wheat contributes a milder, nuttier taste with none of the rye burn. Now made at the Buffalo Trace Distillery with the same mash bill as the coveted Pappy Van Winkle, these bottles deserve a place in any bourbon lover’s home.

This lot contains a coveted collection of Weller’s 12-year, Antique, C.Y.P.B. (“Craft Your Perfect Bourbon”), Full Proof, Special Reserve and Single Barrel bourbons. Each bourbon features its own unique profile of color, nose, taste and finish. The 12 year is a smooth and balanced bourbon with aromas of lanolin, almond, creamed corn, and toasty vanilla and an oaky, intensely smooth finish. The Antique is a wheated bourbon with sweet fruit notes, a strong vanilla undertone, sharp spicy tones, and a cinnamon finish. The C.Y.P.B. bottle is the result of thousands of whiskey drinkers being asked to choose their ideal bourbon recipe, proof, warehouse location, and age. This limited-edition whiskey is the result of the overwhelming consensus – a wheated recipe bourbon, aged on the highest warehouse floors for eight years and bottled at 95 proof.

The Full Proof forgoes chill filtration to preserve all the naturally occurring residual oils and flavors that occur during the distillation and aging process and has a nose of vanilla, dark cherries, and caramel, with a finish containing notes of crème brûlée and chocolate. The Special Reserve bottle has tasting notes of honey, butterscotch, and a soft woodiness and a smooth finish with a sweet honeysuckle flair. Finally, the Single Barrel offers a distinct, full-bodied flavor in the celebrated tradition of Weller’s wheated bourbon with a nose of cherry and mint and a finish of cinnamon, coffee, and a hint of pepper.

From the infamous Judgment of Paris wine tasting in 1976, America has proven that the wines from California can more than compete with those across the globe – they can dominate! California deserves its place amongst the best, and with this lot, you’ll have the most stellar bottles that America has to offer today.

With a European point of view and California sunshine, the wines of Peter Michael are elegantly restrained treasures. Enjoy their enviable Chardonnay and Les Pavots, their flagship estate Cabernet blend. In contrast, enjoy Aubert’s hedonistic style of Chardonnay, meant to age for a decade or longer. Shafer Vineyards Cabernet is classic and opulent, sourced from the rugged hillides of Napa’s Stags Leap District. Maya Dalla Valle, or MDV, is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from Maya’s Vineyard, available exclusively by allocation and produced only in exceptional years. Each of these exquisite bottles proves the wines of America rightfully deserve a place amongst the best in the world.
Enjoy the ultimate Napa Valley horizontal tasting with six bottles of Napa Valley legend Bill Harlan’s crown jewels from the stellar 2016 vintage. Robert Parker gives these wines 96-100 points each. With only 300 to 500 cases produced for Bond wines annually, a full horizontal of Harlan’s top wines is a rare and delightful find.
Champagne has inspired many people in history to write about it when they open this magical elixir. One was Napoleon Bonaparte, who said, “In Victory, you deserve Champagne; in Defeat, you need it.” Lyric wishes the winner of this lot many more of the former for which to celebrate. Thankfully, they will have a bounty of Champagne to deploy, and with no need for patience since all these bottles have the requisite cellar time for proper enjoyment.

Over the last two decades, there have been two important trends in Champagne. One is the increased number of Les Grandes Marques making glorious Têtes de Cuvées, and the other is the burgeoning variety and quality of Growers’ Champagnes. Both are included in this lot.

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REGION: CHAMPAGNE

ESTIMATED VALUE: $5,000
GREAT WINE FROM UNEXPECTED PLACES

- CHATEAU MUSAR ROUGE 2016 (1 JEROBOAM)
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- CHATEAU MUSAR BLANC 2009 (1 MAGNUM)
- CHATEAU MUSAR BLANC 2010 (1 MAGNUM)
- DE WETSHOF ESTATE LIMESTONE HILL CHARDONNAY 2015 (1 BOTTLE)
- DE WETSHOF ESTATE BON VALLON 2016 (1 BOTTLE)
- DE WETSHOF ESTATE BON VALLON 2020 (1 BOTTLE)
- DE WETSHOF ESTATE LESCIA 2016 (1 BOTTLE)
- DE WETSHOF ESTATE BATELEUR 2009 (1 BOTTLE)
- DE WETSHOF ESTATE BATELEUR 2013 (1 BOTTLE)
- DE WETSHOF ESTATE BATELEUR CHARDONNAY 2016 (1 JEROBOAM)

REGIONS: SOUTH AFRICA AND LEBANON

ESTIMATED VALUE: $3,000

GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED BY: CHATEAU MUSAR AND DE WETSHOF ESTATE

In this lot, turn your attention to incredible wines from far reaches of the globe. The Iconic Chateau Musar from the Bekaa Valley, inspired by Lebanon’s 6,000 year winemaking tradition and influenced by the founder’s travels to Bordeaux, offers several extraordinary large format bottles. Chateau Musar white wines are truly unique, produced from some of the oldest vineyard sites in the world dating back to 5,000 B.C. The vineyards on the seaward facing slopes of Mount Lebanon and the foothills of Anti-Lebanon were planted between 50 and 90 years ago and are at 1200 meters above sea level—few vineyards of this caliber and history remain in the world today. The Chateau whites are a deep golden color with honeyed aromas of tropical fruits, pineapple, banana, and warm, toasty, buttery notes. The Chateau Musar Rouge is an equal blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cinsault, and Carignan. Deep ruby in color with notes of red cherry, plum, carob, and fig, the tannins are velvety soft leading to a long and concentrated finish that will develop for decades.

Next, De Wetshof Estate, the first registered wine estate in the Robertson Wine Valley, offers the winning bidder a range of vintage Chardonnays from 2009-2016. De Wetshof has become known internationally as South Africa’s eminent Chardonnay House due to the pioneering role it played in bringing the Burgundian grape to the country. Their limestone rich soils produce Chardonnays of impeccable style and quality, and in the lot offering you can compare both vintages and vineyard sites. Your bottles will arrive in two wooden boxes of three bottles each and a black case for the jeroboam.
Win an exclusive singular bottle of Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve 23yr Straight Bourbon Whiskey. Only the most careful and expensive distilling method can be used to create a whiskey as special as this one. These barrels were carefully selected from the heart of the warehouse for an added three years of aging. The rich mahogany color will draw you in and the long-lasting and rich finish of oak and caramel that tease the palate before fading slowly and elegantly will entice you to take the next sip. The star taste is wood with supporting notes of caramel, apple, apricot, leather, walnuts, and vanilla crème brûlée.
LE DîNER AT LES NOMADES

ESTIMATED VALUE: $6,500

GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED BY: MICHAEL DAVIS AND ART WILLIAMS

Nestled in a vintage townhouse in Streeterville, Les Nomades has long been the ultimate destination for reliable haute cuisine in Chicago. Owner Mary Beth Liccioni is an award-winning pastry chef and the most charming hostess in Chicago. Chef de cuisine Roland Liccioni began his career in Paris and has been honored with the James Beard award. Their partnership has long raised the bar for fine dining in the city. Enjoy a five-course dinner for four, paired with Dom Pérignon 2010 in magnum, Chateau Lafite 2010 (100 points), and Batard-Montrachet 2019 from Paul Pernot.
Vintner Paula Kornell has been a dedicated supporter of the Lyric Opera of Chicago for many years. We are pleased to welcome her back to our gala this evening. On your next trip to wine country, join Paula in the lovely environs of her home (fondly named Chateau Drool for the furry cast of characters who also reside there) for an intimate dinner for six. Not only will Paula pull wines from her amazing collection to pair with a multicourse dinner, but you’ll also partake in a vertical tasting of Paula’s Blanc de Noir from years 2017 through 2020.

In the kitchen, Chef Dave Cruz will prepare an over-the-top feast to pair with the array of special wines. A Bouchon alum, Chef Dave opened Ad Hoc as Chef de Cuisine in Yountville in 2006. Under his leadership, the restaurant gained immense popularity and scored three stars from the San Francisco Chronicle. He also co-authored Ad Hoc at Home with Chef Thomas Keller, which won both James Beard and IACP awards and appeared on the New York Times Best Seller list for seven weeks. Paula and Chef Dave are good friends and collaborate often. Your dinner will be delicious, beautiful, and memorable.

And, to ensure that the dinner memories will linger long after the actual event, the winner will also take home three magnums of Paula’s North Coast Brut—large-format bottles released for the first time this year and created exclusively for fundraisers like this one.
At Lyric, you'll be amazed, replenished, and inspired with must-see, must-hear live experiences. Through the timeless power of voice, acting that brings characters to life in triumph and tragedy, the splendor of a great orchestra and chorus — coupled with theater, dance, design, and truly magical stagecraft — Lyric is devoted to immersing audiences in worlds both familiar and unexpected, creating shared experiences that resonate long after the curtain comes down.
LYRIC OPERA OF CHICAGO

Lyric Opera of Chicago is committed to redefining what it means to experience great opera. The company is driven to deliver consistently excellent artistry through innovative, relevant, celebratory programming that engages and energizes new and traditional audiences.

Under the leadership of General Director, President & CEO Anthony Freud; Music Director Enrique Mazzola; and Special Projects Advisor Renée Fleming, Lyric is dedicated to reflecting, and drawing strength from, the diversity of Chicago. Lyric offers, through innovation, collaboration, and evolving learning opportunities, ever more exciting, accessible, and thought-provoking audience and community experiences. We also stand committed to training the artists of the future, through The Patrick G. and Shirley W. Ryan Opera Center, and to becoming increasingly diverse across our audiences, staff, programming, and artists—magnifying the welcoming pull of our art form, our company, and our city.

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LYRIC UNLIMITED — LEARNING & CREATIVE ENGAGEMENT

Building upon more than three decades of Lyric programs for Chicago students, Lyric Unlimited—Learning & Creative Engagement serves as the company’s arts education and community engagement division. Through a continuum of programming engaging participants of all ages and backgrounds, Lyric Unlimited has helped Lyric Opera of Chicago share opera, and the performing arts with diverse audiences across Chicago. Providing exceptional and enriching arts education, and engagement opportunities to under-resourced children, families, and lifelong learners throughout the Chicago region is a fundamental part of Lyric’s mission and represents the core of Lyric Unlimited programming. In schools and neighborhood communities and at the opera house, Lyric Unlimited offers the opportunity for all Chicagoans to connect with Lyric and explore how this 400-year-old art form still holds relevance in our daily lives. All Lyric Unlimited programs are offered at no cost or at deeply discounted rates to ensure programs reach as many participants as possible. Each season, Lyric Unlimited programming reaches approximately 100,000 people of all ages and represents all neighborhoods and communities of Chicago.

THE PATRICK G. AND SHIRLEY W. RYAN OPERA CENTER

The Patrick G. and Shirley W. Ryan Opera Center is Lyric’s preeminent artist development program that nurtures the talents of some of the most promising operatic artists of each generation. The program’s Ensemble members earn their coveted spots by successfully auditioning among more than 400 artists worldwide. Its alumni are among the dominant names in opera today. Donor generosity ensures continued unparalleled training, performance experience and professional readiness of Ensemble members. This highly competitive program, established in 1974, is honored to enjoy the support of acclaimed soprano Renée Fleming as Advisor, along with full-time staff Director Dan Novak, Music Director Craig Terry, and Director of Vocal Studies Julia Faulkner.
LIVE AUCTION

Hart Davis Hart Wine Co. will conduct the auction. By submitting an absentee bid and/or participating in the live auction, each bidder represents that they has read and agrees to the auction rules and procedures outlined below as well as any and all announcements or decisions made by the auctioneer during the auction, whether or not the bidder is present at the time of making such announcement.

The auction will take place on the Ken Pigott Stage of the Ardis Krainik Theatre.

The auctioneer has the right to regulate the bidding and any bidding disputes, including, but not limited to the interpretation of these rules and/or the rejection of any bids for any reason, shall be resolved by the auctioneer in their sole and absolute discretion.

The Auctioneer retains the right to call bids at their own discretion.

All bids are binding. Please review “Buyer Information” page 168 and “Conditions of Sale” page 170 for additional information.

Absentee bidding is available to anyone. A ticket purchase is not required to submit an absentee bid. The completed absentee bid form must be submitted to the Lyric office by 12:00 PM CT on Thursday, May 11, 2023. An auction representative will call to confirm receipt of your absentee bid form before the start of the auction. Completed bid forms are considered binding once submitted.

Absentee bidders will receive notification on Sunday, May 14, 2023 with the results of their bids.

Please call 312.827.5676 with questions.

PADDLE RAISE

For Auction Lot 37, the auctioneer will offer 25 magnums of SONG at a specific donation level. These bottles will be awarded to the first 25 donors in the paddle raise at this level of support.

AUCTION LOT COLLECTION

At the end of the auction, winning bidders must collect their lot instructions at registration. Arrangements for shipments of alcoholic beverages shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser.
BUYER INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

Bidders must be at least 21 years of age to participate in the auction.

Bidders must pre-register in advance or at the registration table the night of the auction. A valid credit card must be presented to complete the registration process. Paddles will not be provided to anyone without a valid credit card on file.

Absentee bidding is offered for the Live Auction. See Live Auction Procedures for details.

PAYMENT

Payment for the full purchase price, including all applicable sales taxes, will be charged to the credit card on file within 24 hours of the auction’s close. If a winner would like to pay by cash or check, they must notify the auction staff when they collect their pick up instructions before leaving the event.

ESTIMATED VALUE/FEDERAL INCOME TAX INFORMATION

A good faith estimate of the fair market value is provided for each lot. This estimate is not a guarantee of the item’s value. Items have not been appraised unless noted. Amounts paid for wine or other items are deductible for federal income tax purposes only to the extent such amounts exceed the fair market value of such wine or other items. Please consult your tax advisor to clarify the amount of deduction.

LIMITS ON IMPORTATION

Bidders are reminded that a state may impose limitations on the quantity of alcoholic beverages which may be purchased and brought into its jurisdiction by a purchaser from another state, without requiring the purchaser, a seller, or shipper to possess certain licenses or permits. Lyric and Hart Davis Hart shall not, as a condition of sale, assume any obligation nor bear any responsibility whatsoever for applying for or obtaining any permits or licenses in the event the quantity purchased exceeds said limitation. Therefore, all bidders are strongly advised to investigate the possibility of such limitation and to determine the manner in which alcoholic beverages shall be brought into a state from Illinois so as to comply with all of said state’s requirements.

AUCTION ARRANGEMENTS OF LOTS, AS DESCRIBED IN THE CATALOGUE

Wines, luxury items and experiences, fine dining, and travel packages are listed as lots and fully described in the printed Catalogue. All lots are marked by lot number and the quantity offered within the lot is listed. Donor name is listed in the description. Any special conditions or restrictions are noted. Unless otherwise announced by the auctioneer at the time of sale, all bids are per lot as numbered in the printed Catalogue. Lyric reserves the right to add or withdraw items, without notice, to or from the auction.

No goods will be released until fully paid for by the winning bidder. Any unclaimed prize(s) will be forfeited if not collected by December 31, 2023.
The property listed in this Catalogue, as may be amended by addendum sheet or oral announcement during the sale, is offered by Lyric Opera of Chicago (hereinafter referred to as “Lyric”) on the following terms and conditions. ALL PROPERTY IS SOLD “AS IS” AND LYRIC DOES NOT MAKE ANY EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS OF ANY KIND OR NATURE WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPERTY, and in no event shall be responsible for the correctness of or be deemed to have made any representation or warranty of merchantability, description, genuineness, quality, attribution, provenance or condition concerning the property and no statement in the Catalogue or made during the auction and/or at the sale or in the bill of sale or the invoice or elsewhere shall be deemed as such warranty or representation or an assumption of liability. Lyric shall not be liable for any incidental or consequential damages arising from the sale of any property. Each bidder assumes all risks and hazards related to the auctions and items obtained at the auctions. Each bidder agrees to hold Lyric harmless from any liability arising directly or indirectly from the auctions as well as Lyric’s officials, members and the event organizers, sponsors and/or volunteers connected with the auction.

As used in the “Conditions of Sale,” the term “the final bid” means the price at which a lot is knocked down to a Buyer, and the term “the purchase price” means the sum of the final bid payable by the Buyer. Lyric reserves the right to withdraw any lots before or at the sale or to combine two or more lots.

The highest Bidder acknowledged by the Auctioneer shall be the Buyer. The Auctioneer has the right to reject any bid and to advance the bid at his absolute discretion and, in the event of any dispute between bidders, to determine the successful bidder or to re-offer and resell the Article in dispute. Should there be any dispute after the sale, Lyric’s record of final sale shall be conclusive. On the fall of the Auctioneer’s hammer, the Buyer assumes full risk and responsibility for the lot and will be required to sign a confirmation of purchase, supply his/her name and address, and pay the full purchase price. Receipt of payment shall be deemed the completion of the sale. If the Buyer fails to comply with any such requirement, the lot may, at the Auctioneer’s discretion, be put up and sold again.

Absentee Bids which are submitted to Lyric in writing or are otherwise left with Lyric prior to the sale for execution at or below a specific price are entertained and executed by Lyric for the convenience of the bidders, but Lyric shall not be responsible for failing to execute such bids or errors relating to the execution of such bids.

All sales are final. There will be no exchanges or refunds unless otherwise noted. If any applicable conditions herein are not complied with by the Buyers, Lyric may, in addition to asserting all remedies available by law, including the right to hold the Buyer liable for the purchase price, either (i) cancel the sale, retaining as liquidated damages any payment made by the Buyer; or (ii) resell the property on seven days’ notice to the Buyer. If Lyric resells the property, the Buyer shall be liable for the payment of any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs including warehousing, the expenses of both sales, reasonable attorney’s fees, and all other charges due hereunder and incidental damages. The Buyer shall pay any applicable federal, state, and local taxes, including City of Chicago and State of Illinois sales tax. Lyric reserves the right to refuse any person admission to the premises or attendance at the auction. Bidders must be at least 21 years of age. All disputes in connection with the auctions shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Illinois, without giving effect to any conflicts of law principles. Each bidder agrees to submit and consent to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the state and federal courts located in Cook County, Illinois, in any action arising from or relating to the auctions or these rules.
SPECIAL NOTICE

WINE

Wines are described in the Catalogue as correctly as can be ascertained at the time of printing, but buyers of old wines must make appropriate allowance for natural variation of ullages, condition of cork and wine. No returns will be accepted. Unless otherwise stated, Bordeaux are château-bottled.

Any statement as to authorship, origin, date, age, provenance, and condition is a statement of opinion and is not to be taken as a statement or representation of fact. Lyric reserves the right, in forming its opinion, to consult and rely on any expert or authority considered by Lyric to be reliable.

FINE DINING PACKAGES

Every effort will be made to ensure that mutually agreeable dates can be determined between buyer and auction donor. However, Lyric Opera of Chicago has no influence with regard to final date selection, menu selection, or wine selection beyond that which is specifically listed in the Catalogue.

TRAVEL ITEMS

Purchasers of travel items will receive certificates or vouchers relating to the items outlined in the lot description. Please note expiration dates. If no expiration date is listed, the item expires May 13, 2024. Lyric Opera does not assume responsibility for further coordination of the trips. It is the responsibility of the purchaser or their travel agent to make all trip coordination arrangements. The luxury trip lots are intended for personal use only and are not transferable. Airfare is only included as noted.

CONTAINER DESIGNATIONS

HALF BOTTLE

A small bottle that holds 375 milliliters of wine, half as much as a standard bottle.

BOTTLE

The standard size bottle, 750 milliliters of wine. Sparkling wine bottles only appear to be larger than standard because they are made of thicker glass to withstand the pressures of carbonation.

MAGNUM

A bottle that holds 1.5 liters of wine, the equivalent of two regular bottles. Sparkling wines are sometimes fermented in magnums because this method is believed to strengthen the wine's life.

DOUBLE MAGNUM

A bottle that holds 3.0 liters of wine. This bottle generally is used for sparkling wines. In certain cases it is termed “jeroboam;” see below.

JEROBOAM

An oversize bottle that holds approximately 4.5 liters of wine, the equivalent of six regular bottles. A jeroboam of Champagne and Burgundy holds 3.0 liters, the equivalent of four regular bottles.

IMPERIAL

An oversize bottle that holds approximately 6.0 liters of wine, the equivalent of eight regular bottles.

METHUSELAH

Holds the same capacity as an Imperial, but is of a different shape.

SALMANAZAR

An oversize bottle that holds 9.0 liters of wine, the equivalent of 12 regular bottles (one case).

BALTHAZAR

An oversize bottle that holds 12.0 liters of wine, the equivalent of 16 regular bottles.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR

An oversize bottle that holds approximately 15.0 liters of wine, the equivalent of 20 regular bottles.

CASE

12 standard bottles

MAGNUM CASE

6 magnum bottles
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