



LOT 301

1 magnum 2002 Willamette Valley Vineyards Hannah's Vineyard Pinot Noir

Donated by Jon Mason, Willamette Valley Vineyards

Description by Don Wyche

Jim Bernau founded Willamette Valley Vineyards in the late 1980s with the goal of creating elegant, classic Oregon wines from the Willamette Valley. A combination of determination and extraordinary people has brought Willamette Valley Vineyards from an idea to one of the region's leading wineries, earning the title "One of America's Great Pinot Noir Producers," from Wine Enthusiast Magazine. The soil in Hannah's Vineyard, made up of wind-blown volcanic and glacial dust, grows small, intensely concentrated Pinot Noir berries. Each year, the best barrels are selected to create the Hannah Vineyard Pinot Noir. The 2002 Hannah's Vineyard (less than 1000 bottles produced) has rich black plum flavors with a hint of tea, cardamom, pepper, and earth. It has a long mouth-coating finish and the peak drinkability is now.

LOT 302

4 bottles 1993 Beaune Peirizots

Donated by Heidi & Douglas Marshall

LOT 303

2 bottles 2003 Les Fiefs de Legrange St. Julien

Donated by Heidi & Douglas Marshall

Description by Matt Morgan, Morgan and York

The second wine of a long undervalued estate that made a dramatic turnaround in quality in the 1980s. Mostly cabernet sauvignon, from a warm and dramatically extracted vintage. Ready to drink but could cellar surprisingly well.



LOT 304

2 bottles 2004 Chateau Arnauld

Donated by Heidi & Douglas Marshall

LOT 305

1 bottle 1995 Chambertin Adrien et Jean-Claude Belland

Donated by Enspire Dental

Description by Matt Morgan, Morgan and York

One of the celebrated vintages of the 1990s, and in early maturity for such a grand cru pedigree.

LOT 306

1 bottle 1998 Chambertin Joseph Drouhin

Donated by Bodmann LLC

Description by Matt Morgan, Morgan and York

More backwards and heavily structured than some of the late 1990s vintages, but perhaps better built for the long haul. Ten years may be too soon, 2018 a better bet.

LOT 307

Joseph Phelps Merlot 4 Year Vertical

1 bottle each: 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001

Donated by Telemus/Beacon Investment Company



And...

LOT 308

Joseph Phelps Cabernet Sauvignon 4 Year Vertical

1 bottle each: 1998, 1999, and 2000

2 bottles 2001

Donated by Print-Tech, Inc.

Descriptions by Don Wyche

This wine auction (and probably other top charity wine auctions) features numerous lots of the justly famous Backus Vineyard and Insignia cabernets from Joseph Phelps. So it is easy to forget that the more common Joseph Phelps Napa Valley appellation wines are consistently good, occasionally equaling, or bettering, the ratings of their more prestigious, more costly, siblings. These two lots each feature a four-year vertical (1998-2001). The Cabernets earned, from the Wine Spectator, 88, 92, 86, 88, respectively. The Merlots received 86, 91, 88, 88, respectively. With each lot, you get four bottles of excellent wine and opportunity to compare and contrast four vintages. All of these wines are drinking well now.

LOT 309

3 bottles 2006 Mer Soleil Silver Unoaked Chardonnay

Donated by George Louis, Caymus Vineyards

Description by Ron Sober, Everyday Wines

As for this Mer Soleil Chardonnay, what can you say? The unoaked nature of the wine means that you have a chance to taste this fabulous grape for what it can do, not for how much oak it can take. Pick up this lot and you can see why the Wine Enthusiast popped for a 92 rating.



LOT 310

2 magnums Matanzas Creek Winery Sonoma County Merlot-- Wine Club Members Blend

Donated by Rich and Karen Brown

Description by Don Wyche

Matanzas Creek Winery is located in Bennett Valley, a new Sonoma County AVA, where conditions are ideal for growing Merlot grapes. Founded in 1977, Matanzas Creek has established a reputation for beautiful lavender gardens and consistently outstanding Merlot and Chardonnay. Most of the Merlot in this wine (Merlot 76%, Cabernet 21%, Syrah 3%) is Petrus clone from their Jackson Park vineyard, where the basalt tends to give the wine a “smoky” flavor. Aged for 14 months in French oak, The “Wine Club Members Blend” is full-bodied and flavorful. This wine is not marketed to the general public, so this lot is a rare opportunity to acquire a scarce and excellent wine.

LOT 311

1 magnum 2004 Cuvaision Estate Wines Carneros Merlot 1 magnum 2005 Cuvaision Estate Wines Carneros Chardonnay

Donated by Kim Peters, Cuvaision Winery

Description by Ron Sober, Everyday Wines

Cuvaision were one of the Carneros district pioneers and have had great success with both Merlot and Chardonnay in this cool climate. The Chardonnay has been described as having an intense honey drop flavor, while the Merlot having an alluring spice to it. Both wines come from low-yielding vineyards.



LOT 312

**3 bottles Solterra Reserve in a gift basket including
Marlena Studer CDs, Chilean recipes, and snacks to munch on**

Donated by Marlena Studer

Description by Ron Sober, Everyday Wines

Marlena created the Solterra label and has been bringing her wines into our market for a few years now. This is a great opportunity to taste the cross section of the Solterra wines and see for yourself what the buzz is. Another perk is that you are supporting one of our local entrepreneurs.

LOT 313

**1 magnum 2005 Barnett Vineyards Spring Mountain District
Cabernet Sauvignon**

Donated by Fiona Barnett, Barnett Vineyards

Description by Kevin Hobart, Logan: An American Restaurant

Spring Mountain, which rises above St. Helena in the Napa Valley, is the source of some of California's most distinctive and age-worthy Cabernet Sauvignon. Donated by proprietor Fiona Barnett, this magnum will be a great addition to your collection! made from vines grown near the summit of the mountain, time and geologic processes have left these very steep vineyards nearly bereft of topsoil, and the vines enjoy amazing exposure to the sun and rot-inhibiting breezes. All this yields very intense fruit whose wines are capable of improving perhaps for decades.



LOT 314

**1 bottle 2004 Trinchero Stagecoach Vineyard Napa Valley
Cabernet Sauvignon**

**1 bottle Trinchero Chicken Ranch Napa Valley
Cabernet Sauvignon**

**1 bottle Trinchero Lewelling Vineyard Napa Valley Cabernet
Sauvignon**

Donated by David Elkins, Trincher Family Estates

This lot provides the winner with an excellent opportunity for a tasting of Trinchero Family Estates' Cabernet Sauvignon from three different vineyards. The "Stagecoach Vineyard," is a special mountain vineyard in Napa Valley that yields a deep ruby red Cabernet Sauvignon with succulent blackberry, plum and cassis flavors, and a complexity that will urge you to sip and sip again. A working egg farm chicken ranch up until the mid 1950's, the "Chicken Ranch Vineyard" is in the esteemed Rutherford appellation. The area produces full-bodied, rich, ripe flavors with pure, luscious flavors of ripe plum and blackberry. Rich and luscious with layers of cherry, black currant and cassis, the Trinchero Lewelling Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon possesses intense flavors and aromas.

LOT 315

2 bottles 1996 Chateau Cantemerle Haut Medoc

Donated by Heidi & Douglas Marshall

Description by Matt Morgan, Morgan and York

Somewhat unusual in Margaux for the high percentage of Merlot, the emphasis here is on aromatic, polished and supple wine. The 1996 was a fine vintage, showing good balance and poise, that should be mature now, but capable of lasting a decade or more in good cellars. A 'Wine Spectator Top 100' choice in 1999.



LOT 316

2 bottles 2006 Orange Muscat - Essensia

2 bottles 2006 Black Muscat – Elysium

2 bottles 2006/07 Orange Muscat - Electra

Donated by Andrew and Laurel Quady, Quady Winery

Description by Kevin Hobart, Logan: An American Restaurant
Few grapes possess the intrinsic exoticism of Muscat, even its name suggests the romance of a faraway port city, fragrant with the mingling of fruit and spice from the west and the east. Andrew Quady has become America's leading specialist with this variety, crafting luxurious dessert wines from the Orange and Black Muscat. With this lot, you'll get 750ml bottles each of the 2006 Essensia, the 2006/07 Electra 2006 (Orange Muscats), and the 2006 Elysium Black Muscat. The Electra is in the vein of a Mostacato d'Asti, minus the bubbles. It is very light and refreshing wine, at only about 4% alcohol. The Essensia is more full-blown, with ripe pear and citrus notes with sweet floral highlights. The Elysium has more fleshy berry qualities, which makes it better with chocolate. Enjoy!

LOT 317

1 magnum 2003 Pride Mountain Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon

Donated by The Ann Arbor News

Description by Don Wyche

The Pride Mountain Vineyard lies on the top of the Maycamas mountain range that separates the Napa and Sonoma Valleys. The Napa-Sonoma boundary runs right through the middle of the property, which results in some Pride wines being Sonoma, some Napa, and some both. The Pride family purchased the winery in 1989 and they immediately gained acclaim for their rich, opulent Merlots and Cabernet Sauvignons. The "supple and elegant" 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon received a 91 from both Wines & Spirits and the Connoisseurs guide. Just reaching it's peak now, this wine should last another 5 – 6 years



LOT 318

1 double magnum 1996 Chateau Bel Air Haut-Medoc

Donated by Patti & Michael Schaffer

Description by Matt Morgan, Morgan and York

A double-magnum of a wine from a good vintage that would be gloriously mature if in a 750ml right now, but probably still packs some baby fat. Crack it now with a few friends and some rare prime rib, if you can't wait.

LOT 319

2 bottles 2000 Chambertin Clos de Beze Domaine Pierre Gelin

Donated by Jim and Patsey Donahey

Description by Matt Morgan, Morgan and York

From 70+ year-old vines in the Clos de Beze, given the red-carpet treatment with 70% new barrels used in aging. Well-made and interesting wine, if yet 5 years or more from its peak.

LOT 320

6 bottles 2000 Chateau de St. Gemme

Donated by Heidi & Douglas Marshall

LOT 321

**3 bottles 2002 Havens Black & Blue
Napa Valley Estate Vineyard Red Wine**

Donated by Scot and Beth Morrison



LOT 322

**1 bottle 2004 Stryker Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon
Dinner for 2 at Schuler's Restaurant and Pub**

Donated by Schuler's Restaurant and Pub

This Stryker Cabernet Sauvignon is very dark in color, giving hints to the wine's density. Let it breathe and a complex bouquet unfolds with aromas of blackberry, cherries and tea with a core of currants and a hint of spice and vanilla. If you think that's good, just wait until you get to Schuler's Restaurant and Pub in Marshall! Enjoy dinner for two at this classic Michigan establishment.

LOT 323

2 magnums 2001 Bricco Mailolica Vigna Barbera d'Alba

Donated by Rich and Karen Brown

Description by Matt Morgan, Morgan and York

Packed in its original wooden box, this small production (1000 cases) wine comes from low-yielding 20+ year-old vines, and is aged in small oak barrels before bottling. Rich, plummy, and velvety in its youth, with some notes of tobacco and spice setting in as it matures. Versatile at the table, equally at home with fish or red meat dishes.

LOT 324

**3 bottles 2004 Chateau Ste. Michelle Artist Series
Meritage Collection**

Donated by Ted Baseler, Chateau Ste. Michelle

Description by Bob Bertheau, Head Winemaker

The 2004 Artist Series Meritage is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot from the Columbia Valley. Each variety contributes a special attribute to the blend, resulting in a complex wine with aromas of black cherry, plum and cedar, with elegant tannins and rich concentrated flavors and a lingering finish."



LOT 325

2 bottles 1996 Chambertin Jean Claude Belland

Donated by Norton's Flowers

Description by Matt Morgan, Morgan and York

An excellent vintage, produced in Santenay by Belland from their tiny (0.4 hectares) holding in Chambertin. The oak is well intergrated and the wine itself generous with lovely balance.

LOT 326

12 half-bottles Heitz Wine Cellars Napa Valley Ink Grade Port

Donated by Kathleen Heitz Myers, Heitz Wine Cellars

Description by Kevin Hobart, Logan: An American Restaurant

This is Napa Valley's most authentic version of Port! Using eight grapes common in the Douro Valley, but rarely seen in California, Heitz has created a wine rich in the dried fruit, spice, and fig character that is the hallmark of these great wines! Enjoy this with a nice piece of Point Reyes Blue, or your favorite blue cheese: what a combination! With 12 bottles to share, you'll have plenty of opportunity to find your favorite pairing...

LOT 327

1 magnum 2003 Pahlmeyer Red Wine

Donated by Fidelity Investments

Description by Don Wyche

Jayson Pahlmeyer, a very successful trial lawyer, followed his dream of producing a California Bordeaux blend with the aid of a multitude of experts. He started planting grapes in 1980 and his endeavor is a huge success. Of the 57 Pahlmeyer wines reviewed by Robert Parker, over 80% of them (46) have earned 90 or higher. Of the 2003, Parker says



“Deep ruby/purple-colored, with a big, smoky, fragrant nose of creme de cassis, smoked meats, plum, and licorice, it boasts great intensity, rich, full-bodied, powerful flavors, decent acidity, moderate tannin, and tremendous persistence. 94”.

LOT 328

A Case of Bouvet-Ladubay Rose Excellence

Donated by the Ann Arbor Art Center

Bouvet-Ladubay, founded in 1851, is the second-oldest sparkling-wine producing establishment in the Saumurois. From Saumur, Anjou-Saumur in the Loire Valley of France, this Rose features pink-copper color with steady, medium-sized bubbles, scents of red raspberry, pear cider, and rose hips, and a full-bodied feel in the mouth. Fairly well-balanced, but noticeable alcohol content. Flavors of red, tangy fruits - cranberry, red plums. Bid on this case and add a touch of class to the smoky flavors at a backyard BBQ party or gravlax brunch.

LOT 329

2 bottles 1996 Chateau Sociando Mallett

Donated by Heidi & Douglas Marshall

LOT 330

1 magnum 2003 Rudd Vineyards & Winery Oakville Estate Red Wine

Donated by Fidelity Investments

Description by Don Wyche

This is another instance of a successful businessman, in this case food and wine entrepreneur Leslie Rudd, realizing a dream of owning and managing a successful winery. In 1996, Mr. Rudd purchased an estate



in Oakville, a volcanic bench with red, rocky soil ideal for Cabernet family varietals. The red wines he has produced from this site are superb. Robert Parker gives the 2003 Oakville Estate Red a 93, describing it as “Layered, beautifully-textured, broad, elegant, and refreshing”. Best drunk between now and 2020.

LOT 331

2 bottles 1993 Chateau de Beaucastel

Donated by Rich and Karen Brown

Description by Matt Morgan, Morgan and York

Long one of the Rhone's top performing estate, producing some of its longest lived and most memorable wines. Unusual for the large amount of mourvedre in the blend, which graces Beaucastel with a floral, leathery note uncommon in the region. The 1993 was an excellent year for Beaucastel, and while the wine is in early maturity, it should last another 10-20 years in the right cellar.

LOT 332

1 double magnum 2005 Mer Soleil Monterey Chardonnay

Donated by George Louis, Mer Soleil

Description by Ron Sober, Everyday Wines

Nothing invigorates a party like opening a big boy like this. See the delight in your guests faces whenever you haul this out of your ice box, then watch their jaws drop whenever they realize that it is Mer Soleil Chardonnay. The Wine News dished out a fantastic 91 rating for this wine and had this to say, “Exotic aromas of orange marmalade, lychee, honey and brown spice. Oily flavors of candied mango, lemon butter and pineapple. Honeyed close exudes butter.”



LOT 333

1 magnum 1996 Joseph Phelps Winery Insignia

Donated by Blue Care Network of Michigan

Description by Don Wyche

The 1974 Insignia was the first Bordeaux-style blend produced in California under a proprietary label. It was very successful and this success has continued, resulting in an unbroken line of top-flight Cabernet Sauvignon based wine. The 1996 (92 RP, 93 WS) has classic black currant flavors, is intense and fresh, and has a long finish. Drink this now or hold a few years for a special occasion.

LOT 334

2 bottles 1992 Fisher Vineyards Wedding Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

Donated by Eiler Communications

Description by Don Wyche

The rocky, south-facing slope in front of the Fisher winery was renamed by Fred & Juelle Fisher to "Wedding Vineyard" to celebrate their marriage. This vineyard produces a small yield of tiny berries that produce an intense, concentrated Cabernet Sauvignon. Robert Parker called the 1992 Wedding Vineyard Cabernet "an awesome example of California Cabernet". He rated it a 95: "opulent with huge, chocolaty, roasted herb, cassis aromas, magnificent flavor concentration". Superb now and should remain so for at least 10 years



LOT 335

4 bottles 1996 Joseph Phelps Backus Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

Donated by the Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest

Description by Don Wyche

The Backus Vineyard has been providing fine Cabernet Sauvignon for Joseph Phelps Winery since 1977. The grapes are from old vines (planted in 1975) grown in a steeply terraced vineyard with brick-red soil. Robert Parker: "The dense ruby/purple-colored 1996 Cabernet Sauvignon Backus Vineyard reveals a gorgeous nose of sweet cassis fruit, chocolate, iron, and licorice. It is Full-bodied, powerful, and weighty, with moderately high tannin. 92". Although ready to drink now, this wine will keep for many years.

LOT 336

Saintsbury Sampler

1 bottle 2006 Brown Ranch Chardonnay

1 bottle 2006 Brown Ranch Pinot Noir

1 bottle 2006 Stanly Pinot Noir

1 bottle 2006 Toyon Pinot Noir

1 bottle 2006 Lee Pinot Noir

1 bottle 2006 Cerise Pinot Noir

Donated by David Graves and Richard Ward, Saintsbury

Description by Kevin Hobart, Logan: An American Restaurant

In 1981, David Graves founded the Saintsbury, a winery dedicated to showcasing the then little known appellation of "Carneros," a relatively cool area above the San Pablo Bay and one that has become famous for its Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Like most wineries of that time, they had "regular" and "reserve" bottlings. As time went by and the vines matured, the winery decided to drop their "reserve" wines and replace them with a



series of single vineyard wines. With this lot, you and your friends have a ready-made tasting experience at your disposal. Warm up with a bottle of their "Brown Ranch" Carneros Chardonnay, and proceed with Pinot Noirs from five different vineyards, Brown Ranch, Lee, Stanly, Toyon Farm, from Carneros, and the Cerise Vineyard in the Anderson Valley of Mendocino. What a lineup!

LOT 337

**6 bottles 2000 Pierre Bouzereau-Emonin Puligny-Montrachet
1er Cru Les Folatieres Burgundy Chardonnay**

Donated by Jeff and C.J. Hauptman

Description by Matt Morgan, Morgan and York

Domaine bottled wines from a tenth-generation producer of fine white burgundy. Made exclusively from the premier cru parcel slightly north of Le Montrachet. A fine vintage, in early maturity.

LOT 338

1 bottle 1978 Leroy Beaune-Lizies Cote d'Or

Donated by Scot and Beth Morrison

LOT 339

**1 double magnum 2003 St. Supery Napa Valley
Cabernet Sauvignon**

Donated by the Skalli Family, St. Supery Vineyards & Winery

Luxurious, rich and concentrated with aromas of cherry, currant and blueberry these are just the start of this 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon. The harmonious flavors of black cherry, anise and plush cassis explode upon tasting. This is a classic Napa Valley Cabernet which is wonderful young but has everything it needs to age beautifully. Enjoy now through 2011. (courtesy of www.stsupery.com)



LOT 340

1 Bottega Del Vino 2 Pack Gift Box - Super Venitian
1 bottle 2001 Lionello Marchesi Chianti Classico Reserva
1 Gattorna Lion Du Cave Replica Corkscrew

Donated by Dan Schwartz



The work of 315 artists was exhibited in the Art Center's two exhibition galleries this past year.
