

# NOTES

## LIVE PERFORMANCE

### LIVE AUCTION

LOT L1

#### **2004 Signorello Cabernet Sauvignon**

One 9 litre bottle signed by Ray Signorello

A magnificent bottle of spectacular wine. The Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is Signorello's signature wine, expressing characteristics of cassis, plums and tobacco, with hints of vanilla.

The long and intense finish is accentuated by the young velvety tannins. Drink now through to 2018. The Estate Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon from Signorello is one of a kind; etched, hand-painted and signed by proprietor Ray Signorello, who will be in attendance.

**Donated by: Signorello Vineyards  
Edge Wines**

**Value: \$3000**

LOT L2

#### **THE ITALIAN STALLIONS**

Twelve 750 ml bottles, six each of 2001 Sassicaia and 2000 Gaja Sori Tildin

Sassicaia, a wine from Tuscany's ultra-modern premium winery may just be coming into its prime. This blend of about 80% Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Cabernet Franc is a wine that will last until 2015 or longer; it is richly full-bodied, has complex succulent flavours and aromas and a very long finish. "Sleek, refined tannins and a silky finish – 94 points." *Wine Spectator*.

Gaja was established as a family winery in 1859. Angelo, the winemaker since 1962, is from the fourth generation and holds a legendary status in the wine world today, producing wines that rival the greatest in the world. Sori Tildin, a single vineyard, shows off the Nebiolo grape to perfection with fine, elegant, approachable wine that also exhibits a rich fruit concentration. Black currant and cherries mingle with attractive oaky notes on the nose. *Wine Spectator* – 96 points.

A collector's dream!

**Donated by: Harald & Sharlene Ludwig**

**Value: \$4400**

LOT L3

**1992 CHÂTEAU MOUTON ROTHSCHILD**

One 6 litre bottle

Château Mouton Rothschild is one of the most famous wines of all the Bordeaux châteaux. Baron Philippe de Rothschild was an early promoter of "Château bottling" in the Medoc and was an innovator by annually commissioning artists to design special artwork for the Mouton labels. The artist for the 1992 vintage is the Danish painter Per Kirkeby. The vineyard is 185 acres planted to 80% Cabernet Sauvignon and the remainder to Cabernet Franc and Merlot, producing 25,000 cases annually. The '92 has fashioned a flattering, soft, opulently-styled wine with medium body and a big, fragrant nose of jammy cassis, smoky oak and roasted herbs and nuts. A lush, velvety-textured finish. Ready to drink now, this special bottle will be at perfect maturity for the next 5-10 years.

**Donated by: Frank Giustra**

**Value: \$4000**

LOT L4

**1995 CHÂTEAU DE LA GARDINE CNDP "CUVEE DES GÉNÉRATIONS"**

Six 1.5 litre bottles

Château de la Gardine Châteauneuf-du-Pape is world renowned and highly regarded by wine enthusiasts. This 1995 vintage is no longer being sold by the winery, so this is a rare opportunity to obtain an aged Châteauneuf-du-Pape wine from one of the oldest producers in the Rhône Valley.

Taking a sip of this fabulous Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée des Générations Gaston Philippe 1995 makes you understand why aficionados of this appellation have insisted that a great Châteauneuf can rival top Bordeaux or red Burgundy in sheer hedonistic pleasure. Lush and ripe, this creamy-textured red combines impressive cassis, dried herbs and peppery notes that linger on the long finish. The top '95 reds, especially in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, are tempting to drink any time, but there is enough concentration of everything to see them through cellaring until 2010.

"Gorgeous Châteauneuf. Lush, thick and ripe, with impressive, concentrated cassis flavors, notes of dried herbs, vanilla, spice and pepper. Full bodied with a creamy texture, its mile long finish is mind blowing; 93 Points." (October 15, 1997, *Wine Spectator*).

Winemaker and Owners Patrick and Eve Brunel will be in attendance at the Gala.

**Donated by: Château de la Gardine**

**Value: \$2000**

LOT L27

**DISCOVER 1982 BORDEAUX**

Twelve 750 ml bottles, one bottle each of 1982 Châteaux Gruaud Larose, Haut Brion, Leoville Lascases, La Lagune, d'Issan, Baronne-Philippe en Homage à Pauline, Montrose, Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Ducru Beaucaillou, Lynch-Bages, Mouton Rothschild, Haut Batailley.

The 1982 vintage in Bordeaux was one of the great harvests of the 20th century. Characterized by a perfect spring for budding and fruit setting, the summer was long and warm with little rain, and autumn was stable, allowing full fruity maturity of the grapes. There was both good quality and excellent quantity for all Châteaux.

The result was well-structured wines, firm but not harsh tannins, moderate acidity, and loads of fruit. In some respects, it was more of a New World harvest than the classic French style, as the wines were approachable young, ripe fruit was dominant without astringency or green flavours, and mouth-feel was lush and sweet.

Over the decades, the wines have aged well and most are ready to drink now. The First Growth wines in this yummy collection (Haut Brion and Mouton Rothschild) will age for 10-20 years more in a cool cellar, and the others may certainly be enjoyed now and over the next 5-10 years.

All these wines are from cellars of serious wine lovers, and have been stored at low temperatures since release. The average rating of these 12 bottles by *Wine Spectator* is 93 points.

**Donated by: A. Givton**

**Value: \$8775**

**Barrie & Sherrill Purves  
Lawrence & Maggie Burr  
John R. Welson  
Larry Stefan  
Sid & Joan Cross  
Friend of the Festival  
Douglas Courtemanche  
Charles Sale  
David Spurrell  
Gordon Wilcox  
Kenneth & Barbara Cross**

LOT L25

**AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND FOR TWO**

An incredible trip to Australia and New Zealand for 10 nights/11 days.

Arrive in Auckland, New Zealand, travel to Marlborough on the South Island for three nights with visits to the Brancott (Montana) Winery and Stoneleigh Winery. Then back to Auckland and off to Adelaide, Australia.

While in Adelaide for three nights, visit Jacob's Creek Winery in the Barossa Valley. The two of you will then fly to Sydney for three nights and enjoy a trip to the famous Hunter Valley wine region and a visit the Wyndham Estate winery.

Your antipodean journey includes:

- Accommodation (one room, double occupancy)
- Quantas economy airfare (can be upgraded)
- Most meals provided
- Transportation to and from wineries
- No black out dates

**Donated by: Pernod Ricard Pacific** **Value: \$15000**  
**Brancott Vineyards**  
**Jacob's Creek**  
**Wyndham Estate**  
**Stoneleigh Vineyards**

LOT L26

**1993 CHÂTEAU GRENOUILLES CHABLIS GRAND CRU**

One 6 litre bottle

Located in the heart of the Grand Cru section of Chablis, which dates back to the 12th century, Château Grenouilles grows Chardonnay on 7.2 hectares (17 acres) of marl and limestone soil, enjoying a southeast sun exposure. Chablis is the archetypal dry white French wine.

The 1993 Château Grenouilles shows straight forward yellow colour, almost gold, with plenty of mineral and seashell character in this richly textured, firmly structured Chablis. It is dense with dried fruits, lemon tart and flint notes and has an expansive finish and tactile mouthfeel.

Amazing in its power and fullness, even 13 years after the harvest, this wine gives lively proof of the fantastic aging potential of great Chablis wines. This is one of the rare white wines from France that can be opened after 20 years and it will still be fresh, crispy and even fruity. Minerality at its best; pure and elegant. Best decanted one hour before drinking.

**Donated by: Blason de Bourgogne/La Chablisienne** **Value: \$2000**

LOT L5

**CELLAR YOUR WINES IN A EUROCAVE**

EuroCave's S059 Multi Temp model is a compact under-counter wine cellar. The cellar holds up to 45 bottles of your favourite wine, as the multiple temperature sensors provide ideal storage for both red and white wines and there is a patented humidity control system. The EuroCave has a black matte finish, glass door with lock and key, four universal sliding shelves and the dimensions are 32 ½" h x 23 ½" w x 22" d. EuroCave is regarded as the best in their field!

To start off your cellar we are including 12 wonderful bottles of 2003 Mission Hills Oculus, a premium Bordeaux style blend. Cabernet and wine will be delivered and set up for your convenience. Enjoy!

**Donated by: Vancouver Wine Vault** **Value: \$3300**  
**Francesco & Tahlia Aquilini**

LOT L6

**1979 CHÂTEAU PETRUS**

One 750 ml bottle

A true "Grand Vin", Petrus is one of the most famous red wines in the world and represents the best that Pomerol can offer. British wine writer Michael Broadbent finds this wine to be "perfect." Château Petrus grows 95% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc in the field, but the wine is usually 98-100% Merlot. Unusually, Petrus is fermented in old concrete vats. Drinking well now and is fully mature. The *Wine Spectator* average rating for the Château over the years is over 90 points.

**Donated by: Robert & Carolyn Cross** **Value: \$1675**

LOT L7

**1998 HOMAGE A JACQUES PERRIN CHÂTEAU DE BEAUCASTEL**

One 3 litre bottle

The Beaucastel family occupied this land in 1549 and through many generations, until the 19th century when it was let decline. Pierre Tramiere purchased the estate, revived and replanted it in 1909; since then, starting with his son-in-law Pierre Perrin, the Perrin Family has progressively improved and refined the wines of Château de Beaucastel.

The Homage a Jacques Perrin, named after the father of the current owners, is produced only in outstanding vintages, and is vinified on average 2-3 times each decade. The grapes are derived from very low-yielding ancient vines, dominantly Mourvedre, but with some Grenache and Syrah, and are slowly vinted and matured.

Saturated black ruby colour, distinctive, monolithic, clean, crisp, with fresh cherry and cassis fruit zipping along the palate, turning spicy, then sweet. A bit tough and tannic now, it is reticent and holds back a lot of its flavours and aromas, delivering little seduction, and hiding well its leather, game, truffle and black fruit character, yet it's undeniably superbly structured and balanced. Definitely made to age, it is a wine of contemplation and meditation and will drink best from 2015 through 2030. *Wine Spectator* – 94 points.

**Donated by: Perrin et Fils** **Value: \$2000**

LOT L8

**FAIRMONT HOTEL VANCOUVER DINNER FOR 10**

Impress and delight your friends or family with an unforgettable dinner personally created by The Fairmont Hotel Vancouver's Executive Chef Robert LeCrom. This exquisite menu will be paired with a full spectrum of wines from the portfolio of Select Wine Merchants, specially chosen to complement each course.

Experience again tonight's award-winning Chef when this four-course dinner is served in your Private Dining Room at The Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. The package includes a consultation meeting with the Chef.

And, oh yes, your private butler will serve you. A first class evening! (Date to be mutually agreed upon and expires October 31, 2007)

**Donated by: The Fairmont Hotel Vancouver  
Select Wine Merchants**

**Value: The Butler Did It!**

LOT L9

**EAT... DRINK...SING...PARTY...ABOARD THE "HYDROGENE"**

On the Magical Vancouver Waters

Fabulous feasting, delectable wines and lively entertainment while cruising the sparkling waters of beautiful Vancouver! The 8 of you will enjoy an afternoon or early evening aboard the "Hydrogene," an elegant 60' Pilothouse yacht, hosted by Paul Howard and Darlene Howard, Chair of the Playhouse Board of Governors.

Dale Ferris Catering, West Vancouver's best-kept secret, will delight your palate with tantalizing savoury dinner hors d'oeuvres and desserts that will send your taste buds soaring. Your party aboard will be complemented by two bottles each of Domaine Chandon Sparkling Wine, Patz & Hall Chardonnay, Kistler Chardonnay, Signorello Chardonnay, Ravenswood Zinfandel and Cliff Lede Cabernet Sauvignon.

To enhance this wonderful experience, singer Susie Buch will be onboard to entertain you.

There will be no troubled waters on this cruise! (Date to be mutually agreed upon between June and September 07).

**Donated by: Darlene & Paul Howard  
Dale Ferris Catering & Event Planning  
Paul Chalmers & Barbara Inglis  
Susie Buch**

**Value: Outstanding**

LOT L23

**A PENTHOUSE AFFAIR AT THE METROPOLITAN HOTEL**

Three lucky couples will have an extraordinary night out at the ultra-luxury boutique Metropolitan Hotel Vancouver and Diva at the Met. This unique package will provide the opportunity to enjoy the extravagances of the 1500 square foot two-storey Penthouse at the Met, the Tai Pan Suite. It features a home theatre, loft bedroom, two marble-encrusted bathrooms with 24 karat gold fixtures, baby grand piano, kitchen, dining room and 270 degrees of patio. Halle Berry calls it her "little second home."

This affair features:

- Guest hosts for the evening, Nathan Fong, Global TV's Saturday Morning Chef, and Robin Stickley, Anchor Global Weekend Morning News
- Champagne and hors d'oeuvres reception in the Tai Pan Suite for 8
- Five-course dinner with wine pairing for 8 in the award-winning Restaurant, Diva at the Met
- One night stay for 2 in the Penthouse

Advance reservations of three to four weeks are required and space is subject to availability

**Donated by: Metropolitan Hotel Vancouver  
Diva at the Met  
Nathan Fong  
Robin Stickley**

**Value: Remarkable**

LOT L24

**CELEBRATE! BEARFOOT BISTRO STYLE**

Wine, Food and 10 Friends at Whistler

The celebration begins with Dom Perignon and Beluga caviar in the Wine Cellar followed by a five-course tasting menu for 10 prepared by Executive Chef Melissa Craig, and featuring a "Premiere Napa Valley" wine pairing from the private cellar of André St. Jacques.

The story behind Premiere Napa Valley wine is as unique as the wine to be served during this memorable evening. Each year the Napa Valley Vintners hold a winter wine futures auction. Each lot must be an exclusive, completely unique issue, hand-crafted by a Napa Valley wine maker. On a February morning the wines are tasted from the barrel and later that afternoon each 5, 10 or 20 case lot is auctioned to the single highest bidder.

The wine you drink on this night will be truly rare and one-of-a-kind, and will be specially chosen by Bearfoot Bistro owner André St. Jacques from his private cellar.

Expires March 28, 2008, excludes holiday period of December 15th to January 4th. Two weeks advance reservation recommended and subject to availability.

**Donated by: Bearfoot Bistro  
Select Wine Merchants**

**Value: Extraordinary**

LOT L21

**1986 DUNN VINEYARDS ARTIST SERIES CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

Three 1.5 ml bottles

100% Cabernet Sauvignon. The Artist Series wines are sourced from Napa (Rutherford) and Spring Mountain fruit, aged 30 months in French oak, bottled in hand-painted magnums, and signed by Randy Dunn, the winemaker. Only 200 bottles were produced; these bottles have been cellared at 12 degrees since release in 1989. This powerful wine, young even at age 20, is dark, ripe, intense and deeply concentrated. Packed with a rich, earthy core of currant, mineral, and cedar, and fruit which pours through on the finish. Stunning wines in stunning bottles – ready to drink now or can be cellared for 5-10 years.

**Donated by: Eugene & Lori McBurney**

**Value: \$4500**

LOT L22

**1999 CORPUS AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO**

One 3 litre bottle in wooden case

Villa Rinaldi's Corpus Amarone della Valpolicella Classico DOC, a multi-award winning wine is the most faithful and classic interpretation of Amarone wine from Valpolicella, and is the perfect combination of three traditional grapes from the five finest traditional Valpolicella vineyards.

A lush, impenetrable and austere bouquet with intense notes of cherry preserved in alcohol, plum conserve, cocoa and tobacco. A vibrant structure and notes of fruit characterize this enticing Amarone wine from Verona.

An unforgettable Italian experience!

Teresa Rinaldi will be in attendance.

**Donated by: Villa Rinaldi**

**Value: \$1800**

LOT L10

**UN DILEMMA ÉNORME....FRANCE**

One week with a group of friends or family exploring the Côtes du Rhône  
OR

Two of you can participate in a cooking school for four days

La Parran, is an old stone "mas" built just before the French Revolution. Located in the Côtes du Rhône, the house is surrounded by vineyards and rolling hills. The house has 4 bedrooms, 4 ½ bathrooms, a large chef's kitchen, grand "sejour" with an ancient vaulted wood ceiling, a pool, summer kitchen and all the usual modern conveniences.

The perfect spot from which to explore Provence, the wine regions of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Gigondas, Vacqueyras and the many Côtes du Rhône villages. Domaine Challias is a mere 50 yards from the gate. The property is located about 40 minutes from Avignon and an hour from the Pont du Gard and Aix.

The cooking school is operated by Lee and Patrick Murphy of Vista D'oro Farms. Lee is a chef and cooking school operator – her preserves are sold throughout Vancouver, and Patrick is an organic farmer and winemaker. The two of you will have four nights at La Parran, three hands-on cooking classes with recipe hand-outs, visits to village markets and two wine tasting tours. Also included are four breakfasts and dinners. Visit their website at [www.vistadoro.com](http://www.vistadoro.com) for further details and information.

The successful bidder has two choices: your group can have the house to yourselves for a week, or, the two of you can participate (with other guests) in a cooking vacation for four nights. (Date to be mutually agreed upon within 18 months of the gala. Dates for the cooking school are restricted).

**Donated by: Wade Nesmith & Alison Molloy**

**Value: C'est formidable,  
n'est-ce pas?**

LOT L11

**1975 CHÂTEAU LA MISSION HAUT BRION**

Two 750 ml bottles

Haut Brion – A First Growth Bordeaux of renown, with a history of vines planted back to 1423 and made famous by the writings of Samuel Pepys and Thomas Jefferson. Heralded as one of the greatest La Mission Haut Brions, the 1975 was crafted in a year of rich colour, high extract, full fruit and notable tannins from the hot summer sun. Deep, dark aromas with earth, tobacco; a warm, fruity yet structured taste, with dry tannins still present; superb concentration of fruit throughout to long finish. *Wine Spectator* – 90 points. Impeccably stored since release. Drink around 2010-2015.

**Donated by: Patrick J. Kinahan**

**Value: \$5500**

LOT L12

**SHAHER HILLSIDE SELECT 10 YEAR VERTICAL**

Ten 750 ml bottles, one each of 1993-2002

Hillside Select is classic Stags Leap District Cabernet Sauvignon from a justly celebrated Napa Valley winery. "Pure, wide-open, dark-fruit aromas seem to push out of the bottle. The movement from nose to mouth to supple tannin to lengthy finish is harmonious, offering a round, expansive, silky liquid feast of black cherry, rich plum, black fruit, cassis, and dark chocolate shot through with toasty vanilla, blueberry, and cedar. It strikes a balance between extract and elegance." – Elias Fernandez, winemaker.

Founded in 1972 on 210 acres located on the steep eastern slopes of the Stags Leap District, Hillside Select was first crushed in 1978 and is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. Shafer Vineyards is one of only 23 American wineries listed in Robert Parker's *The World's Greatest Wine Estates*, and Parker describes the wines as, "muscular elegance, profound, surreal, structured, flamboyant." His average ranking is an amazing 94 points.

Hillside Select is aged four years prior to release (three years in Alliers and Tronçais oak barrels and one year in the bottle). Mr. Shafer feels that although all the wines are approachable now, the 1993-1996 wines will be best now through 2012; the 1997 and 1998 from 2010-2015; and the 1999-2002s between 2012-2020.

A stunning array of one of California's flagship wines, carefully collected and optimally stored.

**Donated by: Robert Petrovicz**

**Value: \$8000**

LOT L19

**BEAULIEU VINEYARDS GEORGES DE LATOUR RESERVE VERTICAL**

Six 750 ml bottles, one each from 1971, 1973, 1974, 1976, 1979, 1982 vintages

Beaulieu Vineyards Georges de Latour Private Reserve is one of the most famous and prestigious Cabernet Sauvignons produced in California. The winery was established in 1900 and has produced some of the Napa Valley's finest wines of the century.

These 25 to 35-year-old wines were rated 87 to 93 points (except the 1973 – 76 points) by *Wine Spectator* in a 2000 tasting, and tasting notes indicated "... concentrated black cherry and herb flavors and a firm tannic backbone, becoming lean and chewy." These wines have been very well stored since release, and all are fully ready to drink.

California treasures – drink some wine history...

**Donated by: John Levine**

**Value: \$1800**

LOT L20

**1959 KASLER KEHRNAGEL RIESLING TROCKENBEERENAUSLESE**

One 750 ml bottle

The Kasler Kehrnel vineyard site is located in the tiny Ruwer Valley immediately east of the old Roman city of Trier on the Upper Mosel. The Reichsgraf von Kesselstatt family owned this estate for 600 years and actually produced this legendary bottle. The estate and winery were sold in 1978 to the Gartner family who continue to run it today, producing high quality wines.

This is one of the Ruwer Valley's finest sites, and thanks to the high slate content the wines have a high mineral character. 1959 was one of the great vintages of the century producing legendary TBAs. In Germany, the TBA wines are selected from shrivelled grape bunches that have been affected by Botrytis cinerea, and are harvested one grape at a time, using tapering silver grape scissors, then placed in a single layer in the picking tray. Crushing produces thick juice, and the slow fermentation may last more than one year, producing intense, unctuous wines.

This rare 1959 Trockenbeerenauslese may be enjoyed with a fruit dessert, after dessert, or even as dessert itself.

**Donated by: Dave & Frances Ashdown**

**Value: \$2500**

LOT L17

**DINE IN...DOWN UNDER...ELIXIR STYLE**

Invite 7 of your closest "mates" to join you for an intimate evening honouring Australian food and wine in the comfort of your own home.

Award-winning Chef Don Letrendre, from the acclaimed Elixir Restaurant in Yaletown, will take you on a culinary tour of one of the world's most dynamic and innovative gastronomy and wine regions. His style of cooking is true world cuisine.

Liquid Art Fine Wines will pour a memorable selection of incredible wines from Australia designed to complement each course.

No muss or fuss... just good times with friends...wining and dining at home! (Subject to Chef's availability)

**Donated by: Elixir Restaurant** **Value: Priceless**  
**John Evans**  
**Liquid Art Fine Wines**

LOT L18

**PARTY WITH ELTON JOHN, BILLY JOEL, SANTANA, THE ROLLING STONES AND 50 FRIENDS**

That's right...You get to party with all the big names when Andrew Johns, "the one-man band," entertains you and your friends in your home. He's an incredible performer who has entertained for people around the world.

This amazing evening includes lavish hors d'oeuvres prepared by Executive Chef Margaret Chisholm and the award-winning team at Culinary Capers Catering. You will be pampered by Culinary Capers' professional service staff as you and your guests enjoy the finest in contemporary West Coast cuisine.

Add to this unforgettable party outstanding wines from Edge and Signorello Vineyards: 12 bottles of 2003 Signorello Cabernet Sauvignon Estate, lush, full bodied with a long and intense finish; and from Edge, 24 bottles of 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon, a truly complex, lush Cabernet.

What a party! Excluding the period of Nov 15 to Dec.31/07

**Donated by: Culinary Capers Catering** **Value: Play me a Song!**  
**Edge Wines**  
**Signorello Vineyards**  
**Pedersen's Rentals**

LOT L13

**"IRON CHEF" IN YOUR HOME**

Iron Chef Rob Feenie, of course!

A Lumière affair for eight in your home. A wizard in combining flavours, the award-winning chef comes to you and will create six mind-blowing courses that combine French sophistication with Asian simplicity.

Rob Feenie, owner and Executive Chef of Lumière Restaurant has received accolades from notable food critics around the world and received the Relais Gourmand designation, an honour reserved for those who exemplify the passions of the art of food and living with exceptional quality.

Sid and Joan Cross, wine aficionados, have selected wines from their personal cellar to complement the evening's meal. Included are:

- 1995 Veuve Cliquot Ponsardin Rosé Reserve (in Magnum): Peach in colour, always delicious, full, rich & elegant. This '95 is ready to start the celebration.
- 2001 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese Trocken Dr. Thanisch (Mosel): Impeccable wine making from a top German producer of these complex rich grapes has resulted in a wonderful food friendly wine.
- 1986 Le Montrachet Louis Latour: French Chardonnay at its most perfect with bottle age allowing this full, rich wine to match superbly with food.
- 1990 Brunello di Montalcino Castegiocondo (Frescobaldi): From Tuscany, a powerful Sangiovese showing a depth of chocolatey flavour. Luscious.
- 1986 Wynn's Cabernet Sauvignon (Coonawarra): One of the best vintages from this excellent Australian producer – always flavourful. Beautifully mature.
- 1975 Château Montrose (St.-Estephe): A long aging wine composed of over 70% Cabernet Sauvignon. Maturing and approachable now to enjoy with dinner.
- 1963 Croft Vintage Port: A harmonious wine, elegant and showing great finesse. Cap the meal with this renowned vintage, now having aged in barrel for two years, and in bottle for 42 years. This truly is a food and wine match made in Heaven!

**Donated by: Lumière and Rob Feenie** **Value: You owe it to yourself!**  
**Sid & Joan Cross**

LOT L14

**2005 LEOPARD FROG VINEYARDS "TANTRA"**

One 12 litre bottle

The 12-litre "one-off" bottle was created specifically for the Vancouver Playhouse International Wine Festival Bacchanalia Gala and would not be released otherwise from the winemaker's private portfolio.

Leopard Frog Vineyards was founded in South Africa in 2005 as the vision of Canadian winemaker and proprietor David Bate. Born in Victoria, British Columbia, Mr. Bate handcrafts award-winning iconic wines that integrate the structure and sophistication of Old World varietals with the sensuality and approachability of New World varietals.

In appreciation of the stature of First Nations' culture and acknowledgement of the winemaker's birthplace, Leopard Frog commissioned Coast Salish artist Jody Wilson to create an emblem which interprets traditional First Nations' design in a contemporary style. The frog is an important mythical figure, with significance in the mysticism of China, India, ancient Egypt, early Christian culture, Celtic traditions, shamanism, and many European fables. In First Nations' culture, the frog often symbolizes the ideal integration of earth and water in nature. Honouring this heritage, Leopard Frog's Coast Salish emblem represents the integration of terroir and cépage in their wine. Additionally, the frog is considered a messenger of wealth, often bearing gifts of good fortune.

Tantra contains 44% Cabernet Franc, 32% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 24% Petit Verdot. Deep garnet hues extend to a light purple rim; brilliant lustre and luminosity. Aromas of black fruits, cassis, liquorice, chocolate and sweet spices with notes of vanilla, coffee and cinnamon. Complex bouquet lingers nicely on nose. Rounded tannins and crisp acidity, silky mouth filling palate. Sultry, lingering farewell.

Reviews of 2004 vintage at *WineCurrents.com* garnered 4.5 stars out of 5. Will cellar well for 8-10 years.

Mr. Bate will be in attendance at the Gala.

**Donated by: Leopard Frog Vineyards**

**Value: \$5000**

LOT L15

**CHÂTEAU LYNCH-BAGES VERTICAL 1986/89/90/95**

Four 750 ml bottles, one each from 1986, 1989, 1990, and 1995 vintages

Château Lynch-Bages is one of a dozen Pauillac properties classified as Fifth Growths in the 1855 Medoc classification. In the past 50 years, the quality of Lynch-Bages has been exceptional and it is now often referred to as a "Super Second."

Lynch-Bages has the distinction of having the only wine to ever be shot into space. At the request of Jean-Michel Cazes, one case of the 1975 vintage went up (and safely returned to Earth) in the *Discovery* spacecraft, courtesy of astronaut M. Beaudry.

The vineyards total 200 acres, and are planted to 73% Cabernet Sauvignon, with lesser amounts of Merlot and Cabernet Franc, producing about 25,000 cases of wine. These four bottles of Lynch-Bages are from outstanding vintages, all rated by Robert Parker at minimum 90 points:

- 1986 is an immense, huge wine showing dark purple colors and a rich, tannic structure
- 1989 is an enormous wine with power and richness which Parker says is probably the best Lynch-Bages made in 30 years (95 pts.)
- 1990 is a forward, flattering and delicious to drink wine with no sharp edges
- 1995 is an elegant, restrained older Lynch-Bages style of wine, big and rich.

This is a great package of Medoc treasures!

**Donated by: Liquor Distribution Branch**

**Value: \$2000**

LOT L16

**HEITZ CELLAR CABERNET SAUVIGNON – MARTHA'S VINEYARD VERTICAL**

Four 750 ml bottles, one each of Vintages 1976, 1979, 1980, 1981

Since 1961, Joe Heitz and his family (wife Alice, son David, and daughter Kathleen) have produced some of the most sought-after 100% Cabernet Sauvignon wines from California's Napa Valley. Martha's Vineyard, 40 acres of vines just west of Oakville, is probably the most famous Cabernet vineyard in America. Heitz wines from this vineyard have ranked among the elite of California Cabernet year after year since 1966.

Long lived, with characteristic notes of cedar, minty chocolate, eucalyptus, currant, plum, and with the structure (tannin and acidity) to enable slow maturation, Heitz Martha's are kept at the winery for almost four years prior to release, and although drinkable within a few years thereafter, are more elegant and refined after several decades of cellaring. The average *Wine Spectator* rating of these four wines is 90 points.

These rare bottles have been perfectly cellared, are fine examples of their vintages, and are ready to be enjoyed now.

**Donated by: Jim & Milena Robertson**

**Value: \$1900**