

NOTES

WINE REHEARSAL

LOTS #100

LOT 101

2003 BERNKASTELER DOCTOR RIESLING TBA

Two 375 ml bottles

The 2003 Weingut Dr. H. Thanisch Erben Muller-Burggraf Berncasteler Doctor Riesling Trockenbeereauslese has massive concentration and intensity, with hints of raisins, dried apricots overlaying super-ripe Riesling fruit. Despite the tongue-twisting name, this wine from the famous "Doctor" vineyard in Bernkastel is overflowing with massively decadent taste sensations and the lusciousness continues on the palate almost indefinitely. Best Sweet Wine Collection DLG (German Government). Rated 94 points by *Wine Spectator*.

Donated by: Rudolf Müller

Value: \$700

LOT 102

2004 HAAN WINES MAGNUM TRIO

Three 1.5 litre bottles, one each of 2004 Wilhelmus, Shiraz Prestige and Merlot Prestige

Recognizing the importance of the European use of Viognier in Shiraz, Haan Wines has followed this traditional step since the 2000 vintage, finding that their Viognier lifts the mid-palate fruit and opens up the whole structure, adding yet another enjoyable complexity to their Shiraz Prestige. This iconic Barossa Shiraz exhibits a deep, red colour indicative of its richness. The aroma reinforces the colour with strong spicy fruit and subtle smokey oak flavours. The intense generosity of the palate is dominated by blackberry fruit and black pepper spice. The long aging in oak imparts soft, silky tannins and a firm, structured finish. The 2004 Wilhelmus is a rich, powerful style of wine, achieved by combining the individual character of 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Merlot, 22% Cabernet Franc, 10% Malbec and 6% Petit Verdot. There is a distinct fresh berry aroma with herbal overtones and an underlying smokey, dusty oak character. The palate is dominated by upfront plum fruits and soft silky tannins. The generous mouthfeel is dominated by complex spices and herbs.

Donated by: Haan Wines

Value: \$400

LOT 103

2004 SANDHILL MERLOT

One 3 litre bottle

The perfectly ripened grapes of the 2004 Merlot created a ruby-garnet coloured wine with aromas of black currant fruit with some oak hints. This wine displays delicious flavours of black currants and plums with smooth tannins. Consider serving this wine with Mediterranean foods, herb-grilled meats, calamari in tomato sauce and beef or lamb.

Donated by: Sandhill

Value: \$400

LOT 104
1999 PENFOLDS GRANGE
One 750 ml bottle

Grange is both Penfolds' and arguably Australia's most famous wine and is officially listed as a Heritage Icon of South Australia. Grange boasts an unbroken line of vintages from the experimental 1951 and clearly demonstrates the synergy between Shiraz and the soils and climate of South Australia. Penfolds Grange displays fully ripe, intensely flavoured and textured Shiraz grapes in combination with new American oak. The result is a unique Australian style that is now recognised as one of the most powerful expressions of Penfolds multi-vineyard, multi-district blending philosophy.

Donated by: Penfolds **Value: \$375**

LOT 105
1992 HATTENHEIMER WISSELBRUNNEN RIESLING BEERENAUSSLESE
One 375 ml bottle

Schloss Reinhartshausen in the Rheingau began making wine in the 13th century and today is considered one of the oldest wine estates in Germany. Only 203 (750 mL equivalent) bottles were produced of the 1992 Hattenheimer Wisselbrunnen Riesling BA. This exceptional and unique signature dessert wine of Germany has high levels of sweetness supported by a marvelous level of acidity. Look for intense and exotic fruits with a long and unforgettable finish. Enjoy now!

Donated by: Schloss Reinhartshausen **Value: \$250**

LOT 106
1998 THE PATRIARCH CABERNET SAUVIGNON (1 OF 2)
Two 1.5 litre bottles

1998 is considered the finest vintage ever in Hawkes Bay. The '98 Patriarch Cabernet Sauvignon is no longer available for sale, and was served at the winery's 90th anniversary black-tie dinner, where the guest list included New Zealand's Prime Minister. Bright in flavour, elegant in style, brimming with pretty berry, mint and delicate spice flavours that swirl through the finish. Smooth tannins are nicely intergrated. Drink now through 2008. 90 points – *Wine Spectator*

Donated by: Babich Wines **Value: \$375**

LOT 138
2000 RIDDOCH COONAWARRA CABERNET SHIRAZ
Two 750 ml bottles

A century has passed since John Riddoch planted his first vines in the rich red soils of Coonawarra. The excellent 2000 vintage of Cabernet Shiraz from the Katnook Vineyard is a dark and plum coloured harmonious blend, with the dusty berry and mint characteristics of the Cabernet Sauvignon, and the aromatic spicy notes of Shiraz. Ready to drink now.

Donated by: Bill Weaver **Value: \$60**

LOT 139
1995 CHÂTEAU LEOVILLE BARTON
One 750 ml bottle

Château Léoville Barton is a Second Growth St. Julien whose vineyards are immediately adjacent to the other two Léovilles. The 1995 is maturing well with a medium color, ripe and meaty on the nose, and showing good fruit and good concentration. Enjoy this wine over the next 5-10 years.

Donated by: Dr. Michael C. Noble **Value: \$140**

LOT 140
2003 JACOB'S CREEK RESERVE SHIRAZ
Two 750 ml bottles

Jacob's Creek was named after the site of Johann Grump's first vineyard in the Barossa Valley. This premium full-bodied wine is an excellent example of South Australian Shiraz. Although quite drinkable now, it will develop further and be even more complex and enjoyable after a few years of cellaring.

Donated by: Martin Christy **Value: \$60**

LOT 141
2005 MITOLO SHIRAZ SAVITAR
One 750 ml bottle

Named after a mythical monster, the 2005 Shiraz Savitar emerged from rocky, low vigour soils, and was aged for 16 months in primarily new French oak barrels. Dazzling aromas of acacia flowers, blueberries, crushed rocks, graphite, licorice, and espresso roast materialize from this tightly knit, but intense, fleshy, rich effort. Its multi-layered palate, huge body, sweet tannin and "monster" finish suggest this brilliant wine will be drinkable between 2008 and 2020. This superb example of McLaren Vale Shiraz was rated 96 points by Robert Parker.

Donated by: Ascenta Capital Partners Inc **Value: \$75**

LOT 134
LANSON BLACK LABEL BRUT CHAMPAGNE TRIAD (1 OF 2)
Three 750 ml bottles

If there is one non-vintage Brut Champagne that is universally appreciated, it is surely Lanson Black Label Brut, a great classic that embodies the ideas and the character of a great House. "The Lanson Taste" expressed in the Black Label Brut is the result of a specifically formulated blend perpetuated year after year.

Donated by: Lanson **Value: \$150**

LOT 135
LANSON BLACK LABEL BRUT CHAMPAGNE DUO (1 OF 3)
Two bottles, one 750 ml and one 1.5 litre

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Donated by: Lanson **Value: \$160**

LOT 136
2003 LES DOMAINES PAUL MAS MARSELLAN ALICANTE (1 OF 2)
One 3 litre bottle in wooden case

Les Domaines Paul Mas is a group of four family estates covering 81 hectares (200 acres) of vineyard on the hills bordering the Hérault Valley in Languedoc in the south of France. They are near the Mediterranean Sea, close to the small town of Pézenas, which inspired the famous playwright Molière, and not far from the Canal du Midi and Valmagne Abbey.

Considered to be "good value" by British wine writers, Paul Mas is a pioneer in the new-style wines from the Côtes du Languedoc. Only 50 of these 3-litre bottles were made for the 50th anniversary of the Château de Conas ownership.

Donated by: Les Domaines Paul Mas **Value: \$500**

LOT 137
2002 PLAISIR DE MERLE CABERNET SAUVIGNON (1 OF 3)
Three 1.5 litre bottles

Plaisir De Merle has a rich history dating back to 1678, when the Huguenot Charles Marais and his family left the hamlet of Le Plessis Marly in France and sailed to the Cape of Good Hope to begin a new life. Plaisir De Merle was purchased by Stellenbosch Farmer's Winery from its most recent owner and is today one of the largest wine farms in the Cape. The 2002 vintage shows a radiant, ruby-red colour, with pronounced plum and chocolate aromas. This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon features a spicy palate backed by soft tannins to ensure accessibility. Made for food, this wine will mature well for 10 years or more.

Donated by: Plaisir de Merle (Cape Legends) **Value: \$210**

LOT 107
2004 FRANK POTTS RESERVE (1 OF 2)
Two 3 litre bottles

Bleasdale is owned and operated by fifth-generation members of the Potts family, and is located in the picturesque Langhorne Creek Region of South Australia. The 2004 is the twelfth release of Bleasdale's flagship Frank Potts blend, and is once again a mix of Cabernet Sauvignon (67%), Malbec (18%), and Petit Verdot (15%). This wine explodes with blackberries, cassis and mint from the Cabernet, raspberries and plum from the Malbec, and dark cherries and violets from the Petit Verdot. Elegant, rich and velvety smooth, enjoy now or cellar until 2010. The 2004 received a 90-point rating from Robert Parker.

Donated by: Bleasdale Vineyards Pty Ltd. **Value: \$400**

LOT 108
2003 WIRRA WIRRA VINEYARDS "RSW" SHIRAZ
Two 1.5 litre bottles

RSW is named after Robert Strangways Wigley, an eccentric South Australian cricketer who established Wirra Wirra in 1894. RSW is a unique wine, not made to a certain consistent or uniform style year after year, but rather aimed at reflecting the very best that the vineyards in this region have to offer in each particular vintage. As a result, each release offers something different in the way of fruit and winemaking complexity, and varies significantly in terms of quantity produced depending on the quality of the vintage. The 2004 has rich, elegant, wild berry fruit flavours, with fine, integrated tannins and excellent palate, structure and length.

Donated by: Wirra Wirra Vineyards **Value: \$250**

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LOT 110

2001 SANTA RITA CASA REAL CABERNET (1 OF 2)

Three 1.5 litre bottles

Casa Real Cabernet Sauvignon is made only in the finest vintages and the 2001 is very dense, with espresso, bittersweet dark chocolate, dark currant and tar flavors buttressed by thick, loamy tannins. Notes of tobacco and mineral flash on the finish, which is muscular but supported by ample acidity. Best from 2006 through 2011, this wine was awarded 92 points by *Wine Spectator*.

Donated by: Santa Rita

Value: \$300

LOT 111

2003 HERMITAGE LA SIZERANNE (1OF 3)

One 1.5 litre bottle

The Hermitage Monier de la Sizeranne 2003 matures in oak casks, of which one third are new, and is unfiltered and unfinned. Several rackings permit a slow and natural clarification process. This is an elegant wine with deep garnet-red and purple highlights, soft tannins, and a long aftertaste of black currant and raspberry. Spicy when young.

Donated by: M. Chapoutier

Value: \$200

LOT 112

2000 PIERRE SPARR RIESLING COLLECTION (1 OF 3)

One 3 litre bottle

This is a 100% Riesling blend of three Grand Crus Riesling: Mambourg, Schoenenbourg and Altenbourg. This wine displays a ripe, opulent nose and rich, earthy, bold flavours with a splendid austerity and mineral depth. It has a dense, concentrated palate, great flavours and is framed in a lively acidity. Will cellar for 10-13 years.

Donated by: Pierre Sparr

Value: \$225

LOT 113

2000 ABTSBERG RIESLING KABINETT

Two 1.5 litre bottles

The 2000 Maximin Grünhauser Riesling Kabinett is from their Abtsberg vineyard.

**Donated by: P. J. Valckenberg
Maximin Grünhauser**

Value: \$350

LOT 129

2001 CHEVIOT BRIDGE YEA VALLEY SHIRAZ

One 3 litre bottle

This wine has not been distributed in Canada at all, and very sparsely through the United States, thus it is truly a special offering. Packaged in an impressive 3-litre bottle, Cheviot Bridge's Yea Valley Merlot 2001 represents one of the first products from the early days of the The Cheviot Bridge Wine Company, who have very quickly become a dominant force in the Australian wine industry. "This is a Merlot that actually displays the soft, succulent fruit you read about on the Merlot labels, but rarely find." *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 2002

Donated by: Long Flat Wine Company

Value: \$750

LOT 130

2002 BURGE FAMILY G3 (1 OF 2)

One 1.5 litre bottle

Robert Parker awarded this blend of Shiraz, Grenache, and Mouvedre, 96 points and described it as, "Awesome, building incrementally in the mouth offering multiple dimensions in addition to fabulous length." Only 60 of these magnums were made to commemorate the Burge Family's 75th anniversary of continuous winemaking under three different family winemakers; none are available for retail sale.

Donated by: Inland Trading Co.

Value: \$350

LOT 131

2003 MOUNT VEEDER MOUNTAIN CUVÉE (1 OF 2)

One 3 litre bottle, signed by Winemaker Dave Guffy

Mount Veeder is the coolest, southernmost mountain district in Napa and has both a volcanic and geologically unique soil that occurs in this mountain. The palate expresses flavours of red currant supported by a trio of vanilla, cedar and molasses. Revealing the benefits of blending, the wine has a layered complexity and silky, smooth texture.

Donated by: The Hess Collection

Value: \$375

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Donated by: Pierre Sparr

Value: \$225

LOT 125
2005 DEIDESHEIMER KIESELBERG RIESLING BEERENAUSLESE
Two 375 ml bottles

The 2005 Deidesheimer Kieselberg Riesling Beerenauslese is from the leading estate in the Pfalz, Bassermann-Jordan. This BA is a rarity and should be the pride of any experienced wine collector. It should be enjoyed slowly and with full concentration or just by itself.

Donated by: German Estate Wines **Value: \$250**

LOT 126
2004 OLD BASTARD SHIRAZ
One 750 ml bottle of 2004 Old Bastard Shiraz and a signed poster

"The flagship offering, the 2004 Shiraz Old Bastard (from a Barossa vineyard planted in 1896) was aged 26 months in virtually all new French barrels. This riveting effort is a wine of great stature, intensity, and richness with layers of blackberry, crème de cassis, licorice, spice box, and barbecue smoke. Opulent as well as impeccably balanced and pure, this gorgeous Shiraz will benefit from 1-2 years of bottle age, and should last for two decades." Robert Parker, 95-97 points.

Donated by: Kaesler/Langmeil Wine and Art **Value: \$300**

LOT 127
2003 BAROSSA VALLEY ESTATE E&E BLACK PEPPER SHIRAZ (1 OF 2)
One 1.5 litre bottle

The E&E Black Pepper Shiraz is the quintessential Barossa Shiraz – powerful and intense with rich fruit and firm tannins. This is a wine that will mature and develop in the bottle for well over a decade. The 2003 vintage of E&E Black Pepper Shiraz is luscious and vibrant, showing lots of cherries, plums, dark chocolate, spice, and pepper, and has a wonderfully soft finish.

Donated by: Barossa Valley Estate **Value: \$250**

LOT 128
2003 BONTERRA CABERNET SAUVIGNON (1 OF 2)
One 3 litre bottles

Bonterra developed out of Fetzer when the parent winery focused on organic viticulture, and their vineyards are a wonder of thorough ecological planning, with both certified organic and biodynamic viticulture. The wine is fruity and complex in style, with black cherry, tobacco and oak aromas/ flavours. It is medium full-bodied, concentrated, lightly oaky and a bit tannic on the finish. Quite drinkable now, the double magnum format will benefit from 2-5 years aging.

Donated by: Bonterra **Value: \$225**

LOT 114
1993 WÜRZBURGER STEIN RIESLING BEERENAUSLESE (1 OF 2)
One 750 ml bottle

The 1993 Würzburger Stein Riesling Beerenauslese displays elegant aromas of dried apricots, honey, raisins and caramel with an intense aftertaste, luscious sweetness and well-balanced acidity. This wine won two German gold medals and it received the maximum score (5 points) from the Franconian jury, as well as from the nationwide competition jury-DLG. This score is quite unusual and brings not only a gold medal to DLG, but Gold Extra. This is only given to three to six wines of Germany every year.

Donated by: Bürgerspital Estate **Value: \$400**

LOT 115
2004 WITHER HILLS MARLBOROUGH CHARDONNAY (1 OF 4)
Three 1.5 litre bottles

This Marlborough Reserve Style Chardonnay balances intense spicy fruit aromas with a fresh integrated bouquet. The palate is elegant, with the richness of fruit enhanced by sweet melon flavours. Further harmonization is achieved through a combination of traditional barrel fermentation, lees stirring and extended oak maturation to produce a rich and complex wine. This Chardonnay will drink well on release, and with cellaring will generously reward the patience of serious wine lovers.

Donated by: Wither Hills **Value: \$250**

LOT 116
MIONETTO PROSECCO FRIZZANTE
Two 3 litre bottles

Clean and lively, this is just what most people seek in a Prosecco. Less effervescent than most sparklers, it makes for an easy first glass and is perfect for early afternoon brunch. 88 points, *Wine Enthusiast*. Mionetto Prosecco Frizzante DOC has become a dazzling alternative to the traditional champagne.

Donated by: Mionetto SPA **Value: \$300**

LOT 117
2001 MARQUES DE CASA CONCHA CABERNET SAUVIGNON (1 OF 2)
Two 5 litre bottles signed by Winemaker Marcelo Papa

The Puente Alto Vineyard of the Maipo Valley is alluvial, stony, poor in nutrients and highly permeable due to the gravel sub-soil. It produces plants of frugal growth, which bear clusters of small, concentrated ripe grapes. Bright, deep red, with unctuous cherry, chocolate and smoky presence, these bottles are signed by Winemaker Marcelo Papa. This wine received 91 points from *Wine and Spirits* and was among the 50 Best Buys of the World in *Decanter*, July 2004. These big bottles should probably be aged for a few years more, for optimum evolution.

Donated by: Concha y Toro **Value: \$475**

LOT 118

2003 VENTISQUERO GRAY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Twelve 750 ml bottles

This Cabernet Sauvignon from Maipo Valley, Chile, is 85% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Syrah. It shows deep and dark red, with intense aromas of ripe fruits, cassis, blueberries and wild strawberries, spices, black pepper, nutmeg, dark chocolate all mixed with notes of butterscotch, espresso beans and vanilla. It boasts an elegant structure, concentrated and filling, with present and ripe tannins, giving an encircling aftertaste of chocolate, tobacco and coffee that lingers in the palate.

Donated by: Viña Ventisquero Ltda.

Value: \$350

LOT 119

2004 GOUNDREY WINES RESERVE SHIRAZ (1 OF 2)

One 3 litre bottle

Located in the beautiful Great Southern wine region of Western Australia, Goundrey Wines is one of the established leaders of the new wave of quality Western Australian wine producers. The 2004 Reserve Shiraz is deep ruby-red in colour and displays spicy fruit, toasty oak and hints of vanilla on the nose. Its sweet fruit palate is full bodied with firm tannins and a rich chocolate mouthfeel. Although suitable for immediate consumption this wine will cellar well for 5-10 years. Experience the essence of one of the world's premium wine growing regions with Goundrey Wines.

Donated by: Goundrey Wines

Value: \$350

LOT 120

SEE YA LATER RANCH EHRENFELSER ICEWINE

Six 375 ml bottles

See Ya Later Ranch wines were created in honour of Hawthorne Mountain Vineyards' heritage and one of the vineyard site's first inhabitants, Major Hugh Fraser, who was born in 1885 and died in 1970 at the age of 85. In celebration of the Major's pioneering life in the Okanagan, See Ya Later Ranch unveiled a series of five reserve wines, a Brut (non-vintage), Pinot Gris, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Ping (a Meritage blend) and an Ehrenfelser icewine. The 2005 vintage was excellent for icewine; enjoy these luscious treasures.

Donated by: See Ya Later Ranch

Value: \$300

LOT 121

2000 CHÂTEAU BEL-ORME MAGNUM (1 OF 3)

One 1.5 litre bottle

In terrific years such as 2000, Bel-Orme is known for producing wines that are dense ruby-purple, with an earthy bouquet of incense, sweet currants, cedar, leather, and spice box. This medium-bodied, ripe, dense 2000 should be consumed over the next decade. Enjoy with grilled lamb or roast beef au jus. 87 points— Robert Parker.

Donated by: Veyret-Latour

Value: \$125

LOT 122

2003 PLANTAGENET OMRAH SHIRAZ DOUBLE MAGNUM

One 3 litre bottle

Plantagenet was the first winery in the the Great Southern region of Western Australia. It has developed an enviable reputation for producing elegant wines with complexity, finesse and balance since 1975. The Omrah Shiraz features aromas of ripe berries, pepper and mint, enhanced by notes of vanillin oak. The 2003 is tight yet generous on the palate, has stronger, medium-grain tannins, while raspberry and blueberry linger on the finish. Omrah is best drunk young and fresh.

Donated by: Plantagenet

Value: \$300

LOT 123

2001 WILLOW HEIGHTS RESERVE CHARDONNAY (1 OF 2)

One 3 litre bottle

Willow Heights Estate Winery is located on the Beamsville Bench in the Niagara wine region of Ontario. This winery is dedicated to producing 100% Ontario wine, characteristic of the distinctive taste of Niagara, with the VQA designation.

Donated by: Willow Heights Estate Winery

Value: \$300

LOT 124

2003 BERNKASTELER DOCTORBERG RIESLING AUSLESE (1 OF 2)

Six 750 ml bottles

The Bernkasteler Alte Badstube am Doctorberg, is a monopole vineyard, owned exclusively by Dr. Pauly-Bergweiler. It is a great site, nestling just to the east of the Bernkastel's most famous vineyard, the Doctor. Dr. Pauly's pride and joy, this 4.6 acre vineyard faces directly south and yields some of the greatest wine from the Moselle valley year after year. It is only planted with Riesling vines which are more than 35 years old. The Bernkasteler Alte Badstube am Doctorberg is a full-bodied wine, rich, complex, with great depth and charm as it ages. These wines have always had a very long potential and mature even better as their age increases. *Wine Spectator* – 93 points.

Donated by: Dr. Pauly-Bergweiler

Value: \$450