

NOTES

WINE CELLAR - SCENE 2

LOTS #600

LOT 601

2004 GRÜNER VELTLINER "KAFERBERG"

Twelve 750 ml bottles

The Rabl Winery is located in Austria's renowned wine town of Langenlois in the Kamptal wine district, and the Rabl family has been making wine since 1750. In 2004, it was awarded Most Successful Winery in Austria at VinItaly, Italy's premier wine trade show. Grüner Veltliner is Austria's most widely planted variety and is a great, flexible food match, capable of making both crisp, clean quaffers and big, extracted, ageworthy wines. These lively, spicy, peppery wines have caught the attention of the international wine press in recent years and made their way onto discerning restaurant wine lists. The 2004 Rabl Vineyards Grüner Veltliner "Kaferberg" features a fine bouquet of peaches with racy and piquant acids. Drink between 2008-2016. *Decanter* Rating: 4 stars.

Donated by: Rabl Vineyards

Value: \$750

LOT 602

2004 CLOS CHÂTEAU ISENBURG

Twelve 750 ml bottles, two each of Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, Pinot Blanc, Gewurztraminer, Riesling and Les Tourelles

Thanks to a specific configuration of its vineyards, Clos Château Isenbourg provides a unique place for the vines to grow. It enjoys a microclimate reinforced by the surrounding walls which exercise a role in heat control and favour grape maturation. The hills where the vineyard is located are renowned for low rainfall and exceptional levels of sunshine. Sample six varietals from this vineyard with this twelve bottle case.

Donated by: Dopff & Irion

Value: \$600

LOT 603

QUADY STARBOARD VERTICAL SELECTION

Six 750 ml bottles, one each of 1987, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996 and NV

In 1987, Port makers at Quady coined the term "Starboard" (nautically on the right) to use for Quady's Port-type wines. This is a fine selection of wines from different vintages and will be appreciated by true wine aficionados. Vintage Starboard, made only in declared years, uses traditional Portuguese grapes grown in Amador County. Like Vintage Port, it is bottled before it is two years old, and made to age in the bottle. Vintage Starboard throws a crust and requires decanting.

Donated by: Quady Winery

Value: \$600

LOT 604
1996 DOW'S QUINTA DO BOMFIM VINTAGE PORT
Twelve 750 ml bottles

The wines from Bomfim are used for the great Dow's Vintages in declared years. In many interim years, between declarations, Bomfim consistently produces wines of such high quality that they are bottled, unfiltered, following two years in cask, as with all Vintage Ports. They share the same unique style of Dow's Vintage Ports, namely great concentration of fruit, superb grip and undertones of peppery spice, rounded off with Dow's hallmark of drier finish.

Donated by: Dow's Port – Symington Family Estates **Value: \$750**

LOT 605
2002 SHINGLEBACK SHIRAZ
One 3 litre bottle

The Davey Family Vineyard is located in the Willunga Basin at the southern end of the acclaimed McLaren Vale wine region on land that the family has owned since 1959. The 2002 Shingleback Shiraz is deep red in colour with aromas of ripe blackberry, enhanced with savoury oak. A rich, ripe berry mid-palate combined with a full-bodied firm tannin structure lead into a long finish of fruit and oak. A powerful, classic McLaren Vale Shiraz that is well-matched with a hearty meal. *Wine Advocate* awarded this 2002 Shiraz 90 points in October 2004.

Donated by: Shingleback (Davey Family Wines) **Value: \$750**

LOT 606
1997 BOLLA AMARONE
Twelve 750 ml bottles

This 1997 Amarone is deep garnet-red in colour with a bouquet of wild cherry jam, withered berries, cigar with cedary and vanilla notes. This full-bodied wine displays flavours of prune, is toasty and spicy in mid-palate, and has a long-lasting finish. Aristocratic Amarone is one of the jewels of Italy.

Donated by: Bolla **Value: \$650**

LOT 607
1999 CASTELLO BANFI POGGIO ALL'ORO
One 3 litre bottle

Banfi, truly one of the leaders of the region, takes its unusually fine Brunello to another level, with this huge, single vineyard wine. It has a very intense deep colour and an extremely complex bouquet, with characteristic Sangiovese aromas of soft tobacco, licorice and cacao. It is full-bodied and well-structured on the palate, with good acidity, elegant tannins, and a long finish. An admirable synthesis of power and elegance with the potential for long aging.

Donated by: Castello Banfi **Value: \$800**

LOT 686
1970 CHÂTEAU PALMER (1 OF 2)
One 750 ml bottle

A very great Palmer with a splendidly deep, dark ruby-purple color, this wine is just beginning to evolve and open. Intense berryish aromas, which are married brilliantly with vanillin oak, ascend profusely from the glass. Quite full-bodied and rich, yet amazingly youthful, this is a prodigious bottle of Château Palmer. Anticipated maturity: now-2015. 96 points. Impeccably stored at 12° C since release.

Donated by: Patrick J. Kinahan **Value: \$1000**

LOT 687
ANDREW PEACE WINES MIXED CASE

Twelve 750 ml bottles, three each of 2005 Felix Cabernet Sauvignon, 2004 Felix Shiraz, 2005 Koolonong Chardonnay and 2005 Koolonong Cabernet Sauvignon

Andrew Peace founded his winery in the Murray River drainage, near Swan Hill, Victoria, and has quickly risen to the top 20 of Australian producers. Although planted in 1980, his first named crush was 1995. The super-premium Felix Cabernet is from Coonawarra (classic deep purple colour, boasting aromas of blackcurrant, dark chocolate and vanilla); the Felix Shiraz from Barossa (deep-black with garnet rim, dusty chocolate); the Chardonnay from Swan Hill (full-flavoured and fruit-driven); and the Cabernet from Swan Hill (full of black currant and mulberry aromas, and spicy fruit).

Donated by: Andrew Peace Wines **Value: \$240**

LOT 688
1999 LE VIEUX DONJON
One 750 ml bottle

This domaine was founded by Lucien Michel in 1979. It encompasses 13 ha of AOC Châteauneuf-du-Pape. The red wine is made from 80% Grenache, 10% Syrah, and 10% Mourvedre and Cinsault. A dark Châteauneuf that has been boosted by oak aging. Full-bodied, with a hard edge, but also showing black fruit.

Donated by: Barry Vaisler **Value: \$95**

LOT 682
2004 AYLER KUPP RIESLING SPÄTLESE
Twelve 750 ml bottles

The 2004 Ayler Kupp Riesling Spätlese is one of the most famous vineyard-sites on the Mosel, produced by Bischöfliche Weingüter in Trier, owned by the Catholic Church. This wine has obtained many national and international awards and ratings and will drink well for another 5-10 years.

Donated by: German Estate Wines **Value: \$350**

LOT 683
2003 FREEDOM SHIRAZ
One 1.5 litre of 2003 Freedom Shiraz and a Freedom Vine poster

A blockbuster effort, the 2003 Shiraz The Freedom is produced from some of the estate's oldest dry-farmed vineyards (some dating back to 1843). Aged two months in new French hogsheads and smaller barrels, this is a full-throttle, high velocity, inky, purple-hued Shiraz boasting gorgeous aromas of creosote, blackberry liqueur, melted licorice, tar, and pepper. With a fabulous texture, amazing richness and concentration, and a long, surprisingly refined and sophisticated finish, it should drink well for 15+ years. Robert Parker – 92-94 points.

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

LOT 684
2004 CUSUMANO BENUARA
Twelve 750 ml bottles

The Cusumano brothers, Diego and Alberto, have developed a high reputation with their recently founded winery. The Gambero Rosso Italian wine guide describes their wines as, "the real gems of the new Sicilian wine scene." The Benuara IGT is a unique blend of Nero d'Avola and Syrah grapes sourced from the Cusumano estate vineyards located in the Pachino (Ragusa) area of southeastern Sicily. This wine is medium to full-bodied with a bouquet of wild fruits. Loads of strawberry jam aromas and flavours are evident throughout. Not thick, nor overdone, this wine shows very good structure and length with polished tannins and an ultra-fruity aftertaste.

Donated by: Cusumano **Value: \$350**

LOT 685
1994 BEAULIEU GEORGES DE LATOUR CABERNET SAUVIGNON RESERVE
Two 750 ml bottles

One of the most prestigious wines from California, the stunning 1994 vintage shows an impressive core of spicy black currant, mineral-laced Cabernet flavours, softening tannins, and some oak, cedar box, sage, and coffee notes. *Wine Spectator* – 93 points. Best after 2006.

Donated by: Alastair & Jean Carruthers **Value: \$600**

LOT 608
2006 CASABLANCA NIMBUS SAUVIGNON BLANC
Twelve 750 ml bottles

This Sauvignon Blanc from Chile is light yellow in colour with green reflections, has an intense aroma, with hints of grapefruit and mango. Balanced acidity and long finish. Perfect with oysters or clams.

Donated by: Carolina Wine Brands **Value: \$600**

LOT 609
2002 REDBANK ESTATE THE ANVIL (1 OF 2)
Six 750 ml bottles

The 2002 Redbank The Anvil Shiraz is bright, lively, juicy and tremendously appealing for its pure blueberry, plum and licorice flavours, which roll happily atop zingy acidity. Well modulated through the finish with well-structured tannins. Best from 2007 through 2014.

Donated by: Redbank Estate **Value: \$800**

LOT 610
2003 SNOQUALMIE VINEYARDS SYRAH RESERVE
One 3 litre bottle

The 2003 Columbia Valley harvest was the warmest growing season in the last 10 years and winemaker Joy Anderson's Reserve Syrah is a true expression of the vintage with excellent ripe fruit. Black fruit aromas of plum and blueberry mingle with herbal, smoky tones. The palate shows rich fruit with subtle oak impressions and luscious, soft tannins. This 100% Syrah represents the top 2% of Syrah lots in Snoqualmie's Reserve program. A wonderful addition to your cellar, the wine is presented in a limited-edition, etched and hand-painted bottle.

Donated by: Ste. Michelle Wine Estates **Value: \$900**

LOT 611
1998 SIMON GILBERT "ABBASTON" SHIRAZ
Twelve 750 ml bottles

"The great 1998 vintage is smooth, even and pleasantly creamy. This wine shows lots of tasty oak, chocolate and cedar over the jammy yet tart blackberry fruit. Pepper, anise and vanilla accents add interest, and though fruit is dense and heavily oaked, the wine is mid-weight and even. Good length, lemon and cedar accents mark the close." *Wine Enthusiast* – 89 points.

Donated by: Simon Gilbert Wines **Value: \$750**

LOT 612
1998 BERINGER PRIVATE RESERVE CABERNET
One 3 litre bottle

Since 1981, when Beringer first began blending the most expressive components from their best vineyards to craft the Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, winemaker Ed Sbragia and vineyard manager Bob Steinhauer have worked steadily to identify Napa Valley sites they thought could be developed into producing the rich, intensely coloured and flavoured grapes required for their Private Reserve. It's the mosaic of single-vineyard grape origins that creates wines of uncommon richness, complexity and concentration. In any vintage, fruit is separately vinified and then aged for nearly two years before Ed selects the blend he feels layers the personalities of the vineyards into a harmonious whole, where the wine is greater than the sum of its parts.

Donated by: Beringer Vineyards **Value: \$850**

LOT 613
2003 WOLF BLASS PLATINUM SHIRAZ
Six 750 ml bottles

Wolf Blass Platinum Label Shiraz is the ultimate expression of our winemakers' masterful skills, showcasing a blend of the finest parcels of fruit from selected South Australian vineyards. Made in extremely limited quantities from low yielding vines, Wolf Blass Platinum Label is, quite literally, the pick of the crop; a wine crafted to epitomize the best of vintage, variety and vineyard. Wolf Blass Platinum Label 2003 Shiraz is deep purple in colour. The lifted, fragrant nose shows spicy, ripe berry and dark chocolate characters. The palate is elegant, rich and concentrated, with complex layers of blackberry, freshly ground coffee and spice, supported by integrated smoky oak, a seamless, balanced structure and long, fine tannins.

Donated by: Wolf Blass Estate Winery **Value: \$600**

LOT 614
HEARTLAND-GLAETZER MIXED RARE VINTAGES
Six 750 ml bottles, two each of 2001 Glaetzer Bishop, 2004 Godolphin and 2002 Amon-ra

Robert Parker rated the 2002 Amon-ra 100 points! His rating for the 2004 Godolphin, a blend of Ebenezer block Shiraz and Cabernet from 100+ year-old vines, is 98 points. The 2001 Glaetzer Bishop is a full-bodied wine made predominantly from 30 to 60-year-old vines at Ebenezer and always contains fruit from the oldest 80-year-old vines. Robert Parker named Ben Glaetzer of Heartland-Glaetzer his "Wine Personality of the Year" in 2005 and claimed him as one of the new breed of Australian winemakers.

Donated by: Heartland-Glaetzer **Value: \$625**

LOT 678
1998 SKILLOGALEE SHIRAZ (1 OF 3)
One 1.5 litre bottle

1998 was a fabulous year in Clare, and indeed in South Australia generally, for reds and whites. *Wine Spectator* gave this Shiraz 93 points, with the following description: "Rich, glassy-smooth and elegant, a plush mouthful of spicy berry, cherry and vague hints of mint, which linger effortlessly on the round, plump finish. A complete, harmonious wine that can only get deeper with cellaring. Drink now through 2015."

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

LOT 679
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 680
2003 PLANTAGENET CABERNET 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 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon is deep brick-red with purple hues and has aromas of intense blackcurrant leaf, mint and plums interlaced with subtle earth and toasty oak. It is tightly structured on the palate, offering generous mid-palate textures. Deep plum, spicy oak and currant leaf characters linger on the finish. This vintage is approachable now, but will reward cellaring up to 15 years.

Donated by: Plantagenet **Value: \$450**

LOT 681
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 674
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 675
LANSON BLACK LABEL BRUT CHAMPAGNE DUO (1 OF 3)
Two bottles, one 750 ml and one 1.5 litre

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: \$160**

LOT 676
LANSON BLACK LABEL BRUT MAGNUM DUO
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Donated by: Lanson **Value: \$220**

LOT 677
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 amongst 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 615
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 616
PETER LEHMANN BAROSSA TRIO OF EXCELLENCE
Three 1.5 litre bottles, one each of 2000 Stonewell Shiraz, 2001 Eight Songs Shiraz and Mentor Cabernet Sauvignon

These wines are much sought-after, highly prized and are spoken of in hushed, reverent tones. Stonewall Shiraz is the ultimate Peter Lehmann expression of Barossa Shiraz, an internationally acclaimed Shiraz from the finest, most concentrated fruit of each vintage. Eight Songs, an opulent Shiraz, is produced from some of the world's greatest Shiraz vineyards, some as old as 150 years. Mentor is Peter Lehmann's Flagship Cabernet Sauvignon blend, a tribute to Peter Lehmann's contribution to the Barossa.

Donated by: Peter Lehmann Winery **Value: \$900**

LOT 617
2002 BURGE FAMILY G3 (1 OF 2)
One 1.5 litre bottle

A blend of Shiraz, Grenache and Mourvedre, Robert Parker awarded this wine 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 sales.

Donated by: Inland Trading Co **Value: \$350**

LOT 618
2003 MAJELLA CABERNET (1 OF 2)
Twelve 750 ml bottles

Robert Parker described Majella as probably “Coonawarra’s best winery,” and the winery has rapidly risen in the Australian wine industry to become the benchmark for Cabernet producers. The Majella Cabernets have won more than 50 gold medals over the last nine years. The 2003 is no exception, having won five gold medals and the prestigious award for the best Cabernet at the Adelaide Wine Show. The wine has a zippy nose of mint and blackcurrant fruit. The palate is mid-weight with fresh ripe tannins. This wine will cellar well for at least 10 years.

Donated by: Majella Wines **Value: \$300**

LOT 619
2001 HOUSE OF MORANDÉ RED (1 OF 2)
One 3 litre bottle in wooden case

Pablo Morandé planted this vineyard in 1998 on the western side of the Pan-American Highway, and at the foot of the Chena hills. He chose two clones of Cabernet Sauvignon, one Chilean, the other French, and based this blend on a combination of the two. It is elegant and subtle at the first sip, then blueberry and cassis flavors emerge, supported and balanced by a crisp acidity. That elegance would seem to be the French side. The Chilean face appears later, as air transforms the tannins, fat as a sumo wrestler, into a smooth blend with sweet mint and cherry flavours. Approachable now with game or lamb stew, but those generous, expansive flavours also predict a long life ahead. 90 Points – *Wine Enthusiast*, 92 Points – *Wine & Spirits*.

Donated by: Vina Morande S.A. **Value: \$300**

LOT 620
LANSON BLACK LABEL BRUT CHAMPAGNE TRIO
Three bottles, one 750 ml, one 1.5 litre and one 3 litre

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Donated by: Lanson **Value: \$350**

LOT 671
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 672
2004 QUINTA DO CRASTO DOURO RESERVA
Three 1.5 litre bottles

Just about everything that’s come out of this Quinta (winery) over the past few years has been outstanding, including the vintage Ports. If you’re not familiar with the sexy, red wines from the Duoro region of Portugal, it’s high time you experienced them. The Quinta do Crasto is family owned and is quickly earning a reputation for excellence in a region that seems to be gaining ground daily for both its premium and table wines. Full-bodied and rich with ripe fruit, tobacco, earth, spices, and toasty oak, this is definitely a wine worth sampling.

Donated by: Quinta do Vale Dona Maria **Value: \$300**

LOT 673
2004 WITHER HILLS MARLBOROUGH CHARDONNAY (1 OF 4)
Three 1.5 litre bottles

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

LOT 667
2001 PENFOLDS GRANGE
One 750 ml bottle

An Australian icon, Grange represents a tradition in winemaking that is totally uncompromising. Grange is a wine of extraordinary dimension and power. Richly textured, intensely concentrated and packed with fruit sweetness, these wines, regardless of vintage, require medium to long-term cellaring. They develop into immensely complex, beguiling wines that seduce the senses. This is a wine of international renown, with each vintage eagerly awaited by collectors both in Australia and overseas.

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

LOT 668
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 AVA. 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**

LOT 669
2003 HERMITAGE LA SIZERANNE (1 OF 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 unrefined. Several rackings permit a slow and natural clarification process. This is an elegant wine with deep garnet-red and purple highlights, soft tannins, a long aftertaste of black currant and raspberry, that is spicy when young.

Donated by: M. Chapoutier **Value: \$200**

LOT 670
2000 PIERRE SPARR RIESLING COLLECTION (1OF3)
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, rich, earthy, bold flavors 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 621
2002 PLAISIR DE MERLE CABERNET SAUVIGNON (1 OF 3)
Six 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 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: \$425**

LOT 622
YALUMBA THE OCTAVIOUS BAROSSA SHIRAZ VERTICAL
Three 750 ml bottles, one each of the 2000, 2001 and 2002

Yalumba The Octavius has established a reputation as one of Australia's icon Shiraz wines, an amazing feat considering the first release was the 1990 vintage. The 2000 is dense, plummy-red in colour. Delicious, sweet fruits of the forest aromas dominate the nose with hints of white pepper and vanillin, complemented by fine, smoky toasted-oak overtones. The palate is big, rich and sweet, with fleshy plums and a long lingering licorice flavour supported by intense tannins to finish. The 2001 has a concentrated, dense plum-purple colour and smells of violets, forest fruits, warm spices and rich plums, all with a slightly funky edge and a good measure of dense, chocolatey, smoky oak. The palate is full-bodied with wonderful concentration and length. A very stylish and exceptional wine. The 2002 is a vibrant, deep ruby-red in colour. Deep, dark, brooding aromas of plum, blackberry and chocolates are lifted by nuances of ground coffee, licorice, violets and cassis. Soft, velvety and sumptuous, the palate is a voluptuous concoction of blackberries, cherries, dark chocolates and creamily vanilla oak, all framed by tightly knit tannins. The length is remarkable and the balance exceptional.

Donated by: Yalumba **Value: \$600**

LOT 623
1980 FONSECA PORT
One 1.5 litre bottle

The backbone of Fonseca Ports are the wines drawn primarily from Fonseca's three quintas, all located in the Cima Corgo. The grapes are still trodden by foot in the stone "lagares" of Cruzeiro and Panascal. Fonseca Vintage Ports are renowned for their great richness and, while powerful and mouthfilling, for their exquisite structure and femininity. In the context of each vintage, they combine the tannic dimension and "grip," which give great Port its longevity, with the breeding, complexity and perfect balance that are Fonseca hallmarks. The 1980 is characterized as being sweet, chocolatey, and spirited, with a peppery nose. Robert Parker – 87 points.

Donated by: Fonseca **Value: \$550**

LOT 625
2005 COOKOOTHAMA BOTRYTIS SEMILLON
Twelve 375 ml bottles

With enticing aromas of dried apricot and fig and a luscious concentrated palate of marmalade, apricot nectar and pineapple, it is impossible to stop at one glass of the 2005 Cookoothama Botrytis Semillon. This multiple award-winning wine is pure heaven in a glass.

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

LOT 626
1998 PAUL BOSCH ESTATE RIESLING ICEWINE
One 1.5 litre bottle

Château des Charmes' renowned icewines have won numerous national and international awards including the International Wine and Spirit Competition Trophy in London, England, where it was judged Best Icewine Worldwide. This auction lot is presented in a unique, rare, specially etched magnum-sized bottle.

Donated by: Château Des Charmes Wines **Value: \$500**

LOT 627
SAKÉONE MOMOKAWA JAPAN DAIGINJO
Twelve 750 ml bottles

The pinnacle of the saké brewer's craft, this Daiginjo is made with Yamadanishiki from the Hyogo Prefecture. This is the finest saké rice sourced from the finest growing region for Yamadanishiki in the world. This, combined with pure water from a subterranean flow of the Oirase River, the attention of handcrafting, gravity flow filtration, and extra aging provides one of Japan's most distinguished sakés. The Daiginjo continues to take international awards with the most recent being gold medals at both the Japan National Saké Competition and the US National Saké Appraisals in 2006. Crafted with the finest saké rice, extra hand processing, cold aging and free run filtration. A true nectar, it is subtle and creamy, with layers of fruit and spice.

Donated by: SakéOne **Value: \$600**

LOT 628
1996 GRAHAM BECK BRUT BLANC DE BLANC
Six 750 ml bottles

From the number one Sparkling House in South Africa, Graham Beck Wines, comes the vintage 1996 Brut Blanc de Blanc, made in the Traditional Methode Champenoise – or Cap Classique, as it is referred to in South Africa. With rich, yeasty aromas and hints of clean lime fruit on the nose, this Sparkling made from 100% Chardonnay has an exciting fine mousse and a creamy complexity on the palate. The wine ends with an elegant, long finish.

Donated by: Graham Beck Winery **Value: \$850**

LOT 663
1983 CHÂTEAU LAFITE
One 750 ml bottle

1983 was a good vintage in Bordeaux and this wine is a superb example of a world-famous Château, and is a collectors' favourite. The Château Lafite shows the classic Lafite bouquet with red and black fruits, and cedar with delicate and soft flavours in an elegant style. Delicious, ripe and silky; solid Lafite. This wine has a medium to full body with fine tannins and a medium finish. Ready to drink now, but will cellar for another 5-10 years. *Wine Spectator* – 91 points.

Donated by: Robert & Carolyn Cross **Value: \$900**

LOT 664
1995 RIESLING TRIO FROM BISCHOFSLICHE
Three 750 ml bottles, one each of Wiltinger Kupp Riesling Auslese, Avelsbacher Altenberg Riesling Spätlese, and Erdener Pralat Riesling Auslese

Bischofliche is a charity estate in Trier, of the Upper Mosel, established centuries ago when a number of local vineyards were donated to the Bishop of Trier to support the Church. The Wiltinger Kupp vineyard is an excellent site in the Saar not far from Trier, as is also the Avelsbacher Altenberg vineyard. The Erdener Prälät is a well-known site in the Middle Mosel, just downstream from Bernkastel. 1995 was an excellent year for late-harvest wines, producing many ideal apertif sippers – note that two of these wines are medal winners. These classic Rieslings are low alcohol wines showing lovely green-apple acidity, balanced by the slight sweetness found in Spätlese and Auslese class grapes. Enjoy these bottles this summer!

Donated by: Liquor Distribution Branch **Value: \$180**

LOT 665
2003 BOLLA AMARONE GIFT PACK
Two 750 ml bottles of 2003 packaged with decanter in wooden case

Harvest 2003 was very hot and dry, with low yield but great in quality. This Amarone is deep garnet-red in colour with scents of wild-cherry jam, spice, cigar and cedar notes, a fresh and very clean aroma. Aristocratic Amarone is one of the jewels of Italy.

Donated by: Bolla **Value: \$200**

LOT 660

1998 TAITTINGER CHAMPAGNE BLANC DE BLANC

Six 750 ml bottles

Taittinger Comtes de Champagne Blanc de Blancs 1998 was produced in the cellars of the 13th-century Saint-Nicaise Abbey in Reims. It is made exclusively from white Chardonnay grapes (100% Grands Crus) from the most renowned vineyards of the Côte des Blancs. Five percent of the wines used in the blend are aged in new oak barrels. Pale yellow with silvery glints, fine bubbles form a lively elegant necklace of mousse. The nose is intensely fine and ethereal, with fragrance of white blossom, fresh almonds and vanilla. Freshness, citrus fruits, and a beautifully balanced finish. A superior quality Champagne.

Donated by: Taittinger Champagne

Value: \$1000

LOT 661

1986 CHÂTEAU LYNCH BAGES

One 750 ml bottle

Château Lynch Bages has produced fine Bordeaux wines since the 16th century and is considered one of the top Bordeaux châteaux in the region. Their wines are marked by the rich character of the tannins, which allows long aging and gives bouquet and mellowness without astringency. The 1986 vintage is very well-structured, with good acidity, medium tannins, and good fruit; full in the mouth, rich and long with an intense bouquet, true to the Pauillac appellation

Donated by: Charles Sale

Value: \$425

LOT 662

1970 CHÂTEAU PALMER (1 OF 2)

One 750 ml bottle

A very great Palmer with a splendidly deep, dark ruby-purple colour, this wine is just beginning to evolve and open. Intense berryish aromas, which are married brilliantly with vanillin oak, ascend profusely from the glass. Quite full-bodied and rich, yet amazingly youthful, this is a prodigious bottle of Château Palmer. Anticipated maturity: 1988-2005. 96 points. Impeccably stored at 12° C since release.

Donated by: Patrick J. Kinahan

Value: \$1000

LOT 629

2004 QUINTA DO VALE DONA MARIA DOURO RED

Three 1.5 litre bottles, plus lunch and tasting for 4 at the winery (No underage children allowed)

Quinta do Crasto was awarded the “2002 Portuguese Winery of the Year” at the International Wine Challenge and is recognized internationally as the premium producer of table wines and dated Ports. It is one of the most spectacularly situated of all properties in the Douro Valley, and is officially classified as a 100% “A” grade vineyard property. All the wines are still foot-trodden in traditional stone tanks and are bottled unfiltered. Quinta do Vale Dona Maria 2004 displays an open, pure, aromatic nose, showing sweet red and black fruits. The palate is concentrated with supple, sweet fruit. “Good definition here, a modern style but not overdone. Attractive, soft and forward.” 92 points – Robert Parker. Crasto is a beautiful estate, with the house and winery located on a hilly outcrop on the Douro, roughly midway between Pinhão and Régua in the Cima Corgo.

Donated by: Quinta do Crasto

Value: \$400

LOT 630

DELICATO FAMILY VINEYARDS ZINFANDELS

Two 3 litre bottles, one each of 2005 Gnarly Head Old Vine Zinfandel, 2005 Clay Station “Old Vine” Zinfandel

A celebrated team of highly experienced winemakers has brought decades of expertise to bear on these remarkable grapes, creating Delicato wines of distinctive character, memorable quality and exceptional value. The 2005 Gnarly Head Old Vine Zinfandel is crafted from grapes from 35 to 80 year old vines. Rich, dark-berry flavours from the small grape clusters are balanced with French, American and Hungarian oak, which creates layers of plum, pepper, cola and chocolate. This luscious combination provides a lingering and spicy finish. Clay Station wines are created from rare or more difficult to grow grape varieties, and crafted to produce intriguing wines that exhibit intense fruit character and flavour.

Donated by: Delicato Family Vineyards

Value: \$700

LOT 631

MOËT & CHANDON BRUT IMPÉRIAL NV (1 OF 2)

One 3 litre bottle

A terrific non-vintage Moët & Chandon Brut Impérial, it’s the #1 Champagne in the world. Contrary to regular bottles and other large-format Champagne, with this Moët Jeroboam, the second fermentation takes place in the same bottle (no more transfer). The result is most impressive in terms of tasting.

Donated by: Moët & Chandon

Value: \$400

LOT 632

2002 DR. LOOSEN RARE RIESLING COLLECTION

Four 1.5 litre bottles in wooden case, one each of Dr. Loosen Riesling Auslese Goldkapsel from the following vineyards: Wehlener Sonnenuhr, Erdener Treppchen, Ürziger Würzgarten, Erdener Prälät

This collection of high-end botrytis selection Auslese is from four Grand Cru vineyards. Wehlener Sonnenuhr is the most classic example of a vineyard with the blue slate that is very common throughout the Mosel valley. It produces very elegant, filligreed wines. Erdener Treppchen has red slate soil and produces wines with a muscular minerality. Ürziger Würzgarten has red volcanic soil and produces wines with flamboyant, tropical fruit and a spicy texture that gives the vineyard its name (Spice Garden). Erdener Prälät is their greatest vineyard. It has red slate soil and produces massive, ripe wines with kaleidoscopic layers of fruit and a dense, complex structure. This is a great and rare collection.

Donated by: Dr. Loosen

Value: \$1000

LOT 633

2004 CLARENCE HILL SHIRAZ

Twelve 750 ml bottles

The 2004 Shiraz is deliciously full flavoured with berry, spice and some cherry-oak interwoven. The flavours are concentrated and the finish is firm and persistent. Drink now or cellar for 4-7 years.

Donated by: Clarence Hill

Value: \$300

LOT 634

2004 CUSUMANO ANGIMBE

Twelve 750 ml bottles

A blend of indigenous Inzolia and elegant Chardonnay, Amgimbe is a lovely, complex wine with floral notes, bright fruit, and full-body. It comes from the Cusumano estate in western Sicily, run by brothers Diego and Alberto Cusumano, third-generation vintners. Last year Cusumano was among the world's 50 Great Producers named by *Wine Spectator*. The 2004 Cusumano Angimbe helps demonstrate why.

Donated by: Cusumano

Value: \$325

LOT 635

SERGIO MIONETTO "MO" NON-VINTAGE

One 3 litre bottle

Prosecco has a lighter body than Champagne and contains less alcohol, yeast and sulfites. The wine works well with casual affairs such as picnics and is growing in popularity. Awarded 92 Points in *The Wine Enthusiast*, "the rich, creamy mouthful ends slightly sweet, making this an enjoyable beverage with a unique style. Has enough depth to match with oysters or lobster."

Donated by: Mionetto SPA

Value: \$300

LOT 657

QUINTET OF BRITISH COLUMBIA ICEWINE

Five 375 ml bottles of icewine, one each of 2003 Inniskillin Okanagan Riesling, 2004 Peller Estates Trinity, 2004 Nk'Mip O'am Qmt Riesling, 2004 Rollingdale Pinot Gris and 2004 Merlot

Enjoy this exciting and unusual selection of Okanagan icewines including a Merlot from Willow Hill, a Pinot Gris from Rollingdale, a blend of Vidal, Riesling and Ehrenfelser from Peller Estates and a pair of Rieslings from Inniskillin and Nk'Mip. Sweet dreams!

Donated by: John Schreiner

Value: \$250

LOT 658

1990 CHÂTEAU MONTROSE

One 750ml bottle

Since 1989, Montrose has been the most reliable St.-Estephe cru classe. So says Robert Parker, who gave this 1990 vintage 100 pts! It has been described as majestic, remarkably rich and enormously concentrated. At this stage in its development it is relatively approachable yet is a legend for the future. Drink now to 2030.

Donated by: Walter & Anna van Vloten

Value: \$950

LOT 659

1988 LAFAURIE PEYREGUEY

One 750 ml bottle

Château Lafaurie-Peyraguey has a 74 acre vineyard adjacent to the famous Château d'Yquem in Sauternes, and is ranked Premier Cru. Their mean annual temperature is slightly higher than other Bordeaux districts, but the most important feature is the early morning mists that appear in autumn before and during the harvest, encouraging the noble rot, Botrytis cinerea, which produces the flavours characteristic of Sauternes. From an excellent vintage, this wine will age gracefully for another 15-20 years. Robert Parker – 95 points.

Donated by: Alvin Nirenberg

Value: \$210

LOT 654

1992 ROBERT MONDAVI WOODBRIDGE PORTOCINCO

One 750 ml bottle in wooden case with 2 Port glasses

Robert Mondavi's Woodbridge winery, with a passion for traditions, produced limited quantities of Porto Cinco, a traditional blend of Portuguese grapes – Touriga Nacional, Alvaralhão, Bastardo, Souzao and Tinto Cao. The grapes, which are rarely cultivated in California, were planted in a small vineyard next to the winery. The wine is made by traditional methods and aged for two years in oak barrels before bottling. Saude!

Donated by: Robert Sinclair

Value: \$125

LOT 655

1977 DOW AND TAYLOR VINTAGE PORTS

Two 750 ml bottles

1977 was a classic vintage for Port – one of the very best. James Suckling, noted Port expert considers these two wines among the best produced. He rates the Taylor a whopping 98 points and says, "... explosion of fruit and tannins in the mouth, but at the same time the wine is in total harmony. Will age for decades." The Dow gets 94 points, with the comment, "It should age for many decades.generous berry flavors." Enjoy these Ports now or cellar them for the future!

Donated by: Lawrence & Maggie Burr

Value: \$650

LOT 656

2000 KAY BROTHERS AUSTRALIAN WINES

Four 750 ml bottles

The Kay Brothers have been making wine on the same site overlooking St. Vincent's Gulf, south of Adelaide in South Australia, since 1895, and consistently producing traditional wines of high quality from their priceless old vines. The Amery Vineyards Block 6 Shiraz 2000 is of particular interest being hand-picked from the oldest part of the vineyard. Should be drinking at its best in 2010-2020. The Amery Vineyards McLaren Vale 2000 is an outstanding blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Shiraz (with some additional Mourvedre and Grenache grapes), all from the 2000 vintage to be enjoyed somewhat sooner, say 2005-2010. Both are excellent high-quality Australian wines.

Donated by: Douglas & Teri Loughran

Value: \$340

LOT 636

2004 VENTISQUERO GRAN RESERVA MERLOT

Twelve 750 ml bottles

This robust wine from Chile is 85% Merlot, sourced from Merlot Maipo Valley, and 15% Carménère from the Colchagua Valley. Deep red with blue tones, it has intense notes of ripe fruit, cherry, blackberry, plum and fig, with nutmeg, clove and soy sauce integrated to smoky, tobacco and vanilla notes. Good concentration and structure on the palate, its attack is dominated by tannins, with an aftertaste of ripe fruits and smoky notes that linger.

Donated by: Vina Ventisquero

Value: \$350

LOT 637

NK'MIP CELLARS FIRST NATIONS GIFT BASKET

Two 750 ml bottles, one each of 2003 Qwam Qwmt Meritage and Merlot and one 375 ml bottle of 2004 Qwam Qwmt Riesling Icewine, plus First Nations art piece, hand-crafted coasters and wines charms, and Nk'Mip Cellars sheepskin vest

The Nk'Mip Indian Band, pronounced "Ink-a-meep" were the first to commercially plant vinifera vineyards in the South Okanagan. The 2003 Meritage is a blend of 46% Merlot and 54% Cabernet Sauvignon grapes and was aged for 18 months in 80% French and 20% American oak barrels. It exhibits an intense ruby-red colour with aromas and flavours of blackcurrants, leather, coffee and cedar, with a well-structured palate and a long toasty finish. The Merlot was aged for 18 months in the finest French oak barrels. The aroma imparts rich notes of cedar, with lush ripe raspberry and mint that are complemented by intense vanilla and spice. This full-bodied wine has subtle layering of tobacco and chocolate that lead into a lingering rich berry finish. Harvested at minus 10° Celsius on January 6th, 2005 from Inkameep Vineyards' highly prized 27-year-old Riesling block, the 2004 Riesling icewine displays harmonious layering of honey, dried apricot and baked pear. The defined mid-palate progresses into a mouthwatering, powerful finish that is inspired by well-integrated acidity. Nk'Mip Cellars is North America's first aboriginal-owned and operated winery.

Donated by: Nk'Mip Cellars

Value: \$550

LOT 638

JACKSON-TRIGGS SUNROCK VINEYARDS LIBRARY

Sixteen 750 ml bottles, three each of 2004 Chardonnay, 2004 Meritage, 2004 Merlot, 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon, and four 2004 Shiraz

SunRock Vineyard, nestled high on a mountain slope in the heart of the sundrenched Okanagan Valley, showcases the unique terroir of this coveted viticultural region. Part of Canada's only pocket desert, this exceptional microclimate, moderated by cool evening temperatures, produces rich, complex wines with stunning fruit flavours that are balanced by the perfect touch of acidity. Selectively hand-crafted from only the best varietal blocks that are meticulously nurtured, the resulting wines bear the inimitable signature of the vineyard in every bottle.

Donated by: Jackson-Triggs Okanagan Estate Winery

Value: \$520

LOT 639
1998 SKILLOGALEE SHIRAZ (1 OF 3)
1.5 litre bottle

1998 was a fabulous year in Clare, and indeed in South Australia generally, for reds and whites. *Wine Spectator* gave this Shiraz 93 points, with the following description: "Rich, glassy-smooth and elegant, a plush mouthful of spicy berry, cherry and vague hints of mint, which linger effortlessly on the round, plump finish. A complete, harmonious wine that can only get deeper with cellaring. Drink now through 2015."

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

LOT 640
2000 CHÂTEAU BEL-ORME MAGNUM TRIO
Three 1.5 litre bottles

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 currents, 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: \$375**

LOT 641
BODEGAS Y VINEDOS PASCUAL TOSO MAGDALENA
Six 750 ml bottles, signed by winemaker Paul Hobbs

A blend of 95% Malbec and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, selected by winemaker/consultant Paul Hobbs. Big, soft-textured Malbec with a slightly volatile, lifted fruit nose. Soft, round warm entry with sweet and sour plum flavours. Soft with a relatively short finish.

Donated by: Bodegas y Vinedos Pascual Toso **Value: \$500**

LOT 642
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 650
1988 CHÂTEAU L'ARROSÉE
Two 750 ml bottles

One of Bordeaux's great Grand Cru Classé wines from St.-Emilion, the 1988 is drinking well now. The l'Arrosée is a medium-bodied, spicy wine with good depth. There are nine hectares of vines averaging 30 years of age; 60% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon; aged in new oak.

Donated by: Robert & Lesley Mackay **Value: \$350**

LOT 651
2003 GERARD BERTRAND LA VIALA (1 OF 2)
Six 750 ml bottles

An extracted, exotic style, with sandalwood and olive aromas and layers of gorgeous red and black fruit flavours. Supple tannins are laced with licorice, smoke and bacon fat notes. Finishes with dark chocolate. The "Martha's Vineyard" of the Minervois, Carignane, Grenache and Syrah. Best from 2006 through 2010. Only 800 cases made. 93 points – *Wine Spectator*.

Donated by: Gerard Bertrand **Value: \$350**

LOT 652
BLACK HILLS ESTATE NOTA BENE VERTICAL
Six 750 ml bottles, three each of 2002 and 2003

Black Hills Estate Winery is located between Oliver and Osoyoos, BC. Their Nota Bene (a Bordeaux blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc) is practically a cult wine and sells out each year on pre-arrival. 2002 and 2003 were top vintages in the Okanagan Valley. Quite approachable now, both vintages will improve with another year or two of cellaring.

Donated by: David & Leslie Gold **Value: \$300**

LOT 653
1988 CHÂTEAU PAVIE
Two 750 ml bottles

Pavie has one of the largest vineyards of all of the St.-Emilion Premiers Grands Crus Classés. The vineyard is superbly situated just to the southeast of St.-Emilion, on the eastern section of the hillsides of the town. Although producing average wines in the '60s and '70s, since 1981 Pavie has been making richer, more concentrated and intense wines. Clive Coates, MW, says of the 1988 Pavie, "Medium-full colour and one of the best of the premiers crus, quite concentrated with fine ripe fruit, balanced with good tannins and a long, complex finish."

Donated by: George F. Galbraith **Value: \$500**

LOT 646
ALEJANDRO FERNANDEZ PESQUERA TINTO CRIANZA
Three 750 ml bottles, one each of 1994, 1995, 1996

Alejandro Fernandez established his winery in 1972, making wines in a traditional manner using an open-topped stone lagar even as recently as 1982. Pesquera exploded into the wine world when Robert Parker discovered the wines and compared the winery to the great Château Petrus of Bordeaux. The winery has modernized and consistently produces good wines. These wines have been well-aged and are ready to drink now or over the next few years. Robert Parker ratings: 1994 – 95 points; 1995 – 92 points; 1996 – 93 points.

Donated by: Ritch Younger **Value: \$275**

LOT 647
1986 SHAFER NAPA VALLEY STAGS LEAP DISTRICT CABERNET SAUVIGNON
One 750 ml bottle

Shafer's Napa SLD wine is made of 97% Cabernet Sauvignon, the grapes selected from the best lots grown on Shafer's vineyards in the Stags Leap District. Truly a "wine of a place," this Cabernet exemplifies the concentration of their grapes and the extraordinary richness and suppleness of Stags Leap District fruit. Aged a full 32 months prior to release (20 months in Alliers and Tronçais oak barrels and one year in the bottle), the Napa is a wine with rich chocolate, blackberry and currant flavours, and a soft, velvety texture. This 1986 vintage may be drunk now or kept for a few more years.

Donated by: Charles Harris **Value: \$200**

LOT 648
2002 YALUMBA CABERNET SAUVIGNON-SHIRAZ
One 750 ml bottle

Yalumba "Signature" wines have won 116 gold, 201 silver, and 299 bronze awards since 1962, when they first made this Cabernet-Shiraz blend. Cellared in oak at Angaston for 22 months prior to bottling, it has sweet-oak flavours (from their own cooperage), ripe, powerful fruit, velvety richness in mid-palate, and a long complex finish.

Donated by: Friend of the Festival **Value: \$60**

LOT 649
1963 GRAHAMS VINTAGE PORT
Two 750 ml bottles

Archetypal Vintage Port, this 1963 Graham's was shipped to England in a Port pipe (barrel) and bottled by Avery's of Bristol. From one of the outstanding Port years of the 20th century, this luscious 44-year-old wine is ready to enjoy, but will stay fresh for several decades more. It has a red, embossed capsule, and no label. There is a splash of whitewash on the bottle, for maturation orientation in the cellar.

Donated by: David Freeman **Value: \$950**

LOT 643
1967 MEMBER'S LEGACY CAPERDONICH WHISKY
One 700 ml bottle

This excellent single malt whisky, at cask strength of 57.6% is probably unique in Canada. The 36-year-old whisky from a private bottling of only four casks (this bottle from Cask # 4947) by Douglas Laing Ltd., was the award winner for the Single Malt of the Year and the Best New Single Malt of the Year in Jim Murray's *Whisky Bible 2005*. Caperdonich distillery was built in 1897 as a sister facility to the Glen Grant distillery across the road. After only three years, the distillery was closed and not reopened until 1965. In 1977, it was purchased by Seagrams of Canada. There are no distillery releases of a single malt and merchant bottlings are becoming increasingly rare. Most of the distillery output goes into the Chivas blends. *The Whisky Bible* rated Caperdonich for four factors; nose, taste, balance and finish. Each rating was marked on a maximum 25 point scale. Caperdonich received a 96 out of 100 rating in addition to being selected as the 2005 single malt of the year. There are only two whiskies in the world with higher ratings. This is essentially a perfect whisky, with its salty coastal nose, mouth-coating marmalady fruitiness, very long finish evolving from sweet to a hint of salt and oak overlain by chocolate. This whisky has superb balance.

Donated by: Richard Angus **Value: \$995**

LOT 644
1970 WARRE'S FINEST VINTAGE PORT
One 750 ml bottle

Warre is one of the oldest of the British Port producers, established over 300 years ago. Using grapes selected from a number of top quality vineyards, including Warre's own Quinta da Cavadinha, this Vintage Port is aged in wooden casks for 18 months. The 1970, an excellent vintage, was produced in the year of Warre's 300th anniversary. This Vintage Port was aged two years in cask, then bottled to slowly mature. Now 36 years old, from a classic vintage described as making "sinewy, powerful wines," this mature Port is ready to drink, but may be cellared for another 10-15 years.

Donated by: A. Givton **Value: \$300**

LOT 645
1983 CHÂTEAU MARGAUX (1 OF 2)
One 750 ml bottle

First Growth Château Margaux is one of the most famous wines of Bordeaux. Typical of the past 25 years, these wines offer opulent richness, a deep, multidimensional bouquet, with a fragrance of ripe black fruit and great complexity. Robert Parker calls the 1983 Margaux "a breathtaking wine" and rates it 96 points. This is a rich, concentrated and atypically powerful and tannic Margaux. Showing dark colours, the aromas exude ripe cassis fruit, violets and oak, while the flavours are deep and long on the palate. A great wine, and the "Wine of the Vintage!"

Donated by: A. Givton **Value: \$1425**