

LIVE PERFORMANCE

LIVE AUCTION

LOT L1

2004 SIGNORELLO ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

One 9 litre bottle

A magnificent bottle of spectacular wine. The 2004 Estate Cabernet is chocolate coloured and opens to coco bean, allspice and vanilla. The lush full-bodied palate continues with flavours of black currant and hints of tobacco. The wine's incredible balance and long finish is accentuated by its integrated tannins and lush flavours.

This signature wine from Signorello's Napa Valley vineyard, presented in this one of a kind, beautifully etched, hand-painted Salamanthazar is accessible now through 2020.

Proprietor Ray Signorello will be in attendance to sign the bottle for the successful bidder.

**Donated by: Signorello Vineyards
Edge Wines**

Value: \$3,000

LOT L2

2004 RUBICON ESTATE CASK CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Six 1.5 litre bottles

The 2004 CASK Cabernet is a classic, grand style American Cabernet. It is loaded with ripe red cherry and rum raisin scents, which are telltale hallmarks of Rutherford Cabernet in a good year. Immediately accessible for its forward charm, the dense and supple tannins are inviting to experience now, but the rewards will come with 3-6 years of bottle age.

**Donated by: Francis Coppola
Rubicon Estate**

Value: \$1,200

LOT L3

2001 ANTINORI TIGNANELLO

One 6 litre bottle

The 2001 Tignanello Toscana has loads of blackberry, coffee and olive aromas. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a long, subtle, yet rich finish, this is a fine Tignanello that shows reserve and class. This was a great year for Italian wine. Best after 2007. A stunning wine from Marchesi Antinori. *Wine Spectator*: 91 points.

Donated by: Antinori Wine Estates

Value: \$1,500

LOT L4

A TRIO OF BORDEAUX MAGNUMS

Three 1.5 litre bottles, one each of 2001 Château Mouton Rothschild, 2000 Pichon-Longueville Baron and 1998 Château Angelus 1er Grand Cru Classé

2001 Château Mouton Rothschild: Better than the 2000 Mouton – it's a baby 1986 Mouton. Solid and very, very fine. Persists for a long time on the palate. Best after 2009. *Wine Spectator*: 93 points.

2000 Pichon-Longueville Baron: "This is a profound Pichon Baron and one of the best vintages of this wine. It is full-bodied, tremendously concentrated with sweet tannin, tremendous texture and fabulous upside potential. This is a prodigious 2000! Maturity 2008-2028." Robert Parker: 96 points.

1998 Château Angelus 1er Grand Cru Classé: "A dazzling effort, this '98 boasts an opaque purple colour in addition to an exceptional bouquet of smoke, liquorice, plums, black raspberries and blackberries. Full-bodied, flamboyant and beautifully balanced. Best between 2003-2020." Robert Parker: 93 points.

Donated by: Blayne & Sharon Johnson

Value: \$2,400

LOT L5

LA CONFEZIONE SPECIALE ORNELLAIA COLLEZIONE

Twelve bottles of 750 ml, three each of 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004 vintages

Exclusive and rare. A very unique vertical of Ornellaia vintages from 2001 through 2004.

Hand crafted in Bolgheri by a local artisan, this individually numbered oak case is a limited release with only 600 available in the world; this is the only case in Western Canada. *Wine Spectator* gave the 2004 vintage 97 points, naming it number seven of the Top 100 Wines of 2007. The other vintages rated 90, 92 and 95 points.

The case cossets 12 bottles, three of each vintage. Each bottle is individually numbered and the case is complemented by an elegant booklet informing the lucky owner about the specific attributes of each vintage.

Donated by: Tenuta dell'Ornellaia

Value: \$2,400

Authentic Wine & Spirit Merchants

Richard Carras

Darryl Weinbren

- 1997 Fonseca Vintage Port (Portugal)
- 1998 Greg Norman Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot (Australia)
- 1999 Chateau Corton Grancey Latour (Burgundy)
- 2000 Chateau d'Angludet (Bordeaux)
- 2001 Bernkasteler Badstube Riesling Spatlese, Thanisch (Germany)
- 2002 Chambolle-Musigny, Jadot (Burgundy)
- 2003 Domaine Weinbach Pinot Gris Altenbourg 'Cuvee Lawrence' (Alsace)
- 2004 Lambert Bridge Zinfandel (California)
- 2005 Osoyoos Larose Le Grand Vin (British Columbia)
- 2006 CedarCreek Platinum Reserve Chardonnay (British Columbia)
- 2007 Ken Forrester Petit Chenin Blanc (South Africa)
- 2008 Mission Hill Family Estate Oculus (British Columbia) – framed futures certificate

"Cheers to the Volunteers" who donated treasures from their cellars for the 1979 – 2008 Commemorative Collection.

Donated by: Nancy Burke

Value: \$8,200

Lawrence & Maggie Burr

Bob Charlton & Claire Marie Jadot

CedarCreek Estate Winery

Dr. A.D. Courtemanche

Kenneth and Barbara Cross

Sid & Joan Cross

Simone de Jaray

Friend of the Festival

Charles Harris

Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Korn

Robert & Lesley Mackay

Mission Hill Family Estate

Barrie & Sherrill Purves

James and Milena Robertson

Douglas G. Russell

Robert Simpson

David & Alice Spurrell

Turnagain Enterprises

Walter van Vloten

Angela Wensley

Simon Wosk

LOT L25

**VANCOUVER PLAYHOUSE INTERNATIONAL WINE FESTIVAL
30TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE COLLECTION**

On the occasion of the 30th Playhouse Wine Festival, the Wine Committee has chosen one bottle of wine to represent each of the 30 years of the Wine Festival, starting with the first event in 1979 and ending 30 bottles later with the 2008 Festival.

Thirty years, thirty bottles – and what a stunning selection it is!

Our Commemorative Collection showcases a constellation of wine styles including Champagne, Sauternes, classic Bordeaux wines, Burgundies, Port and New World wines. The thirty bottles represent France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Canada, United States, Chile, South Africa and Australia, and are cosseted in five elegant wooden display cases.

Individual bottles are valued between \$20 and \$1500 each.

Twenty-nine wines are mature and ready to drink. The vines for the 2008 selection are still under Okanagan snow. Consequently, the successful bidder for this 30-bottle Collection will receive a framed futures certificate redeemable for the fabulous 2008 Mission Hill Family Estate blend “Oculus.”

We are proud to offer you this vinous history of the Playhouse Wine Festival.

- 1979 Robert Mondavi Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (California)
- 1980 Chateau D’Yquem (Sauternes)
- 1981 Chateau Gruaud Larose (Bordeaux)
- 1982 Tenuta San Guido Sassicaia (Tuscany)
- 1983 Chateau Margaux (Bordeaux)
- 1984 Buehler Cabernet Sauvignon Napa (California)
- 1985 Chateau Cos d’Estournel (Bordeaux)
- 1986 Chateau Beychevelle (Bordeaux)
- 1987 Hermitage Guigal (Rhône)
- 1988 Chateau Mouton Rothschild (Bordeaux)
- 1989 Chateau Lafite-Rothschild (Bordeaux)
- 1990 Champagne Bollinger La Grand Annee (Champagne)
- 1991 Far Niente Winery (California)
- 1992 Cousino Macul Finis Terrae Premier Release (Chile)
- 1993 Beringer Vineyards Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (California)
- 1994 Ferriera Vintage Port (Portugal)
- 1995 Chateau Pontet Canet (Bordeaux)
- 1996 Nicolas Feuillatte Brut Champagne (Champagne)

LOT L6

1975 AND 1981 CHÂTEAU PÉTRUS

Two 750 ml bottles, one each of 1975 and 1981

“Rare treasures” Château Pétrus is one of the most famous red wines in the world and represent the best that Pomerol offers. The wines are generally produced from 100% Merlot grapes. Both of these vintages are drinkable now.

The 1975 is racy and exciting with plenty of lovely bitter chocolate, tobacco and berry aromas and flavours. A very rich wine. *Wine Spectator*: 93 points.

The 1981 is big and very ripe, almost raisiny. Mouth-coating fruit with ripe tannins.

Donated by: Bob & Carolyn Cross

Value: \$6,250

LOT L7

2001 CHÂTEAU DE BEAUCASTEL

One 3 litre bottle

Château de Beaucastel Hommage à Jacques Perrin Grande Cuvée is vivid and racy, with rich blackberry and currant fruit, lots of tar, smoke and mineral notes and a rich, sweet, chocolaty finish. Also, nice flashes of terroir lurk underneath all the fruit. Serious structure here, but surprisingly accessible now. Very impressive. From Châteauneuf-du-Pape, France. Drink now through 2016. *Wine Spectator*: 93 points.

Donated by: Domaines Perrin

Value: \$1,500

LOT L8

FAIRMONT HOTEL VANCOUVER PRIVATE DINING 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 the hotel’s cellar, 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, you will be served by your own private butler. A first class evening. (Date to be mutually agreed upon and expires October 31, 2008.)

Donated by: The Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

Value: Platinum

LOT L9

2006 LEOPARD FROG VINEYARDS TRIBE

One 18 litre bottle

The 18 litre “one-off” bottle, known as a Melchior, was created especially for the Festival to honour its 30-year history.

Tribe is the first and only known wine in the world to reunite South Africa’s unique New World varietal, Pinotage, with its two Old World parents, Pinot Noir and Cinsault. It shows a deep opaque ruby core with mahogany flecks pushing a lighter rim with watery edge. Clear, brilliant lustre and luminosity with long legs and notable colour extraction that foreshadow full-bodied wine. Layers of youthful yet elegant aromas conjure orchard-ripened Moreno cherries, huckleberry compote and wild brambleberries with top notes of fresh eucalyptus mixed with Cuban cigar tobacco, black olive tapenade and wet espresso grinds. Hints of charred beech wood affirm significant oak pedigree.

This wine has a palate-coating mouthfeel. Chiselled tannins and crisp, fresh acidity yield to powerful, succulent flavours of sweet black cherry skins, baked blueberries, Brazilian cocoa and Italian espresso. The mid-palate is filled with aromatic spices such as cloves, black peppercorns and cinnamon sticks. It finishes with a lingering sultry farewell reminiscent of a seared Tuscan steak with dried rosemary and porcini.

Only eight barrels of this wine were made and this is the only 18-litre bottle of this wine in the world. Tribe will be released in June 2008, but previews by a select handful of critics promise very positive reviews.

Winemaker and Proprietor David Bate will be in attendance and available to sign the bottle for the successful bidder.

Donated by: Leopard Frog Vineyards

Value: \$10,000

LOT L24

UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN

An amazing trip for 2 for seven nights touring Florence, and the surrounding medieval towns and wineries.

Begin this once-in-a-lifetime trip with reserved tickets for the Galleria degli Uffizi, followed by lunch at Bistecca alla Fiorentina, a typical restaurant of Florence. You’ll have time to browse the shops and then return to your hotel in the medieval piazza of Greve in Chianti for dinner.

The next day visit the splendid medieval city of Montepulciano, lunch in Azienda Agrituristica with a tasting of Vino Nobile de Montepulciano. In the afternoon, visit Pienza and Montalcino, renowned for its excellence in gastronomy, and enjoy a wine tasting of Brunello di Montalcino in the Enoteca, followed by dinner at the hotel.

On day four, you will have an opportunity to tour Chianti Classico “Gallo Nero,” visit the Castello and the Cantina di Brolio. Taste two wines and bring a bottle home each. Lunch will be in a restaurant in the Renaissance Piazza of Greve in Chianti, followed by wine tastings at the Bottega de Chianti Classico and the Enoteca Baldi a Panzano in Chianti. Then back to the hotel for dinner.

The next day you will depart for an excursion in Chianti, wine tastings and lunch. Then two days of leisure with all meals available at the hotel.

- Round trip economy airfare tickets for two with KLM or Lufthansa
- Hotel in the medieval piazza of Greve in Chianti
- All breakfasts, lunches and dinners
- Four days of touring and two days of leisure
- Valid for one year excluding June 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008 and December 14-24, 2008

**Donated by: The Italian Trade Commission –
Delegation Commercial D’Italie**

Value: \$10,000



LOT L23

BEARFOOT BISTRO AND BUBBLES

Champagne, Dinner, Champagne and more Champagne for 10

Bearfoot Bistro, in Whistler, gives a nod to the Wine Festival's global focus of sparkling wine with this extraordinary Champagne-themed dinner for 10.

Your party begins with Champagne and caviar at Bearfoot's Champagne Bar, a custom-made pewter bar featuring a rail of ice that cradles, cools, and illuminates your champagne flute from below.

Next you and your guests will move into the newly renovated Wine Cellar, unlike any other you have experienced. A spiral staircase drops dramatically from the centre of the restaurant's dining room into the temperature and humidity controlled cellar. While it is the perfect environment to store wine, it is also a fantastic place to learn the ancient ritual of sabering a bottle of champagne...and who better to learn from than proprietor, Andre St. Jacques.

Dinner includes a five-course tasting menu created by multi-award-winning Executive Chef Melissa Craig, each course paired with incredible Champagne, selected by Andre. With a cellar that boasts over 110 different labels from the Champagne region, it's no wonder Bearfoot Bistro is synonymous with Champagne.

Extravagant, approachable, and undeniably fun, this will be more than an evening out; it will be an event you'll never forget.

Donated by: Bearfoot Bistro

Value: Exceptional

LOT L10

1982 CHÂTEAU PÉTRUS

One 1.5 litre bottle

"Perfect" is the only word that comes to our mouth when we talk about the 1982 Pétrus. It blends delicate and elegant aromas of fruits, herbs and spices which contributes to the outstanding taste and concentration of its bouquet.

Pétrus is one of the world's most revered wines and the 1982 is one of the greatest Bordeaux vintages of the last century. Situated on a buttonhole of clay in the middle of Pomerol's plateau, the tiny 28.4-acre vineyard renders wines that are treated as well and as carefully as any wines produced on earth.

Pétrus is one of the most celebrated wines of Pomerol and in fact the world...here is your chance (a rare opportunity) to acquire this perfectly-celled magnum. Ideal for drinking now and over the next 20 years. Robert Parker: 98 points.

Donated by: Frank Giustra

Value: \$17,500

LOT L11

1982 CHÂTEAU MOUTON ROTHSCHILD 1ER CRU PAUILLAC

Twelve 750 ml bottles

The 1982 has a level of concentration that represents the essence of the Mouton terroir as well as the high percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon it contains.

Cassis, cedar, spice box, minerals, and vanillin are all present, but this opaque black/purple Pauillac has yet to reveal secondary nuances given its youthfulness. It exhibits huge tannin, unreal levels of glycerin and concentration, and spectacular sweetness and opulence.

A clear knockout now and capable of going on for decades. Robert Parker scored this wine 100 points.

Donated by: Paul Reynolds

Value: \$20,000

LOT L12

1975 & 1978 CHÂTEAU LAFITE

Four 750 ml bottles, two each of 1975 and 1978

Château Lafite-Rothschild is one of the most famous properties in Bordeaux, a First Growth château in the commune of Pauillac. The 1975 is a powerful wine with firm tannins that have taken 25 years to resolve, and is now great. The 1978 is a beautiful deep-garnet colour, with classic Médoc flavours of plum, spice, earth and mineral. Tannic, well-balanced, mouth-filling, and silky in feel. 94 points.

Donated by: Patrick J. Kinahan

Value: \$2,400

LOT L13

**EUROCAVE WINE CELLAR
FILLED WITH BC'S NEW CULT SENSATIONS**

The EuroCave V083 Wine Cabinet is BC's best. It holds 75 bottles and is the ideal size for your office, den or anywhere at all. This amazing wine cabinet recreates a natural cellar environment, ideal for long-term ageing of fine wines.

Your cellar will be filled with BC's new Cult Sensation of low yield-high end wines from Le Vieux Pin Winery. Their wines are made in the French tradition but with the latest equipment and technique, and their vines are grown organically. New wines from the Lastella Winery are also included.

- 1 case of Le Vieux Pin 2005 – Apogee Merlot Ripe, rich fruit and cocoa, silky tannins with complex long finish. "I discovered the best Canadian Merlot..." Michael Vaughn (*National Post*)
- 1 case of Le Vieux Pin 2005 Epoque Merlot – Dense fruit on the nose, plums and port with a spiciness, full-bodied with age worthy tannins. "It reminds me of Leonetti with stuffing..." Bruce Schoenfelt (*Wine Spectator*)
- 1 case of Le Vieux Pin 2005 Belle Pinot Noir – Freshly harvested fruit, subtle spice and cigar box. Big flavour with balancing tannins, long finish. "It reminds me of a Grand Echezeux, age-worthy and will reward those who are patient..." Bruce Schoenfelt (*Wine Spectator*)
- 1 case of Lastella 2006 Vivace Pinot Grigio – Aromas of minerals and stone fruits, a lush, complex palate with good acid balance and a hint of sweetness. Big, rich finish.
- 1 case of Lastella 2006 Lastellina Rosato Merlot – Lush strawberry nose and spice. Surprising depth of flavour with a hint of structure. Great long fruit-driven finish.
- 1 case of Lastella 2006 Allegreto Merlot – Fleshy plums, spice and pancetta aroma, elegant texture and flavours of cherry and dark chocolate. Elegant and complex.

"For the Love of Wine" Enjoy!

**Donated by: Vancouver Wine Vault
Le Vieux Pin Winery
Lastella Winery**

Value: \$7,300

LOT L22

LE GAVROCHE... DINNER, WINE, PARTY FOR 20

A great evening for a group of friends or an impressive business dinner.

Always a place for special occasions and celebrations, Le Gavroche and Vinterra Wine Merchants are pulling out all the stops for this superb dinner party for 20 in Le Gavroche's private dining room.

The evening's menu of brilliantly updated classic French cuisine will include fresh, local, sustainable ingredients and organic produce from fair trade suppliers.

Dinner will be paired with select vintages from the portfolio of Vinterra Wine Merchants, including:

- Gloria Ferrer Sonoma Brut
- Tohu Wines Sauvignon Blanc
- Bookwalter Chenin Blanc Benton-Lane Pinot Noir
- Bookwalter Merlot
- Valdivesio Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

Inspired dishes complemented by intriguing wines in the charming surroundings of Le Gavroche – what a wonderful night!

**Donated by: Le Gavroche
Vinterra Wine Merchants Inc**

Value: Magnifique!

LOT L19

CHÂTEAU PICHON LONGUEVILLE COMTESSE DE LALANDE VERTICAL

Three 750 ml bottles, one each of 1982, 1986 and 1989

Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande Vertical selection of three excellent years from the fabled 1980s. At present Pichon-Lalande is unquestionably the most popular and one of Pauillac's most consistently brilliant wines. In many vintages it rivals and occasionally surpasses the three famous first growths of this commune.

As one of the stars of these vintages, the wines have matured wonderfully, with the legendary 1982 drinking well, and the 1986 still adolescent, very dark, and possessing a perfumed, smoky, black currant bouquet, followed by a full body with medium tannins, great structure and a long finish. 1989 is strongly structured, but evolving nicely. These will continue to mature nicely over the next 5-15 years. *Wine Spectator* rated these three wines 95, 97, and 94 points.

Donated by: Lawrence & Maggie Burr

Value: \$2,000

LOT L20

1975 CHÂTEAU PÉTRUS

One 750 ml bottle

Château Pétrus is one of the world's most coveted and most famous wines of Bordeaux. Located in the Pomerol appellation, the wines are generally produced from 100% Merlot grapes. Racy and exciting, one of the best '75s, there is still plenty of lovely bitter chocolate, tobacco and berry aromas and flavours. Very rich but still closed. Best from 2000 to 2010. "A rare treasure." *Wine Spectator*: 93 points.

Donated by: James Killam

Value: \$3,500

LOT L21

1989 BARRICAIA BRUT RISERVA GRANDE ANNATE

One 3 L bottle

The most exclusive and prestigious three-litre bottle of Italian sparkling wine from Villa Rinaldi. Elegantly crafted out of pure Bohemian crystal, and beautifully engraved with rich 18-carat gold.

The exquisite bottle contains the most precious reserve millesimé from Villa Rinaldi-Barricaia Brut Reserva Grande Annate 1989 – a remarkable vintage, which continues to age beautifully after nearly 20 years. This multi-award winning, classic Spumante is a veritable opportunity for the most discerning of palates to enjoy a host of exhilaratingly refined bubbles, presented as luxuriously as the wine itself.

Family member Teresa Rinaldi will be in attendance and would love to meet the successful bidder.

Donated by: Villa Rinaldi

Value: \$2,000

LOT L14

"IRON CHEF" ROB FEENIE, IN YOUR HOME

He's back by popular demand!

Vancouver's own Iron Chef, Rob Feenie, a wizard in combining flavours, will prepare a spectacular five-course dinner for 8 persons in your home.

Wine aficionados, Joan & Sid Cross have selected wines from their personal cellar which will complement the evening's meal. Included are:

- 1990 J. Lassalle Brut Champagne Blanc de Blancs, 1er cru Chigny-les-Roses
- 1996 Cape Mentelle Semillon Sauvignon
- 1988 Hermitage Blanc E. Guigal Rhone (Ampuis)
- 1998 Tinhorn Creek Merlot 1997 Il Grigio da San Felice Chianti Classico Riserva
- 1989 Chateau La Grave a Pomerol Trigant de Boisset Pomerol
- Christian Moueix
- 1978 Château Palmer
- NV Rivesaltes Hors D'Age Domaine Forca Real 500 ml.

Available any day of the week that's mutually agreed upon, with the exception of holidays and long weekends.

You don't even have to set the table! Rob will provide the dinner, service and clean up-all you have to do is pour the wine.

Donated by: Rob Feenie

Sid & Joan Cross

Value: Outstanding

LOT L15

MY WEEK IN PROVENCE

5 Friends / 5 Days

Picture yourself lounging beside the pool at La Parran (built in 1778, extensively renovated in 2001) overlooking the surrounding vineyards and wooded hills of the Southern Rhône. It boasts 4 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, a gourmet kitchen and beautiful terraces. Only 40 minutes from Avignon.

Also included, an orientation gourmet Provençale dinner for 6 in West Vancouver by Vista D'oro Winery, prepared by Chef extraordinaire Lee Murphy. Dinner features Southern Rhône wines from the Vista D'oro portfolio and the sold-out Vista D'oro Walnut Port.

Winner will also receive a special gift bag of Vista D'oro wines and artisanal preserves to take home to get you in the mood for your week at La Parran.

Vista D'oro Fine Food and Wine Agency is focused on the importation of hard-to-find wines from small producers in the Southern Rhone. Visit www.vistadoro.com. Mutually convenient dates to be arranged within 18 months of Gala.

An evening to remember – a week never to forget.

**Donated by: Alison Molloy & Wade Nesmith
Patrick & Lee Murphy
Vista D'oro Fine Food & Wine Agency**

Value: Magnifique

LOT L16

GLOWBAL EXTRAVAGANZA!

Progressive Dine Around Party for 6

This very lucky group of six will experience a truly special and most memorable evening. It begins at 6 PM with limousine service to Glowbal Grill and Satay Bar for pre-dinner cocktails in hip, sexy surroundings.

From there, enjoy a short stroll to the trendy, award-winning COAST, where lovely Champagne and fresh oysters await.

Next stop – dinner. The limo will whisk you off to the sleek, modern Italian Kitchen for a perfectly exquisite meal paired with beautiful wines.

Your evening would not be complete without a stop at the exotic Sanafir for the unique "Silk Route" experience of relaxing on a Moroccan bed whilst sipping crisp Champagne and nibbling on delicate chocolate.

When it's time to go home, simply slip back into the limo and relax...

**Donated by: Glowbal Grill & Satay Bar
COAST Restaurant
Italian Kitchen
Sanafir**

Value: Priceless

LOT L17

THE FOUR FIRST GROWTH MÉDOC WINES OF 1983

A quartet of France's finest wines from a great vintage.

Four 750 ml bottles, one each of Château Lafite Rothschild, Château Mouton Rothschild, Château Latour and Château Margaux

Château Latour is a universally recognized great wine property producing one of the most concentrated, rich, tannic, and long lived wines in the world. The 1983 is a garnet-coloured, medium-bodied wine with aromas of roasted walnuts and hints of tar and spice. *Wine Spectator*: 94 points.

Château Margaux is one of the most famous wines of Bordeaux. A deep, multi-dimensional bouquet with a fragrance of ripe black fruit and great complexity; a breathtaking wine. "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." *Wine Spectator*: 96 points.

Château Lafite, a collectors' favourite, shows the classic Lafite bouquet with red and black fruits, and cedar with delicate and soft flavours in an elegant style. This wine has a medium to full body with fine tannins and a medium finish. *Wine Spectator*: 91 points.

Château Mouton Rothschild is a super-refined Bordeaux with an excellent deep ruby colour and intense cigar-box, plum and berry aromas and flavours; full-bodied, but very reserved in style with fine tannins and a seductively long finish. *Wine Spectator*: 94 points.

Donated by: Woodland Investments Ltd.

Value: \$3,500

LOT L18

ROBERT MONDAVI CABERNET SAUVIGNON RESERVE VERTICAL

Twelve 750 ml bottles, one each from 1986 to 1997 inclusive

Called "about as good as wine gets" (*Vines Magazine*) and "thoroughly blows the curve...truly a precious gem in liquid form" (*Robb Report*). Robert Mondavi was a pioneer of fine California wine and his Reserve Cabernet Sauvignons are a benchmark for excellence in Napa Valley wines. He is a man of vision, an experimenter, who introduced the use of French oak to California Cabernet and has led California and proved his Cabernets equal to the best in the world.

This consecutive Vertical collection, averaging 90 *Wine Spectator* points, will be magnificent to drink now or age for several more years.

Donated by: James & Milena Robertson

Value: \$3500