

# 2015

## GRAND TASTING

BENEFITS THE HOUSTON AREA WOMEN'S CENTER



# WOMEN OF WINE CHARITIES

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## TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

### 6PM

Auction Registration Opens & Silent Auction Begins  
*(Registration required to bid in silent and live auctions.)*

### 7:15PM

Welcome from Denise Ehrlich, President of Women of Wine Charities  
Rebecca White, President and CEO of the Houston Area Women's Center

### 7:30PM

Live Auction Begins  
*Al Mills, Auctioneer*

### 8:15PM

Silent Auction Closes

### 8:30PM

Checkout Begins

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## TONIGHT'S WINES

Alexander Valley Vineyards 2012 Merlot, Alexander Valley  
Alexander Valley Vineyards 2012 Sin Zin Zinfandel, Alexander Valley  
Alexander Valley Vineyards 2010 CYRUS, Alexander Valley  
Amici Cellars 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley  
Castello d'Albola 2011 Chianti Classico DOCG  
Château Pontac-Lynch 2012 Margaux  
Château Batailley 2012, Pauillac  
Château Miraval 2013 Cotes de Provence Rosé  
Columbia Winery 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley  
Emiliana 2011 Coyam, Colchagua Valley  
Fort Ross Vineyards 2012 Chardonnay, Fort Ross-Seaview Sonoma Coast  
Fort Ross Vineyards 2010 Pinot Noir, Fort Ross-Seaview Sonoma Coast  
Feudo Principi di Butera 2012 Symposio, Terre Siciliane IGT  
Graham's Tawny Port 20 Year Old  
Graham's Six Grapes Reserve Port  
Jansz NV Premium Rosé, Tasmania  
Jayson 2012 Chardonnay, North Coast  
Nice Wines 2011 Malbec Reserve, Lujan du Cuyo  
Nice Wines 2012 "The Stag" Red Blend, Paicines  
Nice Wines 2014 Blanc du Bois, Texas  
One 2011 Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley  
One 2012 Calistoga Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley  
Pacific Rim 2012 Wallula Vineyard Riesling, Horse Heaven Hills  
Pahlmeyer 2012 Merlot, Napa Valley  
Perrier-Jouët NV Grand Brut, Champagne  
St. Supéry 2010 Rutherford Estate Vineyard Merlot, Napa Valley  
Villa Maria 2012 Cellar Selection Merlot/Cabernet Sauvignon, Hawkes Bay  
Villa Maria 2013 Private Bin Pinot Noir, Marlborough  
Villa Maria 2014 Private Bin Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough  
Wayfarer Vineyard 2013 Pinot Noir, Fort Ross-Seaview Sonoma Coast  
Webster Cellars 2012 Left Bank Red Blend, Napa Valley  
Webster Cellars 2012 Reserve Red Blend, Napa Valley  
Webster Cellars 2012 Right Bank Red Blend, Napa Valley  
Webster Cellars 2014 Sauvignon Blanc, Dry Creek Valley  
Wente Vineyards 2013 Morning Fog Chardonnay, Livermore Valley-San Francisco Bay

*For more information on this evening's wines,  
please refer to the wine notes found in this program.*

## GUEST WINEMAKERS

### **KEITH WEBSTER, OWNER/WINEMAKER WEBSTER CELLARS, ST. HELENA, CA**

"My wines are crafted to take you on a journey from the moment you uncork the bottle until you consume the last drop. They express an ever-changing scenery of the senses, evolving from shy and tight to open and embracing, like a love affair. There is a new discovery with every sniff of the glass and every sip of the wine; that, to me, is what fine wines should do. The wines I create are balanced, integrated, delightful expressions of my love of the process and my desire to permit the true nature of the grape to manifest itself in the wine. Manipulation is kept to a bare minimum, additives are frowned upon and filtration is considered an unnecessary step. The result is a wine so complex and sophisticated, you could take it home to your parents!"



### **RYAN LEVY & IAN EASTVELD OWNERS/WINEMAKERS, NICE WINES**

Certified Sommeliers, Wine Educators and Le Cordon Bleu-trained Chefs Ryan Levy and Ian Eastveld are the "foodie superduo" behind The Nice Winery. Their chef-driven wines have been featured in Wine Enthusiast, won 94 point ratings and gold medals, and are featured on top wine lists. When not making their hand-crafted wines, the chefs teach about wine and food at their Houston winery and tasting room.



### **STU DUDLEY, VITICULTURIST/WINEMAKER VILLA MARIA, NEW ZEALAND**

Stuart's interest in the wine industry came about after completing his University degree in Genetics and Biochemistry, after which he decided to travel through South America, including Argentina. Upon returning to New Zealand, he completed the post graduate diploma in Viticulture and Oenology at Lincoln University. In 2006, he moved to Marlborough to work in viticulture, and in 2011 began working for Villa Maria. His role sees him working with a great team of managers and grower liaison personnel in the South Island. He looks after Villa Maria's company and grower vineyards in Marlborough, Nelson and Waipara. Stuart enjoys the diversity found within these regions, and strives to get the best out of each site to make fantastic wines.





**SYLVIA CASARES, SYLVIA'S ENCHILADA KITCHEN**

Texas Monthly magazine says Sylvia serves the "Best Enchiladas, Best Flautas and Best Tres Leches" in Houston at the three Sylvia's locations, and Television Chef Rachael Ray says her food "is out of this world!" Casares was selected as the number one Best Chef in Houston by H Texas magazine.



**KITTY BAILEY, COSTA BRAVA BISTRO**

Kitty Bailey is a native of Houston. Her career in restaurant management began over 25 years ago in Austin, before returning to Houston's restaurant scene, including La Mer and Cafe Annie. She is a co-founder of Costa Brava Bistro, which launched in the fall of 2012.



**RUSSELL AND TONY MASRAFF, MASRAFF'S**

Masraff's offers affordable elegance, attentive yet unobtrusive service and impeccably prepared and exquisitely fresh American cuisine prepared with the best ingredients from around the world. Owned and operated by Tony Masraff and his son Russell, Masraff's may best be described as American cuisine with a touch of Southern Europe that satisfy the most discriminating diner.



**REBECCA MASSON, FLUFF BAKE BAR**

As Owner and Pastry Chef of Fluff Bake Bar, Rebecca also creates signature dessert menus for the top tier of Houston restaurants. Affectionately known as "The Sugar Fairy" Rebecca's signature style creatively marries classic French pastry with beloved homemade favorites reminiscent of childhood.



**MONICA POPE, SPARROW**

Dubbed the "Alice Waters of the Third Coast," German-born, Texas-reared Chef Monica Pope has been revolutionizing Houston's culinary scene since she debuted her first restaurant in 1992. She shares her passion for connecting local farmers and consumers with cooking classes, an online cookbook Eat Where Your Food Lives, plus Sparrow Bar + Cookshop and Beaver's restaurants.



**RANDY RUCKER, BRAMBLE**

Bramble is Chef Randy Rucker's highly anticipated return to a restaurant of his own after his Beard Foundation nominated Bootsie's. Rucker expresses his philosophy—that food should represent an unrepeatable time and place—in the ingredients that inspire Bramble's menus.



**CLAIRE SMITH, CANOPY / SHADE**

Chef and restaurateur Claire Smith has been behind some of the most influential establishments in Houston's vibrant food scene for the past two decades. Her unique perspective on contemporary comfort food has won her regular national press coverage and countless culinary awards.



**ELIZABETH STONE, SILVER STONE EVENTS**

As Owner and Executive Chef of Silver Stone Events and The Stone Kitchen Catering & Special Events, Elizabeth Stone has impressed clients for 27 years. She has won numerous awards, including Chef of Chefs Runner Up in the Houston/Woodlands Food and Wine Grand Tasting Competition. She has also published her first entertaining book, An Invitation to Entertain, Recipes for Gracious Parties.



**ANTOINE WARE, HAROLD'S RESTAURANT | BAR | TERRACE**

After attending Delgado Culinary School in his hometown of New Orleans, Ware worked at Royal Sonesta, Chateau Sonesta, Bacco Bistro and Mr. B's Bistro before relocating to Houston following Hurricane Katrina. After stints at Catalan and The Hay Merchant, Ware joined Alli Jarrett to open Harold's Restaurant | Bar | Terrace as Executive Chef in August 2013.



## LIVE AUCTION

### #101: PRIVATE WINE TASTING FOR 10 IN YOUR HOME WITH GUY STOUT

Guy is recognized as a Houston icon for his contributions to the wine and food industries. He is one of the only 230 Master Sommeliers in the world, and is also a Certified Wine Educator (CWE), Certified Spirits Specialist (CSS), and Corporate Director of Beverage Education at Glazer's Family of Companies. Chef Kipp Galley, owner of The Holman Valley Steakhouse in LaGrange, will be pairing appetizers with each wine! Kipp studied at the Colorado Cooking School of The Rockies and is a 3-time medal-winning competitor at the BEST BITES completion. **The winning bidder may choose from two available dates for the tasting: January 8, 2016 or January 15, 2016.** *Generously donated by Guy Stout and Kipp Galley*



### #102: CALIFORNIA WINE TRIP FOR 6 - NAPA TIME!

Your fabulous trip will include private tours and tastings at Amici Cellars, Darioush Winery, Mumm Napa, Pahlmeyer Winery, Revana Family Vineyards, St. Supery Winery and The Hess Collection. Package includes two nights for up to 3 couples at Amici Cellars' private guest house. *Generously donated by Amici Cellars, Darioush Winery, Mumm Napa, Pahlmeyer Winery, Revana Family Vineyards, St. Supery Winery and The Hess Collection*



### #103: INSTANT WINE CELLAR

Jump-start an impressive wine cellar with a wine refrigerator stocked with a sampling of wines from the Women of Wine Charities collection. Includes a new Kenmore 45-bottle, touchscreen wine cooler to ensure that all your new wines are kept at the perfect temperature. *Generously donated by Women of Wine Charities*



*A sincere thank you to all of the individuals and businesses that donated tonight's array of fantastic live and silent auction items.*

## LIVE AUCTION (cont.)

### #104: DECADENT WINE DINNER FOR 12 PREPARED BY BEAR DALTON

An evening to look forward to on **January 16, 2016, 7:00 PM** at the home of Bo & Lisa Hopmann. Let Charles M. "Bear" Dalton, the fine wine buyer for Spec's, wine and dine you with a spectacular 7-course meal, perfectly paired with incredible wines and served by the WOW Board Members. If you have an appetite for food and wine, then this is the event for you! **This item will be auctioned off in pairs; there will be 6 pairs available!** *Generously donated by Bear Dalton & Bo and Lisa Hopmann*



### #105: CALIFORNIA WINE TRIP FOR 2 - LET'S GO TO SONOMA!

Wine Time! Your fabulous trip will include a two night hotel stay at the Doubletree by Hilton Sonoma Wine Country (Sunday thru Thursdays) and include private tours and tastings at wineries in Sonoma, including Fort Ross Vineyard, and more. *Generously donated by Doubletree by Hilton Sonoma Wine Country and Fort Ross Vineyard & Winery*



### #106: VACATION IN MONTSERRAT WEST INDIES

Your glorious vacation is a one-week stay at a gorgeous oceanfront villa on the island of Montserrat, near Antigua and St. Kitts in the West Indies. The three-bedroom "Avalon" villa comfortably sleeps six, with king beds in each bedroom. For quiet and comfortable relaxation, there's no better place! The villa has a pool, wifi and TV, a generous supply of books and games, as well as some of the most beautiful views in the world. A beach within an easy walk, beach bar nearby, good restaurants, snorkeling, scuba diving, sailing and hiking are readily available. Stays are Saturday to Saturday on an availability basis during off-peak season (April through October 2016.) Transportation and food not included. *Generously donated by Kate and John Ambler*



## SILENT AUCTION: WINE DINNERS

### #201: Chef's Dinner for 6

Dazzle your friends when you invite them to dine at Ibiza Food & Wine Bar. You will definitely be in for a treat at the Chef's Table dinner prepared by Food Network's "Iron Chef America" contestant, Chef Charles Clark. *Generously donated by Charles Clark, Ibiza Food & Wine Bar*

### #202: Wine and Cheese Party for 10

Woo your friends with a wine and cheese party for 10 in the private dining room of Harold's Restaurant | Bar | Terrace. *Generously donated by Antoine Ware, Harold's Restaurant | Bar | Terrace*

### #203: Wine Tasting In Your Home for 12 People

A wine tasting in your home conducted by Christian Varas, Sommelier & Wine Director, River Oaks Country Club. (He's also a two-time Iron Sommelier winner: 2013 Judge's Choice and 2012 People's Choice!) Wine will be provided. Tasting will be on a mutually agreeable Sunday evening. *Generously donated by Christian Varas*

### #204: Dinner for 4

Enjoy dinner for 4 at Bryan Caswell's award-winning seafood restaurant, REEF. Yummie! *Generously donated by Bryan Caswell, REEF*

### #205: Dinner Impossible for 8

Gather a group of your foodie friends as Executive Chef of BraeBurn Country Club, Pedro Sanchez, takes over your kitchen to create a DINNER IMPOSSIBLE! The Chef will prepare a meal for 8 with the items he finds in your kitchen. Ready, Set, Go! *Generously donated by Lisa Caruth, Braeburn Country Club*

### #206: Enchiladas, Flautas and Tres Leches (Oh my!)

Get your tastebuds ready for the best ever enchiladas, flautas and tres leches from Sylvia's Enchilda Kitchen by Sylvia Casares, named "Queen of Tex-Mex Cuisine" by H Texas Magazine. This package includes two \$25 Gift Certificates. *Generously donated by Sylvia Casares, Sylvia's Enchilda Kitchen*

### #207: Wine and Dine at Helen Greek Food and Wine

You are in for a treat at the newly opened Helen Greek Food and Wine which has Houston's first-ever all-Hellenic wine list. Enjoy a tasty meal of classic and modern Greek cooking prepared by Executive Chef William Wright. This package includes a \$100 Gift Certificate. *Generously donated by Evan Turner, Helen Greek Food and Wine*

### #208: Dinner and Wine Pairing for 6 (Choice of Backstreet Café / Caracol / Hugo's)

Impress your friends by wining and dining them at one of Houston's top restaurants. Chef Hugo Ortega, Pastry Chef Rueben Ortega and Sommelier Sean Beck will create a dinner for 6 people paired with wines for this incredible meal. *Generously donated by Tracy Vaught, Back Street Café, Caracol, Hugo's*

## SILENT AUCTION: WINE DINNERS (cont.)

### #209: Dinner for 2 at Davis Street

Indulge in flavorful and imaginative cuisine inspired by Executive Chef Javani King. Certificate for dinner for two persons for up to a four course dinner, excludes alcoholic beverages. *Generously donated by Jason Walsh, Davis Street*

### #210: Italian Cuisine Made With Care

Pappa Corelli has cooked Italian fare from scratch for over 19 years. Enjoy dinner for 4 including appetizer, entrée and dessert at Corelli's Italian Café. Certificate excludes alcohol. *Generously donated by Jessica Trevino, Corelli's Italian Café*

## SILENT AUCTION: WINE & WINE ACCESSORIES

### #301: 5-Litre Altamura Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2010

Frank Altamura's passion for detail is clearly defined by his richly textured, highly collectable wine. The 2010 was aged in French oak barrels for 30 months and made from 100% estate grown Cabernet Sauvignon. This is a rare opportunity to own this gem. (WS 94 pts.) *Generously donated by Monica Silva, Altamura Winery*

### #302: 3-Litre Duckhorn Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

Simply put, this wine embodies the complexity of Napa Valley wine growing while offering a seamless balance between fruit, oak and tannins. Wilfred Wong of Wine.com (WW 92 pts.): "This one could easily be the poster child for ultra-premium Napa Valley Cabernet." *Generously donated by Lindsey Atkinson, Duckhorn Wine Company*

### #303: Schild Estate Ben Schild Reserve Shiraz Barossa Valley 2010 6-Pack

This single vineyard wine was the Gold Medal winner in the 2015 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo International Wine Competition! Dark and peppery, smooth and supple, layering black cherry and licorice flavors on a plump frame. (WS 92 pts.) Package of six 750 ml bottles. *Generously donated by Charles Willis, Schild Estate*

### #304: Iconic Australian Shiraz Cellar Builder 4-Pack

This collection includes one 750 ml each of Mount Langi Ghiran Shiraz Langi Grampians 2005 (WE 91 pts.), d'Arenberg "The Dead Arm" Shiraz McLaren Vale 2005 (Parker 95 pts.), Kilikanoon "Greens Vineyard" Shiraz Barossa Valley 2005 (Parker 95 pts.), and Jasper Hill Emily's Paddock Shiraz Cabernet Franc Heathcote 2005 (Parker 93 pts./Halliday 95 pts.). A truly iconic collection for the discerning wine lover. *Generously donated by Denise Ehrlich, CSW, Renaissance Wine Marketing*

### #305: 3-Litre Chimney Rock Cabernet Sauvignon 2011

A wine indelibly memorable to Napa Valley winemakers. Deep red in color, it shows cherry and cassis as well as whispers of sage, floral and wet gravel with a tannin backbone reminiscent of Bordeaux reds. (Vinous 92 pts.) *Generously donated by Jennifer Kadlick, Terlato Wines*

## SILENT AUCTION: WINE & WINE ACCESSORIES (cont.)

### #306: 3-Litre Ferrai-Carano Trésor 2012

Ferrari-Carano presents its finest blend of the five classic Bordeaux grapes: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot, Malbec and Cabernet Franc. With flavors and aromas of blackberry jam, cassis, cedar, anise, blueberry, spiced rum, coffee and caramel. *Generously donated by Andrea Christensen, Ferrari-Carano Vineyards and Winery*

### #307: 1.5 Litre Perrier-Jouët NV Grand Brut Champagne

Golden yellow in color, with lovely aromas of tropical fruit, citrus, spice and yeast. This elegant, complex, crisp and balanced wine features fine, persistent mouthfeel as well as lingering flavors of fresh apples and lemons (WS 91 pts.) What could be better for celebrating the Holidays than this magnificent magnum of bubbles! *Generously donated by Monique Studak, Perrier-Jouët*

### #308: Duckhorn Napa Valley Chardonnay 2012 6-Pack

Duckhorn winery's debut Chardonnay comes highly recommended. A lush and complex Chardonnay showcasing layered aromas of white peach and nectarine, tangerine zest and honeydew melon (WE 90 pts.). This package includes six 750 ml bottles. *Generously donated by Lindsey Atkinson, Duckhorn Wine Company*

### #309: 3-year Vertical Collection of Kosta Browne Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

Kosta Browne is one of the most highly coveted cult wines of California and has established itself as a beacon of California Pinot Noir. Here is a rare opportunity to own three of these jewels: 2010, 2011 & 2012. *Generously donated by Karin Singley*

### #310: LangeTwins 5-Pack and Stemless Wine Glasses

This collection includes one 750 ml each of LangeTwins Reserve Chardonnay Clarksburg 2012, LangeTwins Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon Lodi 2011, LangeTwins Reserve Merlot Clarksburg 2010, LangeTwins Midnight Reserve Lodi 2011, and LangeTwins Centennial Zinfandel Lodi 2011. Your collection also includes four stemless wine glasses. *Generously donated by Julie Godfrey, LCF Wines*

### #311: Darioush Signature Pinot Noir Russian River Valley 2012 2-Pack

Winemaker Steve Devitt's Signature Pinot Noir is grown along the highly acclaimed 'Gold Ridge' soil series on Vine Hill Road. There is an underlying grace to this young wine, and a fine balance of fruit, oak and tannins that will enable it to evolve and deepen over time. Two 750 ml bottles included in this collection. *Generously donated by Tracey Moss*

### #312: Coonawarra Cabernet Smackdown!

This wonderful duo includes one 750 ml bottle each of Penley Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon Coonawarra 2004 (Parker 92 pts./Halliday 93 pts.) and Parker Coonawarra Estate Terra Rossa First Growth Cabernet Sauvignon 2002 (Parker 92 pts./Halliday 94 pts.) Two highly acclaimed wines from Australia's greatest Cabernet region. *Generously donated by Denise Ehrlich, CSW, Renaissance Wine Marketing*

## SILENT AUCTION: WINE & WINE ACCESSORIES (cont.)

### #313: 3-Litre Chateau Miraval Côtes de Provence Rose 2014

Miraval Rose Côte de Provence 2014 is a beautiful pale pink colour, with a bouquet of white flowers, freshly crushed strawberries and ripe Morello cherries (Parker 91 pts.). The palate offers length and balance between the fruit and minerality with complex aromas of wild herbs, limestone and rich citrus fruit. *Generously donated by Manny Guerra, Vineyard Brands*

### #314: 1.5 Litre Mount Veeder Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

Gold Medal Award Winner, 2015 Sunset International Wine Competition. This wonderful wine is deep ruby in color with aromas of deep cherry, plum and vanilla intertwined with beautiful hints of anise and caramel. *Generously donated by Larry West, RNDC and Constellation Wines*

### #315: Seifried Winemakers Collection "Sweet Agnes" Riesling 3-Pack Vertical

This package includes one 375 ml bottle each of 3 vintages (2010, 2011, 2012) of this amazing award-winning Riesling dessert wine from the Nelson Region of New Zealand. *Generously donated by Denise Ehrlich, CSW, Renaissance Wine Marketing*

### #316: 1.5 Litre Ricossa Antica Casa Barbera d'Asti 2009 2-Pack

Gold Medal Award Winner, 2011 World Wine Championships. From the Piedmont region comes this sumptuous medium bodied deep, ruby-red colored wine with a purple rim and intense cherry and red berry fruit aromas. *Generously donated by Denise Ehrlich, CSW, Renaissance Wine Marketing*

### #317: 1.5 Litre "The Doctors" Riesling Marlborough 2012

Winemaker John Forrest's analogy for this superb wine is "Great Escape". Marlborough was experiencing record low sunshine conditions until April 1st when the Sun Gods blessed the region paving the way for this amazing 2012 vintage. Stunning flavors of crisp Granny Smith apple, lime sherbert and Central Otago apricot. *Generously donated by Denise Ehrlich, CSW, Renaissance Wine Marketing*

### #318: 3-Litre Wente Vineyards Charles Wetmore Livermore Valley San Francisco Bay Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

Estate-grown and named after one of Livermore Valley's most prominent pioneers. Flavors of cherry, chocolate and oak with rich aromas of black cherry, mocha and a subtle hint of vanilla. *Generously donated by Sabrina Costello, Wente Vineyards*

### #319: La Passione per il Vino Gift Box

Stefano Farina's award winning Terre di Sn Quirico 2010 Barbera d'Alba Silenzio transmits all the emotions of the most esteemed wines of Piedmont. Package includes two 750 ml bottles Silenzio, packed in a red alligator print box. *Generously donated by Ellen Stephenson, Stefano Farina Imports*

## SILENT AUCTION: WINE & WINE ACCESSORIES (cont.)

### #320: Treat Yourself to a Collector's Item Shiraz

A 750 ml of John Duval Entity Shiraz Barossa Valley 2006 signed by winemaker John Duval, plus 1 Riedel Sommeliers Black Tie Hermitage/Syrah glass. One of Australia's most famed winemakers, John assisted George Riedel in the design of this special edition glass. *Generously donated by Denise Ehrlich, CSW, Renaissance Wine Marketing*

### #321: d'Arenberg Collection with Carrying Bag and Commemorative Poster

In 2006, Houston was 1 of 4 U.S. cities to host a dinner celebrating Frances "d'Arry" d'Arenberg Osborn's 80th birthday and 65th harvest. This collection came from that dinner and includes one 750 ml each of 3 vintages of the Laughing Magpie Shiraz/Viognier McLaren Vale: 2002 (Halliday 94 pts./Parker 93 pts.), 2004 (Parker 95 pts.), and 2005 (Halliday 94 pts.), plus a commemorative poster and custom wine bag. *Generously donated by Denise Ehrlich, CSW, Renaissance Wine Marketing*

### #322: Women in Wine – 1 Month Membership Domain Somm

Domain Somm's wines are handcrafted by female winemakers from around the world. Your one-month membership includes consultation with the all-female team of sommeliers for a custom selection of outstanding wines tailored to your preferences. Your 'do your own' wine club experience includes a total package value of \$100. *Generously donated by Jodi Rubenstein, Domaine Somm*

### #323: 1.5 Litre Etched Bottle, Alexander Valley Vineyards 2010 CYRUS Red Blend

This estate-grown wine is Alexander Valley Vineyard's tribute to the man, the region, and the very best of the vintage. With great structure and concentrated fruit, terrific color and expressive aromas of cassis, berry, plum, toasty oak and vanilla, this is a rich, complex wine with flavors of dark fruits, spice, oak, vanilla and cocoa powder. Enjoyable upon release, this wine will reward those with the patience to age it. (WE 92 pts.) *Generously donated by Trey Johnson, Alexander Valley Vineyards*

### #324: Ramey Wine Cellars Instant Cellar Collection

This wonderful collection includes three 750 ml bottles *each* of four wines: Platt Vineyard Sonoma Coast Chardonnay 2011 (Tanzer 93 pts.); Hyde Vineyard Napa Valley-Carneros Chardonnay 2012 (WE 96 pts.); Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 (WE 91 pts./Tanzer 93 pts.); and Annum Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 (WS 91 pts./Tanzer 93 pts.) *Generously donated by Silas Rushton, Ramey Wine Cellars*

### #325: 3-Litre Etched Bottle, The Hess Collection Mount Veeder 19 Block Mountain Cuvee 2011 Napa Valley

A core of 19 blocks from the highest-altitude estate vineyard comprises this proprietary Cabernet blend. The Veeder Summit Vineyard is distinguished by its steep slopes and volcanic soils and produces intensely flavored, complex wines. This wine is a singular, distinctive expression of Mount Veeder. 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Malbec, 23% Syrah. *Generously donated by Lara Fournier, The Hess Collection*

## SILENT AUCTION: WINE & WINE ACCESSORIES (cont.)

### #326: 3 Bottle Donati Family Vineyards Collection

This wonderful collection all from California's Paicines appellation includes a 3-Litre Claret 2008 with flavors of plum and cherry and aromas of cherry, leather and earth; a 1.5 Litre "The Immigrant" Bordeaux Blend with flavors of rich candied watermelon and aromas of earth, blackberry and vanilla; and a 1.5 Litre Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 with flavors of cranberry with rich tannins and acids and aromas of herbaceous and leather. *Generously donated by Randall Pettit, Donati Family Vineyard*

### #327: Orin Swift Magnum Trio

In 1995, David Swift Phinney spent a semester "studying" in Florence, Italy, where he was introduced to wine and how it was made, and got hooked. In 1998 he created Orin Swift Cellars, an homage to his father's middle name and mother's maiden name. This trio collection includes one magnum each from Napa Valley of "Papillon" 2011 Bordeaux blend (WS 93 pts.); "Abstract" 2012 Rhone blend (WS 92 pts.); and "Prisoner" 2013 Zinfandel (WA 97 pts.) *Generously donated by Bill & Julie Marsh*

### #328: Pahlmeyer Napa Valley Proprietary Red 2012

Undaunted by professional admonishments to plant corn instead of red Bordeaux varieties, Jayson Pahlmeyer planted his first vintage of what was to become Pahlmeyer's signature wine, the Proprietary Red Blend. This auction lot of one 750 ml bottle of Pahlmeyer Napa Valley Proprietary Red 2012 is flat out sexy, rich, layers and voluptuous. Opulent in every sense, the aromas of juicy ripe black cherry and floral raspberry marry with fresh citrus blossom, pencil lead and a hint of marzipan. This enormous Bordeaux-style blend will evolve magnificently with proper cellaring. (Parker 94 pts.) *Generously donated by Lauren Albanese, Pahlmeyer*

### #329: Webster Cellars Limited Production Boutique Wines Instant Cellar

"My wines are like meeting the love of your life, a dance of experiencing the delight of knowing someone who, at first contact is intriguing and who grows more and more connected to your soul with every kiss!" From winemaker and native Texan Keith Webster's Napa Valley winery this six bottle instant cellar includes 1-750 ml Webster Cellars Reserve Red Blend 2012 Napa Valley; 2-750 ml Webster Cellars Left Bank Red Blend 2012 Napa Valley; 2-750 ml Webster Cellars Right Bank Red Blend 2012 Napa Valley; and 1-750 ml Webster Cellars Sauvignon Blanc 2014 Dry Creek Valley. *Generously donated by Keith & Chelli Webster, Webster Cellars*

## SILENT AUCTION: LUXURY EXPERIENCES

### #401: LINUS Dutchi 1 Bicycle

Chic French Vintage Personality bicycle from the 60's era. This French inspired and California fashioned bicycle has simple elegance and modern comfort. Retro charm and personality. And for all of us wine lovers, the hand grips are made from natural cork! Details: Navy Blue Frame, Elysian Black Tires, Natural CORK hand grips. Single Speed. 54 x 7 1/2 x 28 1/2. *Generously donated by Ben Price, Bacardi*



## SILENT AUCTION: LUXURY EXPERIENCES (cont.)

### #402: Guided Fishing Trip For 1-3, Rockport TX

Enjoy a 1-day guided fishing trip with Captain Todd Adams in Rockport, *aka* Home of World Class Fishing. Captain Todd comes from a family of fishing experience and has been a full-time guide for 20+ years as well as the winner of several awards in fishing tournaments. To celebrate your great catches, this package includes a \$100 Gift Certificate good for food and beverage from Poor Man's Country Club! *Generously donated by Captain Todd Adams; and Albert Mills, Poor Man's Country Club*

### #403: The NICE Winery Tour And Tasting For 10-16 People

Win a private, guided tasting for up to 16 people with the winemaker at Houston's Nice Wines. Their handcrafted, boutique wines are poured in top restaurants and have won gold medals in international wine competitions, including two Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Gold Medal winners: 2011 Malbec Reserve Lujan du Cuyo and 2014 Texas Blanc du Bois. (A \$100 refundable credit card deposit required when making reservation.) *Generously donated by The Nice Winery*

### #404: Bed & Breakfast Getaway, The Houstonian Hotel Club & Spa

Relaxing getaway from it all in style! This package includes a deluxe guest bedroom on a Friday or Saturday night, breakfast for two in Olivette or from room service plus complimentary use of the fitness club and The Houstonian's three resort pools. *Generously donated by Erica Zack, The Houstonian Hotel, Club & Spa*

### #405: Riedel Glass Class For 10 In Your Home

Did you miss our Riedel education event last April? Here's your chance to experience this fun event in your home and impress your friends. WOW President Denise Ehrlich will lead you and your guests through a tasting, and you'll learn why the right glass makes a difference. Keep all the glasses for your collection, or give each guest the set of 4 glasses to take home as a party favor. Wines provided for the class include 2 bottles each of Forrest Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2012 Marlborough, Yering Station Chardonnay 2009 Yarra Valley, Yering Station Pinot Noir 2010 Yarra Valley, and Xanadu Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 Margaret River. *Generously donated by Denise Ehrlich, CSW, Renaissance Wine Marketing and Women of Wine Charities*

### #406: Yellow Rose Distilling Tour And Tasting For 50-100

Yellow Rose Distilling is the brain child of two neighbors, Troy Smith and Ryan Baird. Enjoy a tour and tasting of Houston's first legal whisky distillery featuring Yellow Rose's Outlaw Bourbon (Double Gold Medal & Best of Class, 2013 American Distilling Institute)/Double Gold Medal, 2013 San Francisco World Spirits Competition), Straight Rye Whiskey (Double Gold Medal, 2013 San Francisco World Spirits Competition), Double Barrell Whiskey (Double Gold Medal, 2014 San Francisco World Spirits Competition/Silver Medal, 2013 New York Wine & Spirits Competition), and Blended Whiskey (Double Gold Medal & Best of Class, 2013 New York Wine & Spirits Competition). *Generously donated by Yellow Rose Distilling*

## SILENT AUCTION: LUXURY EXPERIENCES (cont.)

### #407: Four Orchestra Seat Tickets, Houston Ballet's "The Sleeping Beauty"

This package includes four Orchestra Seat tickets to this beloved ballet, for one of the following 2016 performance dates: 5 p.m. performance on February 25, 26, 27, March 4 & 5; 2 p.m. performance on February 28, March 6; 1:30 p.m. performance on February 27, March 5. *Generously donated by Houston Ballet Foundation*

### #408: Oil Painting On Canvas "Sunflower" By Elizabeth Rose Hopmann

A beautiful original oil painting on canvas (24" x 20") by Elizabeth Rose Hopmann. Since childhood, she has experimented with various mediums, but her heart has led her to settle into a heavy impressionistic style utilizing thick paints, strong color, and hand shaped movement. *Generously donated by Elizabeth Rose Hopmann*

### #409: Two Tickets To Iron Sommelier 2015

Here's your chance to attend the October 1, 2015 Periwinkle Iron Sommelier 2015 competition! Easily recognized as Houston's most premier wine tasting event showcasing the most prestigious sommeliers competing for the title of Iron Sommelier. *Generously donated by Alice Rohrman, The Periwinkle Foundation*

### #410: 10 Tickets Houston Polo Club Sunday Polo

What a great Sunday activity! Enjoy the game and if you like, during half-time participate in the "divot stomping", a wonderful half-time social activity for the spectators! Your package includes 10 Red Oak Lawn tickets for the Fall 2015 Sunday matches. Tickets may be used for one event, or spread out over the season – total of 10 tickets, your decision. *Generously donated by Tammy Beeson, The Houston Polo Club*

### #411: Romantic Weekend in Houston

Start your evening with a \$100 Gift Certificate from Pappas Steakhouse and then enjoy a weekend night for two in a King Room at the Hilton Hotels & Resorts Post Oak, including breakfast. *Generously donated by Pappas Steakhouse; and Margery Reinhardt, Hilton Hotels & Resorts Post Oak*

### #412: Four Tickets Houston Cellar Classic

No words necessary but awesome! Lucky winner bidder will receive 4 tickets to the annual Houston Cellar Door Classic to be held Saturday, November 7, 2015 from 1 to 5 p.m. Wine Time at its Best! *Generously donated by Lasco Enterprises*

### #413: Private Wine Tasting & Pairing For 10-25 Persons, Jack Meier Art Gallery

Wow this is an item to have. Impress your friends when you invite them to a private wine tasting and pairing at the Jack Meier Art Gallery. In a wonderful venue of art, you and your friends will partake in a spectacular tasting consisting of 4 different Italian wines by Zonin Family Estates accompanied by pairings by Chef Travis Adair. What a wonderful way to start the Holiday season! (Certificate expires March 21, 2016.) *Generously donated by Michael Chmiel, Jack Meier Art Gallery; Zonin USA; and Travis Adair, MaxGray Productions*

## SILENT AUCTION: LUXURY EXPERIENCES (cont.)

### #414: Messina Hof Winery Private Tasting & Tour For 10

Enjoy your private tour and tasting at Messina Hof Winery & Resort, Bryan, TX where you will learn the history of this award-winning winery and experience a behind-the-scenes look at the property as well as the wine production facilities. Certificate not valid at Hill Country location. Certificate expires March 2016. *Generously donated by Teri Ryan, Messina Hof Winery & Resort*

### #415: Autographed Astro's Baseball & Lucky's Pub Happy Hour

Calling all Astros fans, this is a treat! The lucky winning bidder will receive an autographed Astro's baseball and a \$200 gift certificate from Lucky's Pub. Grab your friends and eat, drink and cheer for your favorite team on one of Lucky's big screen tvs! (Certificate not valid on New Year's Eve, Super Bowl Sunday or St. Patrick's Day.) *Generously donated by Jay Johnson, Houston Numismatic Exchange, Inc.; and Anthony Wegmann, Lucky's Pub*

### #416: Two Tickets Classic Bordeaux Pairing With Bear Dalton

Two tickets to the special wine and food pairing featuring the wines of Bordeaux. Bear Dalton will hand select the wines to pair with dishes from several of Houston's premier chefs for this four-course tasting and class on November 2, 2015. *Generously donated by Women of Wine Charities*

### #417: "Wine-Oceros" by Will Bullas

For the wine lover, this framed print by Will Bullas, who puts the fun in art, will be a delightful addition to your home or office. Framed print is 21"x15". *Generously donated by Monique Studak*

### #418: Staycation & Pamper Time For Man's Best Friend

For the pet lover, no one is dearer to your heart than your bestie. Shower them with love with a gift certificate for one doggy or kitty spa, including bath, mani/pedi, ear cleaning and a six-month supply of Frontline TriTak flea preventative, plus a bag of treats! Have peace of mind and give them loving care when you go on a vacation with the second gift certificate from Dog Gone Great Pet Sitting for a responsible, dependable, honest pet lover who will stay at your home and pamper your pet. (Certificate good for up to a 7 night staycation.) *Generously donated by Danielle Rosser, West Alabama Animal Clinic; and Laura Widing, Dog Gone Great Pet Sitting*

### #419: UT Longhorns Football Autographed By Earl Campbell & Lucky's Pub Happy Hour

Calling all Longhorns fans, this is a treat! The lucky winning bidder will receive a Longhorns' football autographed by 'the' Earl Campbell and a \$200 gift certificate from Lucky's Pub. Grab your friends and eat, drink and cheer for your favorite team on one of Lucky's big screen tvs! (Certificate not valid on New Year's Eve, Super Bowl Sunday or St. Patrick's Day.) *Generously donated by Robyn Tinsley, Tinsley PR & Marketing; and Anthony Wegmann, Lucky's Pub*

## SILENT AUCTION: LUXURY EXPERIENCES (cont.)

### #420: Design Your Own Shoe & Champagne Party

The lucky winning bidder of this fun package will receive a champagne party for 10 guests at the LUCHO boutique in Uptown Park. You and your friends will sip on glasses of bubbly and nibble on hors d'oeuvres while listening to groovy Brazilian music. But wait, there's more! Each guest will get to design a shoe which will be considered for the next LUCHO collection and named after you. Plus each guest will receive a 'shoe diva' swag bag and a \$100 gift certificate good towards any pair of shoes in the boutique! *Generously donated by Hector Villarreal, LUCHO*

### #421: Two Tickets "American Vaudeville", Prohibition Theatre

The Prohibition Era was an amazing time, what with the sale of alcohol being banned and the romanticizing of gangsters such as Al Capone. Go back in time and take in a Thursday evening American Vaudeville performance by the famous Moonlight Girls. *Generously donated by Emily Baker, Prohibition Supperclub & Bar*

### #422: Speak Texan Gift Basket

A basket of 'Truly Texas' taste sensations for your pantry and those holiday guests. Your taste buds will embark on a delightful Texas journey of award winning salsa, chili mix, jellies, jams, barbecue sauce and more! *Generously donated by B J Ordner, Truly Texas Gourmet Foods*

### #423: Two Tickets Houston Area Women's Center 2016 Spring Gala

Two individual tickets to the April 22, 2016 Gala at the Royal Sonesta Houston Hotel. Hotel accommodations not included. Tickets may not be transferred to a future Gala. *Generously donated by the Houston Area Women's Center*

### #424: The Mike Stroup Band

Having a party? Well here's the entertainment: The Mike Stroup Band will provide an acoustic live music combo for an event held at a location of your choice within the Houston-Austin-San Antonio triangle. Music will be a selection of Western Swing/Classic Country/Americana depending on the type of event and preferences of the winning bidder. Sound reinforcement will be provided by band if needed for the event. Party time! (The date and location for event must be scheduled with Mike Stroup within six weeks of the September 21, 2015 Grand Tasting. The event where the music will be provided must take place within one calendar year following the September 21, 2015 Grand Tasting.) *Generously donated by Mike Stroup*

### #425: It's For Me!

A gift for yourself (or for your bestie.) This package includes a gift certificate from Sensia Studio & Japanese Day Spa for a haircut and blowdry with Brittney, Randy or Joe, plus a makeup lesson; and a one-of-a-kind fabulous silk leopard/snake print wristlet handbag from Kelly Kathleen Designs. *Generously donated by Jennifer Fener, Sensia Studio & Day Spa; and Kelly Anzilotti, Kelly Kathleen Designs*

## SILENT AUCTION: LUXURY EXPERIENCES (cont.)

### #426: Water2Wine Wine Flights For 4

You and 3 friends will enjoy flights of wine at Water2Wine, a custom winery and crush facility located in Houston. Their wines include the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Class Champions 2014 Blanc Beryl Port and the 2014 Spanish Schori Port. *Generously donated by Edie & Jon Burger, Water2Wine*

### #427: Theatre Time (Times Two!)

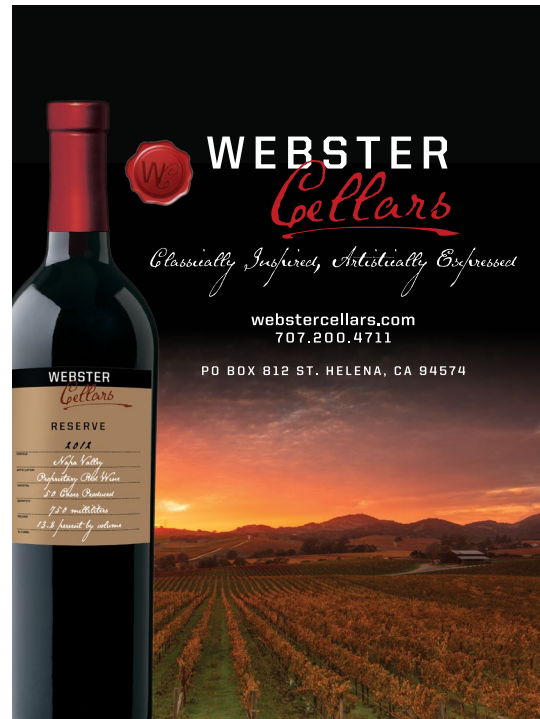
This package includes a Triple Play Gift Certificate from Ensemble Theatre good for 3 tickets (may use all 3 at one play, or one ticket each to 3 plays) for the 2015-2016 Season (September 24, 2015 – July 31, 2016) and two tickets to a 2016 production by the Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Houston. *Generously donated by Robert Ross, The Ensemble Theatre; and Mary Metz, Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Houston*

### #428: A Year of Ties

Dress in classic European elegance throughout the year with a new tie every month for an entire year from LUCHO, designers and makers of fine Italian clothing for men. Select a tie every month from the current inventory. Certificate must be redeemed by December 21, 2015; see details on gift certificate. *Generously donated by Hector Villarreal, LUCHO*

### #429: Victorian Floral Antique Stained Glass Piece

What a beauty for your home! This handmade leaded stained glass panel is one-of-a-kind. Measures 24.5" x 16.5". *Generously donated by Lisa White, Soles Ursa Designs*



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## WINE NOTES

### **Alexander Valley Vineyards 2012 Merlot, Alexander Valley**

Spicy, earthy aromas of red cherry, vanilla, oak, cedar, plum and cassis, and a broad mouthfeel with flavors of cherry, cassis, blackberry, plum, dark fruits and chocolate. This is a big, nicely balanced wine with chewy tannins on the long finish. (92 points Wine & Spirits Magazine, Gold Medal TEXSOM International Wine Competition)

### **Alexander Valley Vineyards 2012 Sin Zin Zinfandel, Alexander Valley**

The 2012 is 100% Zinfandel with aromas of spice, black pepper, dark fruits and vanilla. This refined, well balanced Zinfandel has spicy flavors of plum and black cherry along with black pepper and cocoa powder. There is nice acidity and length to the finish. (92 points Wine & Spirits Magazine)

### **Alexander Valley Vineyards 2010 CYRUS, Alexander Valley**

Featuring great structure and concentrated fruit, with terrific color and expressive aromas of cassis, berry, plum, toasty oak and vanilla. This is a rich, complex wine with flavors of dark fruits, spice, oak, vanilla and cocoa powder. Enjoyable upon release, this wine will reward those with the patience to age it. (92 points, Wine Enthusiast)

### **Amici Cellars 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley**

Ripe aromas of dark fruits, pepper and black currant yield to deep and complex flavors of cocoa powder, black cherries, raspberries and coffee. With fine, integrated tannins, a velvety mouthfeel, and a notably long finish. 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, and 1% Petit Verdot. (91 points, Wine Enthusiast)

### **Castello d'Albola 2011 Chianti Classico DOCG**

This wine exhibits a pale garnet color and bouquet of strawberry and red berries with notes of sage, spice cake and subtle earth. On the palate this wine is vibrant and medium bodied revealing lively cherry and exotic spice that lead to polished tannins and a delicate finish. (90 points, Wine Spectator)

### **Château Pontac-Lynch 2012 Margaux**

From a vineyard bounded by Ch. Margaux, Ch. d'Issan, Ch. Palmer, and Ch. Rauzan Segla, this wine is fermented in concrete tanks and aged in French oak. Black and red fruit with a hint of coffee grounds to go with gravel-sand terroir notes, a tobacco leaf note, and a hint of perfume. Long finish; alive in the mouth. (BearScore 92)

### **Château Batailley 2012, Pauillac**

Fermented in stainless steel tanks and aged in French oak. Purple-red with well-formed legs; dry, medium-plus-bodied with fresh, balanced acidity. Elegant. Fresh. Offers tobacco and dust with dark red and some black fruit, tobacco, and gravel-mineral with dusty oak. (91 points, James Suckling; BearScore 92+)

### **Château Miraval 2013 Cotes de Provence Rosé**

Pale pink, with an intense nose of white flowers, little red berries, freshly crushed strawberries and notes of ripe Morello cherries. On the palate it is round and soft, with cherries, wild strawberries and a minerality representative of the terroir giving the wine great freshness and a slight saltiness. (90 points Wine Advocate)

### **Columbia Winery 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley**

Rich and full-bodied, our Cabernet Sauvignon is well-structured with firm tannins and ripe dark fruit flavors of blackberry and black currant layered with notes of toasty oak and cocoa. Try Columbia Cabernet alongside hearty stews, roasts or wild game meats. (90 points, Wine Spectator)

### **Emiliana 2011 Coyam, Colchagua Valley**

Intense violet-red, with ripe red/black fruits, spice, earth and vanilla aromas. Balanced, full bodied and structured, with rounded tannins and an delicate array of oak, mineral and toffee. A blend of Syrah (41%), Carmenere, (29%), Merlot (20%), Cabernet Sauvignon, Mourvedre and Petit Verdot. (91 points Wine Enthusiast, 91 points Wine Advocate)

### **Fort Ross Vineyards 2012 Chardonnay, Fort Ross-Seaview Sonoma Coast**

Aged 10 months in French oak and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered, with a light gold color and loads of spring flowers, wet rocks, honeysuckle, almond paste and caramelized citrus with a touch of brioche and white peach. Beautifully textured, full-bodied, incredibly elegant and intense. (94 points, Wine Advocate, 90 points Wine Spectator)

### **Fort Ross Vineyards 2010 Pinot Noir, Fort Ross-Seaview Sonoma Coast**

Terroir-driven, with delicate yet complex aromas of rose petals and raspberries that mingle with forest floor, cola and Asian spice. The complex palate is offers black raspberry, Bing cherry and bramble berries, with hints of citrus and winter spices. Fine, supple tannins reflects the cooler vintage and perfectly frame the red berry fruit and earth that is revealed throughout the layered, velvety finish. (90 points, Wine Spectator)

### **Feudo Principi di Butera 2012 Symposio, Terre Siciliane IGT**

With a rich ruby/purple color, the nose shows black cherry and rich ruby red plum notes with strong zesty orange. The palate is elegant with a medium plus finish revealing rich leather notes, spice and a beautiful array of dark chocolate & spicy tobacco. The finish is long and silky. 65% Cabernet, 30% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot. (90 points, Wine Enthusiast)

### **Graham's Tawny Port 20 Year Old**

Amber, golden tawny color, with a characteristic "nutty" bouquet and delicious mature fruit with hints of orange peel. Rich, sweet and smooth, it is perfectly balanced, with a long and lingering finish. Serve slightly chilled to appreciate the full complexity and sensuous pleasure of this wine. (93 points, Wine Spectator)

### **Graham's Six Grapes Reserve Port**

Dark red color, with a seductive rich perfume of ripe plums and cherries. On the palate, complex, with a good structure and a long lingering finish. Graham's "Six Grapes" pairs wonderfully with rich, dark chocolate desserts, as well as strong cheeses like a creamy blue. (91 points, Wine & Spirits)

### **Jansz NV Premium Rosé, Tasmania**

A Méthode Champenoise blend of Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Pinot Meunier that spends about 18 months *en tirage* (on the yeast). Salmon-colored, dry, medium-bodied with fresh acidity. Crisp, fresh, refreshing Rosé offering strawberry and cherry essences along with a bit of citrus and an earthy mineral component that blends in nicely with the fruit and toasty yeast. Complete, pure, delicious. Great food fizz. (BearScore: 92+)

### **Jayson 2012 Chardonnay, North Coast**

Offering brilliant hues of golden straw and intense aromatics of honeysuckle, lily, vanilla and fresh melon. With roasted peach, buttermilk ice cream and hint of sugared grapefruit and a silky, smooth, well-mannered texture. Notes of rich toasted almonds and pecans linger throughout the wine's long finish. (90 points, Wine Enthusiast)

### **Nice Wines 2011 Malbec Reserve, Lujan du Cuyo**

Produced from the organically farmed 80-year-old vines of Alberto and Fabiana Cecchin. On the palate, this wine tastes of ruby plums, black cherries, figs, chocolate, anise, and vanilla with a velvety texture. This wine drinks great on its own, or paired with stuffed turkey, baked ham, or roast beef. (Gold Medal, Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo)

### **Nice Wines 2012 “The Stag” Red Blend, Paicines**

A blend of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot, and 10% Syrah, and aged 22 months in French oak. The grapes come from a small sustainably farmed vineyard in the central coast region of California. The wine exhibits aromas of tobacco, smoke, anise and blackberry, with flavors of rich black currant and black cherry, cocoa, toast and pepper.

### **Nice Wines 2014 Texas Blanc du Bois**

This delicious expression of the Blanc du Bois grape has fragrant aromas of apricot and passion fruit accented by a crisp citrus lemon/lime finish that will leave you wanting more. This wine is all natural, never filtered, fined, or clarified. The grapes were harvested by hand from two Texas vineyards: Honeysuckle Oaks in Cypress and Alta Mira in Anderson. (Gold Medal, Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo 2015)

### **One 2011 Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley**

This 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon opens up with a dusty loam and blackberry fruit that gives way to a very pure blueberry essence. A smooth and silky entry leads to a balance of juicy fruit and earth. Tobacco leaf and cedar notes complement the plum and dark cherry characters in the mid-palate. The tannins are expressive without being overly aggressive, making this a great food pairing wine for many dishes.

### **One 2012 Calistoga Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley**

This 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon is an explosion of black fruit. Aromatics of baked berry pie permeate the glass. This wine gets to the point, baked piecrust, blackberry and blueberry fruit, a hint of cinnamon, and vanilla bean spice. Its medium yet firm tannins are expressive and complimentary to the rich dark fruit without being overly aggressive. The wine has a lengthy solid finish; it's well balanced and extremely pleasant to drink.

### **Pacific Rim 2012 Wallula Vineyard Riesling, Horse Heaven Hills**

This certified Biodynamic, handpicked wine is aged on native yeast lees for a few months after the fermentation without sulfites in old German casks. The wine's color is pale straw with a bouquet of jasmine and peach. The full bodied wine displays wonderful yeastiness, jasmine, and great minerality on the palate with a dry, bright finish. Ideal with white meat, fish in sauce, and pasta dishes. (92 points, Wine Spectator)

### **Pahlmeyer 2012 Merlot, Napa Valley**

Indigo at the core with garnet edges, this gorgeous Merlot leads with aromas of candied violet, red plum and ripe fig. A beautiful freshness accompanies mouthwatering flavors of dark red cherry and raspberry, layers of deep blue fruits and sophisticated notes of savory grilled herbs. Ultra-plush and velvety with rich dark chocolate, espresso and earthy river stone emerging throughout the luxurious finish. (93 points, Wine Spectator)

### **Perrier-Jouët Grand Brut NV, Champagne**

The grapes for the Grand Brut are carefully sourced from 35 to 40 crus in the heart of the Champagne region. The wine is composed of 40% Pinot Noir, 40% Pinot Meunier, and 20% Chardonnay. The wine has a golden yellow color and shows lovely aromas of tropical fruit, citrus, spice and yeast. This elegant, complex, crisp and balanced wine features fine, persistent mouthfeel as well as lingering flavors of fresh apples and lemons. (91 points Wine Spectator)

### **St. Supéry 2010 Rutherford Estate Vineyard Merlot, Napa Valley**

This Merlot has a deep, rich purple hue. Blackberry, raspberry and chocolate mocha dominate the aromas with a background of vanillin showing the French oak barrel maturation and a hint of cranberry. Black plum, cassis and vanillin toasted oak are found on the palate. This Merlot has good weight and is both elegant and structured. (94 points Wine Advocate)

### **Villa Maria 2012 Cellar Selection Merlot/Cabernet Sauvignon, Hawkes Bay**

A blend of fruit from several Hawkes Bay vineyards, a region considered to be New Zealand's home for the Bordeaux varietals. This deeply colored wine displays aromas of berry fruits, violets and dried herbs, with complex oak spice characters. A smooth and approachable palate follows with supple tannins and acidity. (Class Champion, Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo 2015)

### **Villa Maria 2013 Private Bin Pinot Noir, Marlborough**

The perfumed aromas of red cherry and bright berry fruits – hallmarks of quality Marlborough Pinot Noir – abound on the nose. On the palate the wine displays complex spices, dried wild herbs and an elegant savoury finish.

### **Villa Maria 2014 Private Bin Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough**

This crisp and vibrant wine has aromas of fresh snow peas, delicate florals and zesty limes. On the palate, juicy acidity is balanced with flavors of melon, passionfruit and ruby grapefruit, capturing the essence of Marlborough.

### **Wayfarer Vineyard 2013 Pinot Noir, Fort Ross-Seaview Sonoma Coast**

The wine is a dazzling deep ruby color that leads with heady aromas of wild blackcurrant and freshly picked strawberry. It evolves with notes of licorice and toasted oak, finishing with an intriguing lilt of forest floor, leather, rose petal and raspberry. The bright, juicy entry evokes flavors of cranberry and cherry, harmonized with a grip of fine tannins and earthy tones of cedar and tar. The long finish surprises with its fresh minerality and intense aromatics of violet and Tahitian vanilla. (94 points, Antonio Galloni)

### **Webster Cellars 2012 Left Bank Red Blend, Napa Valley**

The fruit is opulent and lingering on the mid-palate with subtle tannins. The nose is full of graphite, tobacco, gravel, cassis, black currant, black cherry, plumb, licorice and star anise. This wine is a throwback to the good ole days of bright, acidic and food friendly wines. 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 15% Petit Verdot, 5% Cabernet Franc.

### **Webster Cellars 2012 Right Bank Red Blend, Napa Valley**

The color is deep and elegant, the tannins subtle. The palate features a bounty of black cherry and ripe raspberry with hints of graphite and baking spices, matched with strong fine grained tannins and a lingering finish. 40% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Petit Verdot, 15% Cabernet Franc.

### **Webster Cellars 2012 Reserve Red Blend, Napa Valley**

This wine smells of black cherries, blackberries, boysenberries, roasted coffee with a little vanilla and a hint of cacao. The mouthfeel is velvety, yet the tannins are firm, broad and elegant. 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot, 5% Cabernet Franc. Only 50 cases made.

### **Webster Cellars 2014 Sauvignon Blanc, Dry Creek Valley**

Bright and zesty are just a few of the words that describe this wine. It smells of apples, white peach, nectarine and fresh cut grasses. Enjoy this while it lasts – only 65 cases made!

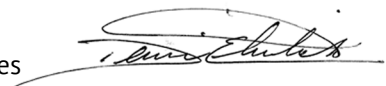
### **Wente Vineyards Morning Fog Chardonnay 2013 Livermore Valley-San Francisco Bay**

Crisp flavors of green apple and tropical fruit, balanced by vanilla and a touch of toasty oak from barrel aging. With a mouth-filling body and balanced acidity, this wine delivers a medium-long, refreshing finish. (90 points, Wine Enthusiast, Gold Medal – Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo 2015)

Please accept our sincerest thanks for attending the Women of Wine Charities 2015 Grand Tasting. This event celebrates women working in or associated with the wine industry, wine enthusiasts, and of course, another year of supporting the important efforts of the Houston Area Women's Center (HAWC). The proceeds from this event will represent a significant portion of our annual donation to HAWC, which we project to be our largest to date.

Each year since 2007 many local individuals, businesses and organizations have stepped forward and generously donated time, products, and money to make this event possible. We started with a \$15,000 donation in 2008, and last year were able to present HAWC with a check for \$100,000, making WOW one of the largest contributors of unrestricted funds to HAWC. We wish to thank all the donors for the generous contributions and we owe a special thanks to the Grand Tasting Committee members for their outstanding efforts in making this event a great success. Thank you for your continued support of Women of Wine Charities.

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