



Naples Winter Wine Festival

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

25 YEARS



three days

of the very best in
wine, food and fellowship;

year-round impact for children in need

The Naples Children & Education Foundation (NCEF) was established in 2000 by a group of like-minded philanthropists with a simple but lofty goal: making a profound and sustaining difference in the lives of children in Collier County. The founders created the Naples Winter Wine Festival in order to meet NCEF's mission statement to support programs that improve the physical, emotional and educational lives of underprivileged and at-risk children.

Twenty-five years later, the Festival has become the most successful charity wine event in the world. Thanks to the tireless dedication of the Trustees and the generosity of donors and patrons, the event has raised almost \$302 million which through annual grants and collaborative strategic initiatives have impacted close to 90 non-profit agencies and the lives of over 300,000 children.

Along the way, the Festival has become a magnet for celebrity chefs as well as world-renowned wine estates around the globe. This tradition will be continued at the 2025 Naples Winter Wine Festival, which promises to offer a weekend of unforgettable memories, beginning with Meet the Kids Day where patrons witness first-hand the life-changing impact of the Festival. The morning culminates in a heartfelt presentation followed by a delicious luncheon and exquisite wines. Excitement builds as guests spend an exclusive, up-close-and-personal evening with world-renowned vintners and celebrity chefs in magnificent private homes and settings, where they will savor

incomparable cuisine and award-winning, cult classic wines.

They will then step onto the sun-soaked grand lawn of The Ritz-Carlton Naples, Tiburón for a heart-pounding live auction, to bid on rare collections of some of the world's most sought-after wines, exotic travel adventures, limited edition cars and unique experiences. The Naples Winter Wine Festival offers a weekend that's truly one-of-a-kind.

And the best part? It's ALL for the Kids!

This unique approach has become a blueprint on how to transform a community, one issue at a time. We invite you to join us for an unforgettable experience that will change the lives of our neediest children.

FESTIVAL DATES: JANUARY 24-26, 2025

Ticket packages to this exclusive event, limited to 650 guests, start at \$17,500 per couple. A \$40,000 package is also available that guarantees four people will attend the same vintner dinner and be seated together under the tent.

**TO INQUIRE
ABOUT
TICKETS** ■■■



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**THURSDAY
JANUARY 23**

VINTAGE CELLAR*

**Special Pre-Festival Wine Tasting & Luncheon
at Bleu Provence**

9:30am Tasting Opens

10:00am to 12:00pm Tasting

12:30pm to 2:00pm Luncheon

This is an unparalleled opportunity to experience the rarest and finest vintages from one of the world's greatest wine estates. Previous participants have included Château Lafite Rothschild, Opus One, Harlan Estate and Maison Joseph Drouhin. The tasting will consist of a vertical selection of the estate's best years, with commentary by the vintner and additional insights from a famed wine critic. This is followed by a luncheon accompanied by a mini-vertical of recent vintages. All the wines come directly from the cellars of the host and are in pristine condition. Seating for the Vintage Cellar is limited, and the event always sells out quickly.

* This is a separate ticketed event. For more information about tickets for this limited seating event, please call 239.514.2239.



**FRIDAY
JANUARY 24**

MEET THE KIDS DAY

9:00am to 2:00pm

Departing from The Ritz-Carlton Naples, Tiburón

Begin your extraordinary weekend by witnessing firsthand the life-changing impact of the Naples Winter Wine Festival. Get to know the organizations benefiting from NCEF's grants and learn about the children who have received the resources and services they need to excel. The morning culminates in heartfelt presentations showcasing remarkable success stories that NCEF's grants have made possible. Following the presentations, you'll meet acclaimed vintners and taste their fabulous wines at a luncheon.

Year in and year out, Festival attendees report the profound effect of meeting the recipients of their generosity, as they witness the real-life impact of the community programs funded by NCEF.

Attire: Resort Casual



**FRIDAY
JANUARY 24**

VINTNER DINNERS

Evening – Times Vary

Locations vary throughout Naples

Enjoy intimate dinners with award-winning chefs and vintners hosted by Festival Trustees in elegant private homes and settings throughout Naples. Forge lifelong friendships with fellow wine and food enthusiasts. With limited attendance at each event, guests have an unprecedented opportunity to interact with chefs and vintners on a personal level.

Your hosts have planned an evening of unforgettable experiences and will send you an invitation announcing the time and attire for the evening.



**SATURDAY
JANUARY 25**

LIVE AUCTION

11:00am to 5:00pm

The Ritz-Carlton Naples, Tiburón

Today you will embark on a journey beyond your wildest expectations. You will be dazzled by a team of Ritz-Carlton chefs offering a masterpiece menu of delectable creations. Each stop on your culinary tour will feature a wide selection of the world's finest and rarest wines as you get ready for the main event. Be cheered and celebrated as you enter the electrifying atmosphere under the tent to bid on world-class wines, travel packages and one-of-a-kind experiences found nowhere else in the world.

Anticipation and excitement is in the air as you play a vital role in creating a meaningful future for our underserved children!

Attire: Resort Casual



**SATURDAY
JANUARY 24**

WINE DOWN

Following the auction

The Ritz-Carlton Naples, Tiburón

Celebrate the enormous generosity of the winning bidders as we "wine down" and relax to more great food and exceptional wines. We will toast the winning bidders and dance the night away to live music performed by Grammy® Award-winning musicians. A fitting end to a spectacular day!

Attire: Come as you are



**SUNDAY
JANUARY 26**

CELEBRATION BRUNCH

10:30am to 1:00pm

The Ritz-Carlton Naples, Tiburón

This is the perfect ending to a perfect weekend. And what better way to recognize this unforgettable weekend than over a sumptuous Champagne Brunch with our chefs, vintners, sommeliers and sponsors? Bid farewell to friends, old and new, until next year!

Attire: Resort Casual



**FRIDAY, JANUARY 17 –
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28**

WINE DOWN, BID UP!

Can't wait to bid on the auction lot you really want? Now is your chance. In addition to the live auction, guests and others are invited to bid on exceptional wines and other exclusive items in our online auction. Bidding opens on Friday, January 17th at 8:00am (EST) and closes on Tuesday, January 28th at 5:00pm (EST). nwwfonlineauction.com

Naples Children & Education Foundation
founders of the NAPLES WINTER WINE FESTIVAL

BY THE NUMBERS



Almost
\$302 million

raised by the Naples Winter Wine Festival since 2001 – funds that transform the lives of underprivileged and at-risk children

Over
\$33 million

raised at the 2024 auction, including over \$8 million from Fund a Need donations to NCEF's *Putting Down Roots: Early Learning GROWS a Healthy Mind* initiative

\$2.7 million

winning bid at the 2024 Festival for an incredible seven-night voyage aboard the 312' M/Y *Whisper* and one of the highest bids ever for a single lot at a charity wine auction worldwide

350,000

children's lives have been impacted through Festival proceeds since 2001

24,043

wine glasses on hand for Saturday's wine tasting and culinary showcase

55%

of Collier County children are served by the Naples Children & Education Foundation

Close to 90

organizations have received grants from the Naples Children & Education Foundation (NCEF) – the Festival's founding organization – since its inaugural year

50

auction lots of one-of-a-kind treasures and experiences at the 2024 Festival

350

volunteers who help make the Festival a smashing success

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