



Over 100 Unique, One-of-a-Kind Items Up for Bid in 2025 Naples Winter Wine Festival Online Auction; Auction Runs on January 17-28, 2025

Among the amazing items are a luxury Napa Valley travel experience for six couples with VIP wine tastings and tours, private dinners and accommodations at The Amizetta Farmhouse; a six-bottle vertical collection of limited-edition Pappy Van Winkle bourbon; an exclusive dinner with drinks for eight guests at The Americano in Scottsdale, Arizona; and a VIP Orlando Magic Experience for four people, including Roundtrip, Private Air, courtside tickets, dinner, and hotel

NAPLES, Fla. (January 8, 2025) – The Naples Children & Education Foundation (NCEF), founders of the Naples Winter Wine Festival (NWWF), today announced that its popular online auction will return for an 11th consecutive year, allowing supporters from throughout Southwest Florida and beyond to bid on dozens of unique, one-of-a-kind wine, travel and food experiences.

Since its launch in 2015, the NWWF online auction has provided additional participation opportunities to the community as well as bidders and supporters nationwide, raising nearly \$4.5 million to help NCEF in its support of charitable programs that improve the physical, emotional and educational lives of underprivileged and at-risk children in Collier County. The online auction gives bidders the chance to support NCEF by bidding on items such as rare collectible wines, VIP wine tastings, exclusive dinners with top chefs, luxury travel experiences, custom art, and more.

“Thanks to the tremendous generosity of our donors, our team has been able to curate some truly remarkable online auction lots that will attract bidders in all price ranges,” said Libby Germain, NCEF Trustee and 2025 NWWF Online Auction Chair. “In just 11 years, the online auction has grown to become an integral part of the Naples Winter Wine Festival with every dollar raised going toward making a profound and sustaining difference in the lives of children in our community.”

This year’s online auction lot highlights include:

- **Lot #101: Experience the High Points of Napa Valley:** Six couples will enjoy an exclusive visit to Napa Valley with three nights’ accommodations at the stunningly refurbished Amizetta Farmhouse with six ensuite bedrooms in Yountville, California. During their stay, guests will experience a private chef dinner in the Amizetta Farmhouse, a VIP wine tasting at Forman Vineyard, a Secret Garden tour with private wine tasting at Hill Family Estate, an estate tour including barrel tasting with the winemaker at Gamble Estate, a private wine tasting at Aonair Winery, and a tour and tasting at David Arthur Vineyards in Prichard Hill. The couples also will share a collection of rare collectible wines, including one 9 Liter bottle of 2021 Aonair Mountains Proprietary Blend, one 1.5 Liter bottle of 2020 Forman Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon signed by winemaker Ric Forman, and one 1.5 Liter bottle of 2021 David Arthur Elevation 1147 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon.

- **Lot #104: A Tour of Knights Valley:** Two couples will enjoy a three-night stay at the Bailey Vineyard House in Knights Valley, California. Their visit will include a VIP vineyard tour and tasting at Knights Bridge Winery, lunch and wine tasting at Brandon Gregory Estate hosted by vintners Brandon Muller and Gregory Roberts, and a private tour and wine tasting at Peter Michael Winery. The winning bidders also will receive a collection of fine wines, including a 1.5 Liter bottle of 2013 Peter Michael 'Les Pavots' Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Blend, a 1.5 Liter bottle of 2016 Knights Bridge Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Knights Valley, and a 1.5 Liter bottle of 2021 Brandon Gregory Estate Illation.
- **Lot #200: Six Bottle Vertical Collection of Pappy Van Winkle:** One lucky bidder will take home a legendary vertical collection of highly sought after Pappy Van Winkle Kentucky bourbon, including one 750ml bottle each of Pappy Van Winkle 23-Year, Pappy Van Winkle 20-Year, Pappy Van Winkle 15-Year, Pappy Van Winkle 13-Year, Pappy Van Winkle 12-Year, and Pappy Van Winkle 10-Year.
- **Lot #201: 11 Bottles of Bordeaux First Growths from Stellar Vintages:** One winning bidder will receive an ultra-rare collection of Bordeaux First Growths, including three 750ml bottles of Château Lafite Rothschild (one each from 2005, 2018, and 2019); four 750ml bottles of Château Latour (one each from 2005, 2009, 2010, and 2015); and four 750ml bottles of Château Margaux (one each from 2005, 2009, 2015, and 2016).
- **Lot #305: Dinner and Drinks in a Scottsdale Secret Hideaway:** Eight guests will enjoy a four-course wine paired dinner curated by Chef Beau Macmillan and Chef Peter McQuaid at TheAmericano in Scottsdale, Arizona. After dinner, they will enjoy a two-hour experience with a Champagne and artisanal chocolate pairing at the exclusive underground speakeasy Tell Your Friends located just beneath TheAmericano.
- **Lot #411: A Bicycleette Built for Four:** Four guests will experience a curated four-course wine paired dinner at the award-winning Bicycleette Cookshop in Naples, Florida.
- **Lot #500: VIP Orlando Magic Experience: Do You Believe in Magic?:** Four guests will travel Roundtrip, Private Air on a Northern Jet Citation CJ3 from Naples, Florida to Orlando, Florida where they will receive four courtside tickets to a 2025 Orlando Magic home game. The winning bidders also will receive two custom bomber or sports jackets by élevée by Rickey Lamitie, dinner in the Assured Partners Lounge for four people, and one nights' accommodation in two rooms at the Marriott Orlando Downtown with private ground transportation.
- **Lot #614: Relax and Unwind at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point:** One couple will enjoy two nights' accommodations in a Junior Suite at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa in Bonita Springs, Florida. Their stay will include daily breakfast at Tanglewood – Southern Kitchen and one 50-minute couple's massage at Stillwater Spa.
- **Lot #811: Beyond the Closet: What Does Your Closet Say About You?:** One winning bidder will receive four hours of closet purge or organization and six hours of personal shopping with Amanda Miller, Founder and CEO of Beyond the Closet in Naples, Florida.

Those interested in participating in the online auction are invited to go online to view all the items and bid high and bid often starting on Friday, January 17 at 8 a.m. (EST) and running through Tuesday, January 28 at 5 p.m. (EST). For more details, please visit www.onlineauction.com.

The 2025 Naples Winter Wine Festival will take place on January 24-26, 2025 at The Ritz-Carlton Naples, Tiburón. With three days of activities, the Festival will once again showcase exceptional fine wines, amazing cuisine and unique, one-of-a-kind auction lots benefiting its founding organization, the Naples Children & Education Foundation (NCEF), in support of its mission of making a profound and sustaining difference in the lives of underserved children in Collier County.

The weekend will pay homage to the past while looking forward to the future. Guests will enjoy world-class food and wine during intimate dinners in private homes and other landmark settings throughout Naples curated by award-winning chefs and world-renowned vintners. Patrons also will be invited to bid on incredible travel and wine experiences during an electrifying live auction.

Limited ticket packages are available for the 24th annual Naples Winter Wine Festival starting at \$17,500 per couple for a Double Magnum package and \$40,000 for two couples to experience a Jeroboam Package. For additional information, visit napleswinefestival.com/about-the-festival.

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About Naples Winter Wine Festival

The Naples Winter Wine Festival (NWWF), one of the world's most prestigious charity wine auctions, offers a weekend of unforgettable memories. Guests enjoy world-class food and wine during intimate dinners in elegant, private homes and other landmark settings throughout Naples and are invited to bid on once-in-a-lifetime travel and wine experiences during an electrifying live auction. Since its inaugural event in 2001, the NWWF has raised almost \$302 million, making a profound difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of children in Collier County.

About Naples Children & Education Foundation

The Naples Children & Education Foundation (NCEF), the founding organization of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, is improving the educational, emotional and health outcomes of underprivileged and at-risk children. Through its annual grants and strategic initiatives, NCEF has impacted close to 90 of the most effective nonprofits in the local community, providing 350,000 children with the services and resources they need to excel. NCEF's unique approach, which emphasizes collaboration between organizations and bridges public and private resources, has become a blueprint for how to transform a community, one issue at a time.

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