

## ***The Art of Wine: A Collection of Elegant and Sophisticated Wines***

### **Live Auction Wine Lot at the 2023 CASA Cares Auction**

#### **Descriptions of wine bottles included:**

##### **2000 Chateau Pavie Macquin Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion Grand Cru \$170**

*The Pavie Macquin grape types, predominantly Merlot, have found their perfect home in strong clay soils. The molasses soils combined with asteriated limestone give the wines power and tension, as well as a deep meatiness. The ancient colluvial soils containing silt add a touch of lightness whilst retaining the mineral tension from the limestone. The Cabernet Franc is in its rightful place in limestone soils, with bare rock, which warms up quicker, allowing the grape variety to develop all its excellence and give the blend its 'backbone' and complexity. The wine is topped off with 2% old-vine Cabernet Sauvignon.*

*From Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, France*

*Pairs well with Beef and Venison*

##### **2000 Château Lynch Bages Pauillac Grand Cru Classe \$383**

*Deep, dark, virtually opaque ruby-red. Fruit aromas are quite closed, restrained & cedary. Plummy fruit on the palate is lifted by lovely fresh acidity. The plentiful tannins are very supple. Lovely cedary notes are very well-married with the fruit. Flavors last well & the wine is beautifully balanced.*

*From Pauillac, France*

*Pairs well with Beef and Venison*

##### **2004 Araujo Estate Wines Eisele Vineyard, Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon \$354**

*A product of a near perfect growing season, this dark, dense wine exhibits aromas of black currant and raspberry, fresh earth and truffles, and intriguing notes of acacia and narcissus touched with smoke and nutmeg. In the mouth, it fills the palate with wild dark fruits, creme de cassis, tobacco and cocoa nib, while the long finish lingers with mineral notes and silky, sweet tannins.*

*From Napa Valley, USA*

*Pairs well with Beef and Venison*

##### **2005 Kongsgaard Napa Valley Chardonnay \$200**

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*Kongsgaard is a cult California wine producer widely renowned for making richly textured yet elegant Chardonnays, which are among the very best in California. Their intensely farmed,*

*shy-bearing vineyards and our archaic, low-intervention winemaking produce powerful, graceful wines—vivid expressions of vineyard and variety.*

*From Napa Valley, USA*

*Pairs well with Mushrooms*

**2003 Kistler Russian River Valley Pinot Noir Cuvee Catherine \$240**

*The 2003 Pinot Noir Cuvee Catherine has a ruby/purple color, a big, ripe, framboise and currant fruit nose with some floral notes, forest floor, and a touch of new oak. The wine has great purity, medium to full body, and a long finish with good acidity.*

*From Sonoma Coast, USA*

*Pairs well with Duck, Goose, and Game Birds*

**2003 Kistler Sonoma Valley Cuvee Cathleen #1909 of 6,168 bottles Chardonnay \$149**

*Named after one of Kistler's daughters, the 2003 Chardonnay Cuvee Cathleen, a selection of the very best barrels from the Kistler Vineyard, is undeniably sexy, full-throttle stuff. About 500 cases of this were made in 2003, and the wine comes across as a combination of the best that California can do with the complexity, minerality, and definition of a French white Burgundy. Very rich tropical fruits intermixed with some citrus oil, crushed rocks, and steely backbone provide a canvas where a large-scaled yet incredibly elegant, complex wine has been produced. This is a beauty, very long, impressive, and noble.*

*From Sonoma Valley, USA*

*Pairs will with Mushrooms*

**2005 Turley CA Zinfandel Old Vines \$76**

*Old Vines is composed of a variety of old sites from California that are either too small to be made into a vineyard designate wine or are "new" to the Turley family (and way of farming). Vines are anywhere from 41 to 129 years old, and a true representation of California old vine Zinfandel, hailing from vineyards in Napa, Sonoma, Mendocino, Lodi, Contra Costa, Amador and Paso Robles.*

*From California, USA*

*Pairs well with Lamb*

**2004 Pax Walker Vine Hill Vineyards Russian River Valley Syrah \$54**

*A stunning effort, the black/purple-tinged 2004 Syrah Walker Vine Hill boasts tremendous intensity along with notes of creosote, blackberry liqueur, cassis, and flowers offered in a structured, dense, chewy style.*

*From Russian River Valley, USA*

*Pairs well with Lamb*

**2004 Pax Alder Springs Vineyard "The Terraces" Mendocino County Syrah \$64**

*The 2004 Syrah Alder Springs Vineyard The Terraces exhibits beautiful, pure blueberry and blackberry fruit intermixed with smoke and toasty oak. Rich, broad, and savory with light to moderate tannin, it will drink well for 7-8 years.*

*From Mendocino County, USA*

*Pairs well with Lamb*