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#### NOPAL.

As this maned wolf image hangs in your room, you will almost hear the roar bark of Nopal as he tries to woo his mate Nina. This 16x24 image is printed onto stylish metal for a stunning three dimensional like image with incredible visual depth and luminosity.

South American maned wolves are omnivores and might like this wine due to the cherry and coconut flavors. Therefore, have a glass of Albis on your date night and toast to Nina and Nopal.

#### WINES:

## 2003 Antinori-Matte Albis Maipo Valley, Chile

Albis, is a joint-venture wine of the Antinori family of Italy and the Matte family from Chile. With this vintage, early mossy and leathery aromas yield to cassis and cherry flavors. There's a leathery, cheese-like element to the finish, which is offset by sweeter coconut and chocolate flavors. Wine Spectator – 89/100

## 2001 RODNEY STRONG SYMMETRY MERITAGE, ALEXANDER VALLEY, USA

Symmetry is at once rich, harmonious, powerful and elegant. Aged 28 months in French and American oak barrels.

## Domaine Chandon Etoile Rosè, North Coast, USA

In keeping with the traditional method, we add a small amount of red wine (Pinot Noir) prior to triage to create the distinctive salmon color with copper hues. The wine's aroma is rich yet elegant with plum and dark cherry fruit layered over notes of nutmeg and cocoa. A bold, yet refined palate structure characterizes this wine with subtle but persistent flavors of raspberry and French toast. Wine spectator – 90/100



Donor: Beau and Suzy Brauer

VALUE: \$325.00

Caymus Special Selection Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 (1.5L) Magnum 96/100 – Robert Parker

Caymus Vineyards produces two Cabernets Sauvignons – a "Napa Valley" and the venerable "Special Selection." Both Cabernet bottlings have aromas and flavors which can only be achieved through "hang time" – a technique which chances the loss of crop if early winter sets in. Leaving the fruit to "hang" on the vine unusually long develops suppleness, increases color, and matures the tannins of the grapes. The wines are abundant in textural tannins yet soft as velvet. Crop thinning, allowing measured sunlight to reach the vine's fruit zone, and waiting for increased ripeness are all part of our viticultural practices. Caymus Cabernets offer a wide array of aromas and flavors including cocoa, cassis and vanilla.

The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Special Selection has a dense blackish/purple color and creamy, sweet crème de cassis fruit, blackberries, a touch of graphite and vanilla. This exuberant, boisterous, in-your-face style of Cabernet Sauvignon is clearly a fruit bomb, so be warned. Full-bodied and opulent with stunning concentration and richness, the wine has no hard edges and is much in the Caymus style of terrific fruit intensity (most of it black and blue), voluptuous texture, and a stunning finish with plenty of glycerin, wood and spice.



Lot: 3

Donors: Katie Lucas

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Endangered Wolf Center

PHOTOGRAPHER: MICHELLE STEIMEYER

VALUE: \$1,500.00

#### BECOME PART OF THE PACK

Wine brings people together. It connects us and is shared with loved ones. The wine in this lot is only available to the Aonair Wine Club Members. This is Grant Long Jr.'s way of sharing the small production of his wines.

Become connected to the Endangered Wolf Center through this Alpha Membership. You will symbolically adopt the painted dog pack and will be able to come see them on a VIP animal interaction tour. Animal Care staff will share details about the pack structure and all of their different personalities.

In this lot is a dramatic 20x30 of an African painted dog as he peeks around the tree to scout out the location of his other pack members. The three dimensional feel of the metal print puts you right in the middle of the forest with the dogs.

#### WINES:

2010 Nicholson Jones, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard, Napa Valley, USA

**2012 AZUR WINES CLASSIC CABERNET SAUVIGNON AZUR RED, NAPA COUNTY, USA**An impressive balance of ripe integrated fruit revealing deep layers of lush rich and vibrant flavors to the palate with a velvety finish.

**2012 RUTHERFORD, HERITAGE VINEYARD, EMPREINTE, SAUVIGNON BLANC, NAPA VALLEY** Textbook conditions for optimal ripeness and exceptional quality. 2012 delivered wines that are aromatic, textured and structured, making them cellar worthy for many years. This is bottle 558 out of 1,200.

2013 AONAIR RESERVE SERIES MOUNTAINS PROPRIETARY NAPA VALLEY, USA An elegantly bold and hedonistic blend that carries with it the soul of the mountains.



Donor: Ruth's Chris Steak House

VALUE: \$425.00

#### RUTH'S LEGENDARY SIZZLE

Get your palate excited with a glass of the Chardonnay that has aromas of pear and apple along with subtle spice notes before heading over to Ruth's Chris Steak House.

"The memory of a great meal stays with you long after the table's been cleared. Which is why we serve USDA Prime steaks, market fresh seafood and chef-created features many using seasonally sourced ingredients. Our attention to culinary detail and that special sizzle - it's what makes the Ruth's sizzle legendary." – Ruth's Chris Steak House

Not ready to end the evening just yet? The Cabernet has aromas of blackberry and plum with hint of vanilla which sounds like dessert!

#### THIS LOT INCLUDES:

## 2012 STAG'S LEAP WINE CELLARS KARIA CHARDONNAY, NAPA VALLEY, USA

This graceful Chardonnay opens with aromas of pear and apple along with a subtle spice note. The wine has a soft entry and crisp finish with hints of vanilla. There is a nice balance to the acidity and minerality that enhances the freshness and elegance of this wine. Wine Advocate – 90/100

**2013 STAG'S LEAP WINE CELLARS ARTEMIS CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY, USA**This Artemis Cabernet Sauvignon offers inviting aromas of blackcherry and plum with hints of vanilla. On the palate, the wine has asoft entry with ripe mixed berry and plum flavors. The wine has a medium-bodied mouthfeel with round, satin-like tannins.

Wine Advocate – 90/100

\$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE

SET OF RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK KNIVES

RUTH'S CHRIS PROMOTIONAL ITEMS



Lor 5

Donors: Virginia Busch & Chris Kostman

Ken Shew

LINDA AND RON TRIPLETT

PHOTOGRAPHER: MICHELLE STEINMEYER

Value: \$345.00

#### ERNIE

It may be summer but this snowy portrait of the Endangered Wolf Center resident swift fox dad, Ernie, will surely keep you cool. It doesn't get any cuter with this 16x20 metal portrait with incredible detail and depth for a life-like experience.

Savor a glass of the Sierra Mar Vineyard Pinot Noir that combines grapes from both the cooler, northern end of the Santa Lucia Highlands and the warmer, southern end of the appellation.

#### WINES:

## 2004 PAUL HOBBS HYDE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR, CARNEROS, USA

Full red-ruby. Refined, complex nose hints at minerals, meat, cola, earth, underbrush and exotic spices, along with a suggestion of chocolatey oak. Finishes with firm tannins and very good length. From a blend of Calera, Swan and Pommard clones.

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar – 91/100

**2013 SIDURI PRATT VINEYARD SEXTON ROAD PINOT NOIR, SONOMA COAST, USA**Very decent dark garnet. Not opaque, but close. Good legs. This one shows its Sonoma roots with cola notes that go well with cherry fruit also in evidence. Quite rich and savory. Long finish. Cellar Tracker – 90.5/100

2013 SIDURI SIERRA MAR VINEYARD PINOT NOIR, SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS, USA
This wine combines grapes from both the cooler, northern end of the Santa Lucia Highlands
(Rosella's, Garys, and Soberanes Vineyards) and the warmer, southern end of the appellation
(Sierra Mar and Pisoni). This, combined with the more forward younger vine fruit, make a
wine that is both immediate and yet full of complex flavors. Wine Enthusiast – 90/100



Donors: Andrew Baur

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**VALUE:** \$1,225.00

#### Let's Rally for the Cardinals!

"Hey batter batter!! Swing batter batter!!," is what you and five friends will be yelling on July 24, 2016. Enjoy the Cardinals vs. Dodgers game from owners rows 1 and 2 of the field box seats directly behind home plate.

Win or lose, continue the celebrations with this wine that is decked out in the Cardinals emblem.

#### WINE:

**Six bottles of the MLB-Club Series** is a 2014 California Red Wine that was created from grapes sourced from some of our most prized Central Coast & Lodi vineyards. Blending allows for creating complexity, aromas, and consistency. 60% Lodi Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Monterey County Merlot were used to produce flavors of cassis, blackberry, cherries, tobacco, and spice resulting in a wine that is food friendly or can be enjoyed on its own. This wine was aged in French and American oak for 11 months adding hints of vanilla and toast.

This bottle has been skillfully deep etched and hand painted to create a one of a kind work of art.



Donors: Beth Campbell

MICHAEL AND CLAIRE TODOROVICH

LINDA AND RON TRIPLETT ENDANGERED WOLF CENTER

VALUE: PRICELESS

#### DRINKS WITH A FOXY LADY

Daisy, one of our resident fennec foxes at the Endangered Wolf Center, made an appearance tonight at Wolves and Wine! Did you get to see her and fall in love with her?

Well, this lot will allow you to send an invitation for Daisy to visit you at your house. Enjoy a glass of this 2012 Haut-Bailly with an intense flavor but also features lighter notes while Daisy is introduced to you and your family at your home. Her spunky and playful personality will bring out the "kid" in your entire family.

#### WINE:

## 2012 CHATEAU HAUT-BAILLY, PESSAC-LEOGNAN, FRANCE

The classic 2012 Haut-Bailly is staggeringly great wine, with a stunning bouquet of lead pencil shavings, blueberries, black raspberries and blackcurrants and perhaps a touch of spring flowers, followed by a medium to full-bodied wine with an almost seamless integration of wood, alcohol and tannin. It is rich, concentrated, stunningly supple, pure and a total hedonistic and intellectual turn on. This wine defines what is meant by intensity of flavor, but it is light on its feet, à la great cuisine. It should be drinkable reasonably young, but age effortlessly for 25-30 years.

The Wine Advocate - 96/100

# 2012 Au Pied du Mont Chauve La Maltroie, Chassagne-Montrachet Premier Cru, France

Well bodied minerality and salinity. Notes of citrus, menthol and white fresh fruit. 91/100 on wine-search.com

## 2012 MOILLARD LES EMBAZEES, CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET PREMIER CRU, FRANCE



Lor: 8

Donors: Alice and Pat Behan

ENDANGERED WOLF CENTER

VALUE: \$1,235.00

#### WOLVES AND WINE

Have the time of your life at the Endangered Wolf Center on our exclusive VIP animal interaction tour with three of your friends. As a VIP guest, you'll get to meet some of the amazing animals in our care. You will have the opportunity to see how playful our animals are with an enrichment item thrown in by your group. Keepers will also show the studious side of our maned wolves with a training session so that you can see them up close.

#### WINE:

# 2010 LADERA RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2010 (6L) Imperial

The 2010 Ladera Howell Mountain Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon showcases the best our vineyard has to offer. Rich and decadent, this deep ruby Cabernet Sauvignon displays gorgeous aromas of ripe blackberries and black cherries with notes of fresh mint, cocoa, vanilla and nutmeg. The concentrated and well-structured palate is rich and pure with ripe black fruits, firm yet supple tannins, and a refreshing beam of acidity that carries through to a long and persistent finish.

The Wine Advocate – 93/100



Lor 9

Donor: Beau and Suzy Brauer

VALUE: \$420.00

#### BE THE HOST OF THE YEAR!

Invite four to six friends over for a dinner party. Pair these extraordinary wines with your amazing culinary prowess. Creating a lasting evening full of unforgettable memories. Live, Laugh and Be Merry.

#### WINES:

## 2006 POL ROGER BRUT ROSÉ CHAMPAGNE

Produced only in limited quantities and has been aged seven years before its release. Medium to full-bodied, smooth and fruit intense on the palate, this is another highly elegant and perfectly balanced Pol Roger fizz with a beautiful Pinot perfume in the finish. The Wine Advocate - 95/100

Two Bottles of 2014 Paul Pernot Puligny Montrachet Les Folatieres IER CRU Tight, high-pitched aromas of lime, white flowers and smoky oak. Then rich, ripe, broad and sweet in the mouth, offering noteworthy glycerol depth and a saline quality to its flavors of stone fruits and flowers. A bit soft in acidity. The spicy, rising finish shows lovely length. The Wine Advocate - 93/100

### Two bottles of Chateau Haut Bailly

The classic 2012 Haut-Bailly is staggeringly great wine, with a stunning bouquet of lead pencil shavings, blueberries, black raspberries and blackcurrants and perhaps a touch of spring flowers, followed by a medium to full-bodied wine with an almost seamless integration of wood, alcohol and tannin. It is rich, concentrated, stunningly supple, pure and a total hedonistic and intellectual turn on. It should be drinkable reasonably young, but age effortlessly for 25-30 years. The Wine Advocate - 96/100

Deep plum/purple, Haut-Bailly's 2010 required some coaxing to appreciate its subtle notes of barbecue smoke, lead pencil shavings and crème de cassis as well as its touches of pomegranate and forest floor. The oak is pushed far into the background and the tannins are extremely silky, but the intensity of the wine is profound and the finish lingers for close to 55 seconds. This wine needs a good 7-8 years of bottle age and should keep for 40-50+ years.

The Wine Advocate - 96/100



Donors: Lohr Distributing Company

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VALUE: PRICELESS

#### EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

The Endangered Wolf Center has a new special edition. A little female Mexican wolf pup was born on April 15, 2016 to parents Sibi and Lazarus. She now weighs 9 pounds and has a feisty personality. However, she needs a name! Do you have one or two good names in mind? Well then this lot is for you and your family. Become entangled in this pup's life as she grows up as you will be giving her the best start to life by giving her a name and being her benefactor.

Betty White started the Puppy Naming Club at the Endangered Wolf Center in 2005. Now that you are officially part of the club have a new family member celebrate with a glass of wine that you have enjoyed tonight.

#### Wines:

## 2013 RON RUBIN RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR, CALIFORNIA, USA

Bright nose of cherry and plum lead the way to hints of cocoa layered with spice aromas. The bouquet is rounded out with toasty vanilla oak and the berry flavors offer a balanced and elegant finish.

2013 RON RUBIN RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY, CALIFORNIA, USA Soft creamy notes of apple, pears and spices envelope the senses, with added aromas of

vanilla and toasty oak. Approachable with crisp fruit flavors, hints of butter and oak.

MEZZACORONA PINOT GRIGIO VIGNETI DELLE DOLOMITI IGT, TRENTINO-ALTO ADIGE, ITALY

Prosecco Frizzante, Carra Estate, Veneto, Italy Nose is intense and fruity as it displays green apples and pears.

## 2013 Avalon Cabernet Sauvignon, California, USA

Juicy aromas of dark fruit, mocha and spice meet with hints of vanilla. On the palate, black cherry, red raspberry and plum are followed by a long, smooth finish.





Donor: Virgil & Sandra VanTrease

VALUE: \$330.00

#### Let's get Vertical at Chateau Montelena

Chateau Montelena Winery, originally called A.L. Tubbs winery after its founder Alfred Tubbs, was constructed in 1888 and intended as a barrel-aging facility. In nineteenth-century Napa Valley, the majority of wineries were constructed of wood. Instead, the Chateau is made of stone with walls three to 12 feet thick, which provides natural insulation against outside heat or cold. Similarly, the structure built into a hillside, to further regulate temperature. Also rare among Napa Valley wineries, the Chateau resembles an English Gothic castle gatehouse complete with rusticated stone walls, battlement with crenels and merlons, narrow arched windows, large arched door in the place of a portcullis, and bartizans with faux arrow slits.

#### WINES:

## 2006 CHATEAU MONTELENA CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY, USA

Dark rich ruby in color, this wine offers rich, complex aromas of ripe dark cherry, sweet chocolate, cinnamon, pie spice, and leather, with top notes of rose and forest floor. In the mouth this wine makes a full soft round entry, after which the acid builds nicely to make it very juicy and inviting. Loads of fine grain tannin completes the mouthfeel, with berry patch, fruit stand flavors dominating. Nice notes of clove and toasted oak round out the tremendous long finish that will keep you coming back for more. This is a very well balanced wine that will age well and pair beautifully with a wide array of foods. Vinous 91/100

## 2007 CHATEAU MONTELENA CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY, USA

The deep intensity of the dark ruby color hints at the great extraction of this 2007 Napa Valley Cabernet. The nose is layered with ripe plum, blackberry, dried black currant and rich cocoa. In addition, there are undertones of earth, leather and vanilla, along with a light rose top note. Bright acid and fresh red fruit flavors open the palate, leading the way to big ripe cherry mid-palate, and mellow barrel tones. The wine is rich and mouth filling with good layers, good persistence and depth, and culminating in a nice spicy ripe fruit finish. This Cabernet shows excellent mouthfeel and weight throughout, thanks to the beautiful structure of firm fine-grain tannin. The Wine Advocate 88/100

## 2008 CHATEAU MONTELENA CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY, USA

The deep garnet color of this wine hints at the big extraction and dark flavors to follow. Very rich aromas of pipe tobacco, chocolate and caramel beautifully complement the black currant and ripe black cherry fruit. The palate opens soft but builds big and fast, showing a great acid backbone, moderate weight tannins, and a mouthfeel that is full but not heavy or overwhelming. Rich, ripe, sweet black cherry dominates the fruit and is nicely complemented with plum and red berry high tones. Barrel spice is prominent on the finish. Vinous 91/100

Donors: August Busch III

NICOLE AND STEVE WOHLFORD ENDANGERED WOLF CENTER

Value: \$640.00

#### EVENING UNDER THE STARS

Head to the Center for the most unique camping experience in the Midwest. You and 19 of your friends and family will have an evening under the stars to listen to howling wolves throughout the evening. Set up your tent and grill some delicious food. Then relax by the fire and enjoy a glass of wine.

This camping experience is a great way to connect with nature while enjoying the earthy notes of the Cabernet Sauvignon.

#### WINES:

## 2011 CAYMUS VINEYARDS CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY, USA

On the palate, this Cabernet is rich with sweet, ripe tannins, expanding to a greater breadth of refined textures. The flavor profile includes dark chocolate, sweet tobacco, mocha, leather, brown spice, cedar, vanilla and sweet licorice. The stand out qualities of this wine are its balance, supple texture, approachable grip and earthy notes. Wine Spectator – 92/100

**2013 CAYMUS VINEYARDS SPECIAL SELECTION CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY, USA** A rich, dense ruby color, hints at the dark fruit nose of blackberry and currant that carries through to the palate, interwoven with complex aromas of black licorice, anise and crème de cassis. On the palate, the wine opens up to reveal an earthiness, with brown spice, cigar box and ripe dark fruits that linger throughout the extracted and long finish. Rich, fine-grained tannins are balanced with ripe fruit, acidity and oak. James Suckling – 92/100



Lor: 13

Donors: Steve and Besty Johnson

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VALUE: \$350.00

#### Time for Learning

Want to be the coolest parent or grandparent in the world? Oh wait, you already are! Well out do yourself and have Daisy or Fezz visit your child's school classroom. Our "Animals of the Endangered Wolf Center" program is our most popular educational outreach program, and is appropriate for all ages. Students will learn about the animals we work with, have a chance to touch the pelts of some of those animals, and have a blast learning about the impact our choices have on the ecosystem.

Family dinner will also be the best ever listening to your little ones talk about the school program while enjoying a nice glass of Pinot Noir.

#### WINE:

2013 SEA SMOKE SOUTHING PINOT NOIR, SANTA RITA HILLS, USA, (1.5L) Magnum

Each year, the goal for Southing is to create the ideal marriage of complexity and elegance. The ever-changing nose of the 2013 Southing exhibits dusty red fruit, savory spices and rose petals. The fine tannins and minerality are enhanced by their estate vineyard's characteristic cool climate acidity.

Wine Enthusiast - 93/100



Lot: 14

Donor: Arnold Donald

Value: \$640.00

## BRYANT FAMILY VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 2011

750mL

Vinous - 95/100

"Bryant's 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon Bryant Family Vineyard is incredibly silky, polished and vibrant. Sweet red berries, mint, wild flowers and crushed rocks flow across the palate in an energetic, tense wine loaded with focus and cut. The 2011 is a bit understated relative to previous years, but its balance is terrific. High-toned floral and savory notes add an attractive upper register to the finish. I won't be surprised if the 2011 flies under the radar for a while. Wines from this property have a way of developing beautifully in bottle." – Antonio Galloni



Donors: August Busch III

RUSTY HAGER

LINDA AND RON TRIPLETT

VALUE: \$3,300.00

## EVENING BBQ AT RACCOON RANCH

A gracious St. Louis resident is opening up his Duck Lodge at Raccoon Ranch located in St. Charles county, near the confluence of the Mississippi and Illinois rivers for you and 19 of your family and friends. Enjoy a barbecue dinner hosted by Hager Companies consisting of one hour of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the beautifully decorated dining area, followed by Hager's famous barbecue ribs and cheesy potato casserole. This is truly a one-of-a-kind experience that just cannot be missed.

#### WINES:

## 2008 SILVER OAK CELLARS CABERNET SAUVIGNON, ALEXANDER VALLEY, USA

A dark, rich full-bodied wine with great tannic structure and mouth-feel. Garnet color and a nose of ripe boysenberries, cherry liqueur, dark chocolate, sandalwood and a hint of roasting meat. On the palate, it is mouth-coating and incredibly rich in umami. It has a very long, savory finish with the slight grip of fine-grained tannins. This wine should give drinking pleasure through 2030.

## 2010 SILVER OAK CELLARS CABERNET SAUVIGNON, ALEXANDER VALLEY, USA

A vibrant, elegant expression of this classic appellation from a cooler vintage. It has a deep garnet color and an enticing nose of cassis liqueur, blueberry coulis, tobacco, tarragon and roasting coffee. The seamless palate starts with a berry-laden attack, follows with a full-bodied mid-palate, and ends with a long, savory finish with fine-grained, well-integrated tannins. Given proper cellaring, this wine should give drinking pleasure through 2031. Wilfred Wong 91/100

# 2010 TURNBULL WINE CELLARS ESTATE GROWN CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY, USA (1.5L) Magnum

There are incredible aromatics on this Cabernet. Dusted summer blackberries and crème de cassis. Delicate fine-tuned French oak strikes a perfect balance, never overshadowing the fruit. The tannins are silky, rich and smooth. A wine of grace and beauty. Dramatic and just about perfect.





Donors: August Busch III

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VALUE: \$400.00

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Celebrate your birthday with our wolves at the Endangered Wolf Center. This birthday party will provide you and 29 guests with the most unique opportunity in the Midwest. Enjoy a tour of our six different species of canid. Once the birthday boy or girl has found his or her favorite species, the Animal Care team will provide a small enrichment experience for a representative of the species.

At your next family function share and enjoy a glass of Zinfandel from the Frank Family Vineyard as everyone shares some of their favorite memories from the birthday party. Better yet, make plans for another family member's birthday party at the Center.

#### WINES:

## 2012 FRANK FAMILY VINEYARDS ZINFANDEL, NAPA VALLEY, USA

Frank Family Vineyards 2012 Napa Valley Zinfandel is bright scarlet in color and possesses aromas of rhubarb, licorice, graphite and white pepper. On the palate, flavors of sweet plum, cherries and vanilla meld with hints of tarragon. The wine is balanced with silky tannins, earthiness and a kick of spice.

Wine Enthusiast 91/100

Two Bottles of 2012 Estancia Estates Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon, California The bold, dark fruit flavors of this full-bodied artisan wine reveal why Paso Robles is an emerging region for producing delicious California Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine opens to deep crimson in color with intense dark fruit and mocha aromas. On the palate, dark cherry, currants, and chocolate.



Donors: August Busch III

BETH CAMPBELL

Mr. C. Stephen Kriegh and Dr. Pamella S. Gronemeyer

ENDANGERED WOLF CENTER

Value: \$745.00

#### CABERNET AND CANIDS!

Have you ever imagined what it would be like to work with animals? Well grab a friend and come on out to the Center and be a Keeper for a Day. Animal Care staff will take you behind the scenes where you will roll up your sleeves and help keepers feed, care and interact with the animals. Enjoy learning the different personalities of our six different species.

After all the hard work come home, sit back and relax while enjoying one of these Cabernets.

#### WINES:

**2008 ROBERT MONDAVI WINERY RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY, USA**A big wine loaded with black fruit, cedar, licorice, grilled herbs and tar. Layers of flavor build effortlessly to the muscular, virile finish. The wine impresses for its depth, expressive inner perfume and beautifully integrated tannins. It is a showstopper from Mondavi. Vinous / Antonio Galloni – 95/100

## 2012 FLORA SPRINGS CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY, USA

This is a bold, rich Cabernet Sauvignon with a beautiful core of dark, brambly fruit -- black cherry, black raspberry and boysenberry -- framed by spicy notes of black pepper, anise, clove, cinnamon stick and fresh sage. Lush and full-bodied, the wine shows off sweet oak notes and a vanillin-tinged finish that is smooth and silky. Wine Enthusiast – 92/100

## 2012 MOONE-TSAI CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY, USA

Upon arrival, the wine's nose beckons with black currant, wild strawberry and licorice; only to give way to a delicately textured mid-palate and delightful complexity of dark fruit, rhubarb, dried herbs and wet stone. Displaying a pleasing acidity, smoothly integrated tannins, and 19 months of barrel aging in 62% new French oak, the wine's freshness and agility concludes with a satisfying finish of black fruit and leather. Vinous 92/100



Lot: 18

Donors: Jeff Goodby

Doug Page

PHOTOGRAPHER: MICHELLE STEINMEYER

VALUE: \$850.00

#### LOCO FOR LOBOS

Ahhh, a Mexican Wolf soaking in the glow of the warm afternoon sunshine. Feel the warmth of this 16x24 metal artwork. It is spectacular.

Also, in this lot are **two bottles** of Tears of Llorona which is an extra extra añejo tequila. It begins as 100% blue agave from high volcanic slopes in Jalisco, where growth is slow. Master Tequilero Germán Gonzalez hand selects the agave and has them harvested late, increasing their starch and sugars. The piñas are roasted slowly in the traditional way. His yeast is proprietary and fermentation is slow. Distillation is by copper pot still and barreling is at very high specific gravity.

This tequila is not yet available in St. Louis (or anywhere in Missouri - it's available in only 10 states, the closest being Illinois in the Chicago area), so this is quite an opportunity for someone to acquire an exclusive tequila brand that no one else will have!



Donors: Polly Bade

SHY PATEL

ENDANGERED WOLF CENTER

VALUE: \$535.00

#### School's Out!

Send your child with a friend to Summer Wolf Camp at the Endangered Wolf Center. During the week of July 18-22 your child will explore the world of the wolf by visiting our amazing animals, playing fun games to learn about wolf behavior, and making crafts. Find native flowers and wildlife on exciting hikes around the Center.

While your child is learning about flowers you can relax by enjoying a nice glass of wine produced by Flowers. This Pinot Noir has a soft and inviting palate with verve and a perfect balance between fruit expression and crushed-stone earthiness

#### WINES:

## 2012 FLOWERS SEA VIEW RIDGE PINOT NOIR, SONOMA COAST, USA

A ruby core of medium-intensity gives way to a complex nose that is seductive and reminiscent of the ruggedness of SeaView Ridge: wild huckleberry, morels, cinnamon, lavender and sage. The palate is soft and inviting with verve and a perfect balance between fruit expression and crushed-stone earthiness. A silky, fine-grained tannin structure, derived from whole cluster fermentation, graces a long and complete finish.

Wine Enthusiast – 94/100

**2010 CHATEAU ST JEAN 'CINQ CEPAGES' CABERNET SAUVIGNON, SONOMA COUNTY, USA** The 2010 Cinq Cépages is a stunning color in the glass, deep ruby with a subtle violet colored rim. Layered aromas are vivid; black plum, blackberry compote, clove spice, tanned leather and a hint of fresh tobacco leaf. Secondary aromas of raspberry and spiced cherry mingle with notes of violet and pomegranate. The aromas lead to an incredibly juicy palate with flavors of blueberry, cherry and blackberry. Nuanced flavors of espresso and a distinct mocha component add to the complexity. The full-bodied wine has smooth, silky tannins that offer solid structure but do not overwhelm. The wine is plush and approachable yet complex and appealing in the glass. In signature Cinq Cépages form, this wine combines the strength of the diverse Sonoma County region to create a well-balanced, complex and powerful wine. Wine Spectator – 93/100



Donors: August Busch III

JANET AND LARRY CONNERS ENDANGERED WOLF CENTER

VALUE: \$775.00

#### CHAMPAGNE HOWL

Have a special occasion to toast about? Well bring the Champagne and come on out to the Endangered Wolf Center. We will set up a private campfire howl for up to 30 people where you will be able to sit around the campfire with your champagne and listen to entertaining stories about wolves.

The highlight of this event will be walking down Howl Road where everyone will get the chance to howl with the wolves. If the wolves understood what you said they might answer back. Afterward, you will enjoy homemade s'mores, chocolate covered strawberries and other tasty desserts along with hot chocolate and coffee.

#### CHAMPAGNE:

Three bottles of Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin Brut, Champagne, France
A Champagne House is eventually judged on the quality of its Brut Non-Vintage. This is an art in which the House of Veuve Clicquot excels. The predominance of Pinot Noir provides the structure that is so typically Clicquot, while a touch of Pinot Meunier rounds out the blend. Chardonnay adds the elegance and finesse essential in a perfectly balanced wine.

Wine Enthusiast – 91/100

## 2011 DOMAINE CHANDON VINTAGE BRUT, MOUNT VEEDER, USA

Domaine Chandon Reserve Brut, Sonoma County - Napa County, USA A complex sparkling wine created in a robust style that offers weight and dimension to the palate. With extended time on the yeast, this wine has a creamy texture, combining aromas of toasted hazelnuts with notes of black cherry, baked apple and ginger.



Donors: Steve and Geni Kimsey

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ENDANGERED WOLF CENTER

PHOTOGRAPHER: MICHELLE STEINMEYER

Value: \$630.00

#### VIP DATE

This 16x24 metal print of our red wolf, Kai will make you feel as though you are sitting across the lake from her as she gets a drink, reflection shimmering. Metal prints create breathtaking scenes that stand the test of time, suitable for any room in your home or office.

Want to see Kai in person? Enjoy a unique date at the Endangered Wolf Center on our exclusive VIP animal interaction tour. As a VIP guest, you will have the opportunity to see how playful Kai and her family is when given enrichment items. Keepers will also show the studious side of our maned wolves with a training session so that you can see them up close.

After the tour the rest of this lot will make you feel like you are in Italy. With a gift certificate for \$75 enjoy a taste of real Italy in St. Louis from James Beard awarded Chef Gerard Craft at Pasteria. This restaurant features fresh pastas and wood-fired pizzas. Pasteria has waived the cork fee so feel free to bring one of your new bottles of wine and enjoy the laughter of company paired with delicious food and wine.

#### WINES:

**2001 RUFFINO RISERVA DUCALE ORO-GOLD, CHIANTI CLASSICO GRAN SELEZIONE, ITALY** Ruffino's most famous label is the gold-label Chianti Classico Riserva Ducale, first produced in 1947. The 2001 rendition capably maintains the tradition, combining coffee, prune and tobacco scents with flavors of ripe plums and dark earth. Tannins give a richly textured feel in the mouth, the drying finish balanced by ample fruit. Wine Enthusiast – 92/100

1999 Anselma Vigna Rionda Riserva, Barolo, Italy Cellar Tracker – 94/100



Donors: Paige and Stuart Noel

LINDA AND RON TRIPLETT ENDANGERED WOLF CENTER

VALUE: PRICELESS

#### LET'S PAINT!

Need some new artwork? Come out and watch Nina (with the assistance of her trusted human companion) use her paws as a means of expression, to design a piece just for you. Pick the colors and let Nina do the rest!

Next time you have company over reminisce about your experience while sharing a glass of Pinot Noir. Feel like you are in the fields of Brazil with the finishing taste of Brazilian coffee.

#### WINES:

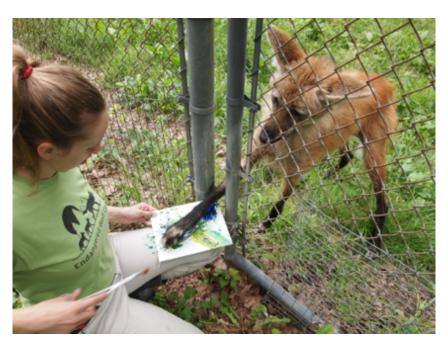
## 2005 PAHLMEYER JAYSON PINOT NOIR, SONOMA COAST, USA

Cloudy medium garnet in color with a medium+ intense nose. This complex wine features ripe sea grapes on the nose with strawberry tarts, bramble fruit, rhubarb, bergamot, smoked bacon, roasted fennel, black cherry, toffee and Brazilian coffee on the finish. Medium body with low tannins, good acidity, the alcohol is well integrated and a very long length. Wine Spectator – 88/100

## 2013 Lucienne Smith Vineyard Pinot Noir, Santa Lucia Highlands, USA

This wine artfully combines fragrant strawberry and blackberry aromas with earthy cocoadust undertones. Flavors of harmonious red and black fruits including tart plums are underpinned by spicy notes. Silky and richly textured throughout, this wine's finish is long and luxuriant.

Wine Spectator – 91/100



Donors: Kristen Holton

ENDANGERED WOLF CENTER

VALUE: \$435.00

#### A Day with the Foxes

Come out to the Endangered Wolf Center and Animal Care staff will introduce you to our resident swift foxes and fennec foxes. Each fox has a unique personality that you will learn and capture in a photo in this two-hour session. Sly, our swift fox, has a personality that is true to his name. He will try to sneak around the enclosure without being noticed and sometimes he will be sly enough to steal food without the keepers realizing it. Fezz, our fennec fox, is an energetic and happy fox. He is always ready to spend time with keepers during training. The foxes will show off some of their training behaviors. What is cuter than a 5lb swift fox that can sit on command?

In this lot the Pinot Noir has been described as a taste of Christmas. When Christmas comes around enjoy this wine while showing off photos and talking about the memories that were made while spending time with our foxes.

#### WINES:

## 2012 Mt. Brave Cabernet Sauvignon, Mount Veeder, USA

The 2012 growing season was near perfect, with ideal spring bud break and warm, steady days balanced by cool nights. The steady weather continued into the fall, resulting in optimal ripening conditions at harvest. The 2012 Mt. Brave Cabernet Sauvignon opens with notes of blueberry, rose petals and violets, which are balanced by a cleansing minerality and silky tannins. Tasting Panel – 94/100

# 2014 Belle Glos 'Clark & Telephone' Vineyard Pinot Noir, Santa Maria Valley, USA

The color is a deep scarlet-red with lush aromas of blackberry bramble, nutmeg, and hint of caramel. The wine is fresh and exuberant in the mouth with sumptuous strawberry jam, ripe black cherry, cranberry and warm gingerbread. It is perfectly balanced with refreshing acidity, velvety tannins and a hint of toffee carrying through its long finish.

Wine Spectator – 90/100





Donors: Kate and Edward Dowd

Todd and Sarah Kaye Endangered Wolf Center

Anonymous

Value: \$405.00

#### UNTAMED YET ELEGANT

Enjoy two hours photographing our six different elegant canid species here at the Endangered Wolf Center. The Center's large enclosures have natural, serene and wooded surroundings that provide the ability to take breathtaking photos of Mexican wolves, red wolves, maned wolves, African painted dogs, swift foxes and fennec foxes.

While looking at your amazing photos at home enjoy either this Merlot, Chardonnay, or Cabernet Sauvignon. Many amazing wines just like are amazing animals.

#### WINES:

**2011 NICKEL & NICKEL HARRIS VINEYARD MERLOT, OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY, USA**The 2011 Harris Vineyard Merlot is well balanced with berry and plum fruit flavors enhanced by earthy notes of sage and dried herb. The texture is quite elegant and the red fruit expands with warmth and gentleness. Toasty oak complements these flavors with intriguing char and vanilla, rounding out the tannins and leading to a balanced finish.

## 2012 CHATEAU MONTELENA CHARDONNAY, NAPA VALLEY, USA

In the glass, the 2012 Chardonnay bursts with aromas of ripe peach, green apple, and honeydew. Next comes a touch of vanilla, lavender and orange blossom, with an underlying note of star jasmine. The concentration of the wine is evident on the palate: the rich viscosity is cut by bright acid and layers of kiwi, grapefruit, and soft minerality. The finish is pure bliss with a touch of sweet oak and lemon curd that just doesn't quit.

The Wine Advocate – 90/100

2012 CALISTOGA CELLARS 'TRIUMPH CELLARS' CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY, USA



Donors: Beau and Suzy Brauer

MICHAEL LOUTHAN

PHOTOGRAPHER: MICHELLE STEINMEYER

Value: \$650.00

#### Go Rogue!

Go Rogue with bidding on this lot of today's top shelf whiskey. Paired with the whiskey is a photograph of Rogue who was born at the Endangered Wolf Center. She is our "lucky 13," since she is the 1,300th Mexican wolf born into the recovery program.

Rogue was paired with her mate Amigo last year and the two have created a lasting bond. Take home artwork of this stunning pair of Mexican wolves. Each 16x20 fine art image is printed onto stylish metal for a stunning three dimensional like image with incredible visual depth and luminosity.

#### WHISKEYS:

Elmer T Lee Single Barrel Bourbon Whiskey
Jefferson Reserve Single Barrel Bourbon Whiskey
Macallan 12YR Scotch Whisky
Green Spot Irish Whiskey
Hibiki Harmony Japanese Whisky







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