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The Staglins and Chef Chiarello celebrate a big bid /Michelle Locke

It was a wet 'n wild afternoon at this year's big Napa wine auction as an unseasonable _ I mean really unbelievable, are you kidding me, winter storms in June?! _ downpour pounded the event. But although umbrellas took the place of big hats it was charity that reigned as the 31-year-old event reached a lifetime giving total of more than $100 million.

As honorary chair Koerner Rombauer put it, "Sorry about the weather, but so what!"

So what, indeed. Although the total was shy of 2010, when the bidding topped $8 million, it was a good showing for a year that could have been swamped by the lingering economic doldrums not to mention the nasty weather.

Here's a video of the event.



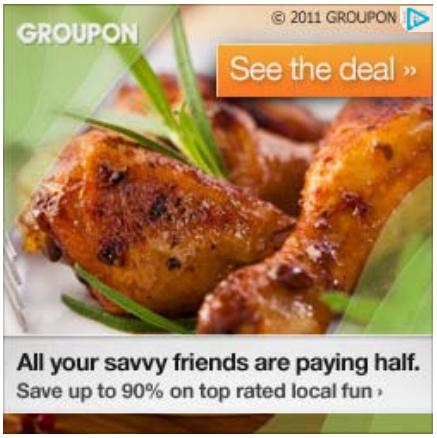
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The top lot of the day was a joint effort by Garen and Shari Staglin of Staglin Family Vineyard and celebrity Chef Michael Chiarello. The lot, which combined food and wine, went up to $300,000 as two bidders duked it out, and then the Staglins and Chiarello doubled the lot for a total of $600,000. So everyone went home happy.

Other big lots included a doubled lot from BOND which brought in $240,000 and another two-fer from Raymond Vineyards which added up to $390,000. Raymond owner Jean-Charles Boisset has a lot to celebrate; he and wife Gina Gallo just welcomed twin girls into their family.

The auction is a four-day affair held each year on the first weekend of June. In addition to the live auction, which takes place on Saturday afternoon, there's an e-auction and a barrel auction. This year, the barrel auction brought in just over $1 million with the top lot coming from Shafer Vineyards, fetching $59,600.

The only loser of the day was the beautifully manicured fairway at the Meadowood resort which owner Bill Harlan (of Bond Estates and Harlan Estate) perennially donates as a venue for the live auction. The soggy conditions and foot traffic turned some patches into soupy mud; an area reserved for dancing was particularly churned up. That's the first time I've ever gone home with mud on my dancing ~~shoes~~ rainboots.

Talk about getting down and dirty on the dance floor.

Cheers.



Cinderella's slippers, #ANV11 style /Michelle Locke

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