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The Happening: Auction Napa Valley

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Each year the denizens of Napa come together for a common purpose, to raise money for healthcare and youth education nonprofits in Napa County at the **Auction Napa Valley**. The 33-year-old event is put on by the [Napa Valley Vintners Association](#) and is the event of the year. Top wineries create special wines for the Barrel Auction, and star chefs bring out their signature dishes for auction goers to sample. This year, it was hosted by [Raymond Vineyards](#) and boasted lots from [Continuum Estate](#), [Far Niente](#), and [Trinchero Napa Valley](#).

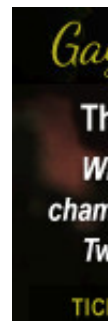
The second day's Live Auction is the main event, with luxury items such as cars and trips being auctioned off. Last year a private concert with Lady Antebellum was the top lot. This year's sought after lot was offered by Harlan Estate, which included the first-ever comprehensive vertical tasting of their exclusive wine. The weekend brought in 16.9 million dollars for Napa.

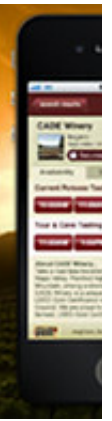
For a peek into the Auction experience, check out the photos below. All photos by Ashley Nicole Teplin.



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Welcome to the Barrel Auction.





Mutineer Magazine Editor-in-Chief Brian Kropf zooming around Napa Valley in his Lamborghini.



Mike Grgich of Grgich Estate at the Barrel Auction at Raymond Vineyards! Happy 90th birthday Mike!



Oenotri Owner & Chef, Tyler Rodde having a good time and serving up delicious snacks at the Barrel Auction.



The one and only Iron Chef Morimoto serving up his awesome Korean corn dogs.



Cole's Chop House Chef & Owner, Greg Cole dishing up tasty treats at the Barrel Auction.



Head Winemaker Chris Carpenter of Cardinale Winery at the Barrel Auction at Raymond Vineyards pulled in \$44,550 for Cardinale's contribution.



The Barrel Auction in all its glory!



Wine Director Rhett Gadke, of Bounty Hunter Rare Wines at the Barrel Auction at Raymond Vineyards.



The big board of barrel lots.



Winemaker Aaron Pott of Blackbird Vineyards at the Barrel Auction at Raymond Vineyards.



Janet Viader of Viader Vineyards at the Barrel Auction at Raymond Vineyards.



Ovid Napa Valley Winemaker, Austin Peterson at the Barrel Auction at Raymond Vineyards.



Continuum Estate Vintner, Tim Mondavi at the Barrel Auction at Raymond Vineyards.



Far Niente Winery, the hosts of An Evening with Lamborghini.



Far Niente Winery's auction lot . . . a Lamborghini.



Mutineer Magazine Founder & President Alan Kropf at Auction Napa Valley.



Delicious dishes at Auction Napa Valley.



Top Chef Harold Dieterie and Christine Thrice of OMG Wine enjoying the afternoon at Auction Napa Valley.



2013 Napa Valley Auction Honorary Chair & Staglin Family Vineyard President, Shannon Staglin enjoying the day.



Top Chef champion Kristen Kish signing Mutineer Magazine's Alan Kropf's paddle.



Look at those paddles fly!



Blackbird Vineyards President Paul Leary and Mellani Leary at Auction Napa Valley.



Last Bottle, Blicker, Pierce, and Wagner Wine Merchants Owner, Stefan Blicker shared a bottle of the storied Chateau d'Yquem sauternes at Auction Napa Valley.



In the end they raised \$16.9 million dollars!

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