



# NapaLife

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**For those who live in Napa Valley –  
and those who wish they did...**

An Insider's Look at Napa Valley

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## Auction Napa Valley raises record \$16.9 million

The Napa Valley Vintners' 33rd annual Auction Napa Valley smashed all records, snaring \$16.9 million in fundraising for health care and youth education in Napa County. The results exceeded the previous record of \$10.5 million raised in 2005 by more than 60 percent.

Shari and Garen Staglin and children Shannon and Brandon served as chairs of this year's Auction Napa Valley. They did an incredible job of attracting serious bidders with outreach worldwide – including Naples, Florida, which briefly topped the Napa auction partly by offering exotic experiences and merchandise as well as wine.

Most of the 46 lots at our auction also featured trips and experiences you couldn't buy, but some of the biggest hauls featured wine.

The biggest lot, however, gave the bidders nothing but satisfaction. Generous donors donated \$1,000 to an incredible \$600,000 to funding of mental health services for Napa youth spurred by co-chair Brandon Staglin's discussion of his own bout with schizophrenia and Napa County District Attorney Gary Lieberstein's story of losing his own son to mental illness. He bid the first \$1,000.

The message was underscored by a song County signer Billy Dean wrote just for the auction, "Walk with Me," which he performed to many damp eyes.

### Top live auction lots (plus Fund-a-Need lot)

- Fund-a-need \$3.7 million
- Dana Estates two at \$500,000 for \$1.02 million.
- Harlan Estate \$800,000
- Screaming Eagle \$500,000
- Joseph Phelps Vineyards \$450,000
- Darioush and Staglin Family Vineyard \$400,000
- Araujo Estate Wines and Dalla Valley Vineyards \$340,000
- Far Niente/Dolce/Nickel & Nickel and Favia Erickson Winegrowers \$300,000
- Spottswoode Estate Vineyard & Winery and Bure Family Wines/Morlet Family Vineyards/Vineyards 7 & 8 \$280,000
- Robert Mondavi Winery \$260,000

### Top barrel lots (each is 10 cases of wine):

- Shafer Vineyards \$78,000
- Realm Cellars \$61,350
- Continuum Estate \$59,200
- Ovid Napa Valley \$52,500
- Cardinale \$44,550
- Kongsgaard \$41,550
- Spottswoode Estate Vineyard & Winery \$37,200
- Gemstone \$34,100
- Joseph Phelps Vineyards \$33,050
- Vineyard 7&8 \$32,600
- Crocker & Starr Wines \$31,750
- Pahlmeyer \$31,750
- Promise \$31,000

### Top E-Auction lots

- Sherwin Family Vineyards \$15,200
- Domaine Chandon \$8,129
- Larkmead Vineyards \$8,000
- Grgich Hills Estate \$7,600
- Beringer Vineyards \$7,227
- Hall \$7,100
- Joseph Phelps Vineyards \$7,100
- Artesa Winery and Gordon Huether Art Gallery \$6,700
- Napa Valley Vintners & Fairmont \$6,600
- Napa Valley Vintners & Riedel \$6,200

The auction day was preceded by festivities. I was able to attend a great dinner at Trefethen Vineyards prepared by Ken Frank of La Toque, and also dinner with energetic music and older wines at Signorello Vineyards.

Friday's Barrel Auction at Raymond Vineyards was superbly organized, and in spite of the heat, was a highlight for most attendees. All the food I tasted was exceptional. Vintners poured barrel samples in the frigid chai while outside, rosés, whites and bubbles ruled.