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## 2017 Auction Napa Valley raises \$15.7 million

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2017 - \$15.7 million  
2016 - \$14.3 million  
2015 - \$15.8 million  
2014 - \$18.7 million  
2013 - \$16.9 million  
2012 - \$8 million  
2011 - \$7.2 million  
1981 - \$140,000, first ANV  
Through its 37 years of existence, the Napa Valley Vintners has given more than \$185 million in ANV proceeds to the community. Auction Napa Valley raises funds for Napa County community health and children's education nonprofits.

### Top live auction lots

\$2.1 million, Colgin Cellars.  
\$1.5 million, Antica Napa Valley, Antinori Family Wine Estate, Staglin Family Vineyard  
\$720,000, Dalla Valle Vineyards  
\$520,000, Viader Vineyards & Winery  
\$440,000, Screaming Eagle  
\$400,000, Raymond Vineyards  
\$340,000, Chappellet Vineyard  
\$320,000, Far Niente, Dolci, Nickel & Nickel, Bella Union  
\$310,000, Spottswoode Estate Vineyard & Winery  
*-Figures provided by the Napa Valley Vintners*

The four days of the 37th annual Auction Napa Valley ended Sunday with the Napa Valley Vintners raising \$15.7 million, proceeds from the live auction, barrel auction and E-Auction.

Saturday's live auction, held as always at Meadowood Napa Valley, included 38 lots that ranged from \$40,000 to \$720,000. One lot, from Colgin Cellars, was sold to three bidders, each for \$700,000, and raised \$2.1 million.

Ann Colgin and Joe Wender had put together a package of five rare 3-liter bottles of their 2007 wines, along with a private dinner and tour at their estate. The auction lot also included a trip to Paris and Reims, France with accommodations, winery tours, lunches and dinners for four.

Auctioneer Fritz Hatton started the bidding and it quickly went past \$500,000, then to \$625,000 and \$650,000. It was clear three people were interested in the trip and after Colgin said she would triple the lot by offering three separate trips, all three were awarded the lot.

One of those winners was John Thompson, who earlier in the auction had bid and lost on a week-long trip to Japan with Japanese native Naoko Dalla Valle, owner of Dalla Valle Vineyards, and her daughter, Maya. The lot included a 6-liter bottle of the winery's red wine blend, "Maya."

For that lot, Hatton started the bidding at \$50,000 and the bids went to \$140,000 and \$160,000 and then quickly to \$400,000 and \$480,000. Bidding went past \$500,000 and it was clear that two people really wanted the trip, Thompson and Steven Fink. As Thompson bid \$700,000, the crowd cheered and applauded. Then Fink put his paddle up for \$720,000 and won the trip. After that, auctioneer Ursula Hermacinski, who was sharing duties with Hatton, told the crowd the good news, that at least one bidder had some money left.

Naoko Dalla Valle said, "Auction Napa Valley brings Napa Valley's vintners together to raise funds for worthy causes. Our winery has been a supporter for close to 30 years and I am proud that my daughter Maya has joined me in carrying on this tradition that is so meaningful to our community. Giving back is very important and close to our hearts."

A joint auction lot from Antica Napa Valley – Antinori Family Wine Estate/Staglin Family Vineyard also was tripled and sold to three bidders, bringing in \$1.5 million. It included 10 large-format bottles of wine from the two vintners, along with a luxurious, guided trip to Tuscany.

**Raymond Vineyards'** owner Jean-Charles Boisset offered a lot that included Napa Valley and French Polynesian vacations with stays in two of the South Seas' most alluring resorts, according to the auction catalog. Hermacinski started the lot at \$45,000 and it quickly went past \$300,000. At one point, she said, "Who's in for \$340,000? I want you to enjoy Jean-Charles' hospitality." It sold to Napa Valley vintner Mary Miner for \$400,000.

After the event, Roman Coppola said, "Napa Valley is our family's home and we're grateful for the generosity of our bidders, fellow vintners, partners and donors, local chefs, volunteers and every member of the community that comes together to make Auction Napa Valley a success year after year. The funds we raised this weekend will help strengthen families and make the seemingly impossible possible for tens of thousands of our neighbors."