

Taste & Tribute



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AUCTION PROGRAM

November 22, 2019

Four Seasons Hotel, San Francisco

Celebrating 19 Years of

*Laste &
Tribute*

San Francisco 2019

Thank You for Being Here Tonight!

**Reception &
Silent Auction Begins
5:00 pm**

**Silent Auction Closes
6:40 pm**

**Program Begins
Four-Course Dinner / Live Auction
7:00 pm**

1. Very Rare Maison Surenne Cognac



This **David Picornon grande champagne cognac** was distilled entirely from the 1975 harvest, and was bottled unblended from a single cask, after 37+ years in oak, at 40% abv.

There are very few, if any, cognacs in bottle from a single year and a single vineyard. Grapes from a south-facing vineyard get more sun and yield deeper flavor.

This Picornon cognac is of exceptional quality, subtle and profound.

Donated by Claude Wuffles and Ansley Coale

Fair Market Value: \$800

2. Five Nights for Six in a Spectacular Home in Hale Mohalu, Hawaii



A world-class botanical vacation paradise at an elevation of 350 ft. with breathtaking ocean views on the rugged and picturesque **East Coast of the Big Island**. Twenty-four acres of heirloom palms, lawns and tropical paths. Sweeping views to the East where the sun rises from the Pacific Ocean.

- **Three bedrooms and two baths**
- Custom-made furnishings from Bali and tropical wood floors
- Solar heating and electricity
- Satellite reception and property-wide Wi-Fi
- Expansive gardens and stone terraces

Donated by Davis Dalbok

Fair Market Value: \$2,000

3. Restaurant Package I

Madera, Menlo Park

Enjoy a **Dinner for Two with Wine Pairings at the Michelin Star Madera** acknowledged as one of the best in Silicon Valley, located at the Rosewood Sand Hill. Recipient of the Wine Spectator Grand Award 2019.



ANZU, San Francisco

A **Deluxe Room for One Night at Hotel Nikko**, a luxurious boutique hotel near vibrant Union Square. Enjoy contemporary Japanese cuisine with a **Dinner for Two at the elegant ANZU Restaurant**, located on the second level of the hotel.



Selby's, Atherton

Experience a **Three-course Chef Tasting Menu with Wine Pairings for Two** that celebrates classic, American contemporary cuisine. The menu showcases the unique relationship with SMIP Ranch, a private five acre organic farm that produces some of the most pristine produce in the Bay Area.



Straits, San Jose

Explore the merging of culinary influences from Pan Asia with a **Dinner for Four** featuring delectable dishes encouraged to be shared. Located in the popular Santana Row, the exquisite dining environment pairs perfectly with the exotic cuisine served.



*Donated by Madera, ANZU and Hotel Nikko,
Selby's, and Straits*

Fair Market Value: \$1,550

4. From an Exquisite Collection of Antique Tibetan Furniture, c. 18th Century



Three Dragons in the Clouds

*Part of a 40-Years-in-the-Making
Collection of Antique Chests,
Cabinets, and Altar Furniture*



This ornate chest depicts a central dragon flanked by one on either side, with the middle figure holding a bowl of jewels above its head.

Jewels often represent wisdom and wish-granting.

Its value in the art world is at \$15,000, which includes comparables from Bonhams and Christie's.

The chest measures 42" x 22" x 17"

Donated by Gary Crawford

Fair Market Value: \$15,000

5. Romantic Getaway for Two in Sonoma County Wine Country



Two nights at the Mediterranean inspired Vintner's Inn in Santa Rosa,
located on 92 acres of lush vineyards and gardens.

Your stay includes:

**Multi-course dinner crafted by Executive Chef Tom Schmidt at
the renowned John Ash & Co. Restaurant with wine pairings**

Breakfast at the Elegantly Rustic River Vine Café

**Two VIP Spa treatments at Vi La Vita Spa including champagne
and chocolate covered strawberries**

Concierge arranged Ferrari-Carano Winery VIP Tour and Tasting

*Donated by Vintners Inn,
John Ash & Co.
and Vi La Vita Spa*

Fair Market Value: \$2,420

6. Stunning Costa Rica! A Seven Day Vacation for Two at Rythmia Luxury Resort & Retreat



A Transformation Vacation

Awaken, Renew, Eat and Play at Rythmia Life Advancement Center, nestled on a Pacific coast hillside overlooking golden sand beaches in Guanacaste, Costa Rica, 1 of only 5 Blue Zones on the planet where people live the longest, enjoy life the most and are healthiest.

Enjoy and Replenish in this All-inclusive Gated Resort including:

- **Seven Nights for Two**, king bed or 2 doubles
- **Farm to table, organic meals and snacks**
- Spa, resort pool, health center, and steam room
- 3 essential oil massages and volcanic mud bath
- 2 yoga classes daily
- **Shuttle service** to and from Liberia airport (airfare not included)

*Donated by Rythmia Life Advancement Center
and Kimberly Carter Gamble*

Fair Market Value: \$13,600

7. Luxurious Handwoven Tibetan Rug



*Corner Photo of the Custom Design
Crafted from 100% Hand Spun Wool*

This beautiful Tibetan rug is produced in Nepal by Tibetan artisans who have been crafting heirloom rugs for generations, creating some of the finest rugs in the world.

It is made with 60 knots/sq. inch and the pile is 100 % hand spun wool. Its lush texture and custom design will surely enhance your home for years to come.

Measures 8' 11" x 5' 10"

*Donated by
Endless Knot Rug Company*

Fair Market Value: \$3,000

8. Restaurant Package II

Café de la Presse, San Francisco

Savor **European fare with a \$600 gift certificate for six by Michelin Star and French Master Chef, Laurent Manrique**, at Café de la Presse in iconic Union Square. A 1930's style French bistro, one of the most popular cafes in the City. Recipient of 2016 Wine Spectator's Award of Excellence.



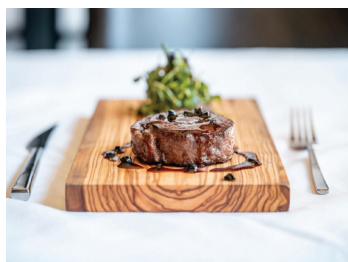
Luce at the InterContinental, San Francisco

Enjoy a **Two Night Weekend Stay in a Premier View Room with Daily Breakfast for Two**. Luce Restaurant, consistently awarded one Michelin Star since 2009 and recipient of Wine Spectator's Best of Award of Excellence, serves modern American cuisine in a newly renovated space.



Alexander's Steakhouse, San Francisco

Savor a **Chef's Tasting Menu seated at the Chef's Counter with Wine Pairings for Two**. Fusing steakhouse classics with Japanese cuisine and highlighting small farms from the U.S., Australia and Japan, this award winning restaurant is sure to delight. Located in the SoMa district of San Francisco.



Murray Circle at Cavallo Point Lodge, Sausalito

Experience a **One Night Stay with Breakfast for Two** while enjoying breathtaking views of the San Francisco skyline and Golden Gate Bridge. Indulge in Cavallo Point's award winning spa with nearby hiking and bicycling. Wine Spectator Wine Grand Awards Class since 2016.



Donated by Café de la Presse, Luce and InterContinental Hotel, Alexander's Steak House, Murray Circle and Cavallo Point Lodge

Fair Market Value: \$2,105

9. New York! New York!
Chef Eric Ripert's Three Michelin Star,
Le Bernardin, and the New York Philharmonic



Enjoy a **Chef's Tasting Menu for Four with Wine Pairings** at **Le Bernardin**, named No. 26 on the World's 50 Best Restaurant List, co-owned by Chef Eric Ripert, host of the Emmy-award winning PBS TV series "Avec Eric" and a generous supporter of Taste & Tribute.



Your trip also includes **two orchestra seats for the 2020-2021 Season** at the world renowned **New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra**, one of America's oldest musical institutions.

*Donated by Chef Eric Ripert, Le Bernardin,
and the New York Philharmonic*

Fair Market Value: \$2,000

10. 2013 Promontory Magnum A Bill Harlan Wine



Exceptional!

Aromas are diverse and complex, with no single primary scent standing above the rest.

“However approachable this wine may be, we are convinced that it’s mysterious facets will continue to be revealed in the decades to come.” - PROMONTORY

Purchased direct from the winery on a mailing list offering.

Donated by Glenn and Cheri Smith

Fair Market Value: \$2,000

11. Fund a Library

Help restore the heritage and sacred literature of the Tibetan people.

**The heart of Tibetan culture is in their literature -
in texts that contain invaluable teachings on wisdom,
compassion, logic, medicine, and philosophy.**



Make a difference in the world by donating any of the following amounts:

\$10,000 will provide 1,000 books

\$5,000 will provide 500 books

\$2,500 will provide 250 books

\$1,000 will provide 100 books

\$500 will provide 50 books

\$250 will provide 25 books

\$100 will provide 10 books

Your pledge will support the production and shipment of sacred Tibetan texts to the Tibetan community in exile, and will seed libraries all over the Himalayan region.

Together, we can help to provide education for the next generation of Tibetans, encourage literacy, provide Tibetan women with more opportunities for education, and help to rebuild a culture.

Help Us Preserve the Ancient Wisdom Traditions of Tibet

12. Barong Bali Dance Mask



Exceptional Kinetic Art Piece

This unique mask was created by master craftsman, Oka Pastika. Barong, or masked figure, usually represents an unidentified creature who appears at times of celebration.

For the Balinese, **Barong is the symbol of health and good fortune.**

The mask serves as a medium for ancestral spirits to reside, or visit the physical world, as it represents the divine beings or energies in a physical form.

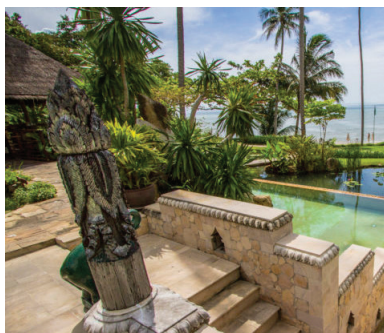
Balinese dance is an intensely expressive and dynamic ancient expression of the religious and artistic tradition of the Balinese people of Indonesia.

Measures a striking 46" long!

Donated by Carie Haimovitch

Fair Market Value: \$1,500

13. Kamalaya Wellness Sanctuary and Holistic Spa, Koh Samui, Thailand



Experience life's potential at this **Award Winning Luxury Resort Spa** in exotic Thailand. Your visit includes:

- **Seven Nights for Two in a Garden View or Sea Villa Suite**
- **Complimentary Daily Breakfast**
- Daily Holistic Fitness Activities (yoga, meditation, Tai Chi, Qi Gong, etc.)
- RT transportation from Koh Samui Airport to Kamalaya
- Daily Pujas and Aarati at Kamalaya Temple

Donated by John and Karina Stewart

Fair Market Value: \$4,000

14. Chef for a Day at Chez Panisse for Two



Sharpen your knives and join the **Chez Panisse chefs** in the iconic downstairs restaurant kitchen for an afternoon of cooking, menu meetings, and preparations for the evening's meal.

Then sit with a friend at the intimate kitchen table and enjoy the dinner you helped prepare! Includes wine pairings.

*Donated by Chez Panisse
and Chef Jennifer Sherman*

Fair Market Value: \$1,200

15. Restuarant Package III

Piperade, San Francisco

A **Dinner for Six with Wine Pairings** featuring “West Coast Basque Cuisine”. Chef Gerald Hirigoyen masterfully brings together these two cultures including local fresh ingredients into French, Spanish and Basque dishes. A truly exquisite evening for six.



One Market, San Francisco

A very special table is reserved for you—an exclusive **Chefs’ Table for Four with Wine Pairings** in the heart of the kitchen, with every dish prepared especially for your table. While dining enjoy a spectacular view of the Ferry Building through twenty-foot windows. A delightful added bonus!



MKT at Four Seasons Hotel, San Francisco

Experience a **One Night Stay in a Deluxe Room with Breakfast for Two** at this urban chic hotspot, putting you in the middle of the Bay Area’s top attractions. MKT’s restaurant and bar feature a California-centric menu and handcrafted cocktails. An exciting getaway for city lovers.



Vineyard Kitchen, Robert Sinskey Vineyards, Napa

Enjoy a **Chefs’ Table with Wine Pairings for Two** at Robert Sinskey Vineyards, dedicated to the agrarian, culinary experience including 100% certified CCOF organic vineyards. Edible landscape, culinary gardens and fruit orchards are integrated into seasonal menus. Wine country and biodiversity at its best.



*Donated by Piperade, One Market,
MKT and Four Seasons Hotel, and
Vineyard Kitchen, Robert Sinskey Vineyards*

Fair Market Value: \$2,545

16. Casa Barranca Estate Retreat Ojai, California



Accommodations in the 1909 Craftsman Heritage Building and National Historic Landmark exclusively for you and your guests (infants up to 9 months and children 8 years and older are welcome).



This Exceptional Getaway includes:

- **Four nights for up to ten guests**
- **A fully equipped kitchen to prepare your own meals**
- Healthy food stores nearby
- Reverse Osmosis water system for purified water
- Relaxing in the custom-built swimming pool and hot tub
- **Two complimentary yoga classes** at the private yoga studio located on-grounds
- **Hiking in the beautiful Los Padres National Forest.** Public trails connect directly to the property.

Donated by Bill and Eliza Moses

Fair Market Value: \$11,700

17. Breathtaking Brazil! Four Nights for Two at the Pousada dos Arandis in Bahia



A Trip Advisor Five-Star Destination Vacation

A small and exclusive boutique hotel awaits you in the breathtakingly beautiful Peninsula de Marau, Bahia, Brazil.

Unspoiled beaches, scuba diving in coral reefs, snorkeling in natural pools, kite surfing, boating, bike riding, lush tropical forest tours, and more.

Your Garden House stay includes:

- **Two-bedrooms with one bath**, living room, kitchen and wrap-around porch
- **Daily buffet breakfast**
- Wi-Fi, air conditioning, and flat screen TV

Appreciate the bungalow privacy while enjoying hotel services and amenities—an open air restaurant and bar, mini spa, massage rooms, yoga, and beach service.

Donated by Nanana Teixeira and Cacau Falcao

Fair Market Value: \$4,500

18. Luxurious Seven Nights Holland American Cruise for Two

MEXICO



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Choose Your Destination!

Regardless of your destination, you and your companion will be treated to exceptional onboard service, including

- Minimum Unobstructed Ocean View Stateroom
- Renowned Greenhouse Spa and Salon
- Unrivaled Cuisine
- Fabulous Itinerary

Holland America Line has been named Number One for cruises to Alaska, the Mexican Riviera, and the Panama Canal & Central America in Cruise Critics 2019 Cruisers' Choice Destination Award.

Offer does not expire.

Donated by Holland American Lines

Fair Market Value: \$4,400

19. Tequila Cocktail Class and Lunch with Foodie Chap and Thuy Vu for Twelve



Join our auctioneer and Bay Area “Foodie Chap” and Thuy Vu, Emmy Award winning journalist, for a one of a kind market stroll, tequila cocktail class, and lunch at his San Francisco Bar & Restaurant, Noe’s California.

The **Four Hour Tequila Fueled Experience** will include:

- San Francisco Noe Valley farmers market stroll
- Cocktail class with tequila brand ambassador
- Tacos and Tequila cocktail lunch with Liam and Thuy
- Tequila bottle for each pair (6 bottles total)

Saturdays only. Liam will send three 2020 dates for winners to choose.

Donated by Liam Mayclem and Thuy Vu

Fair Market Value: \$6,000

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