

Schedule of Events

WINE TASTING
CULINARY DELIGHTS
&
SILENT AUCTION BEGINS
AT 2:30

FIRST TABLE CLOSES
AT 4:30

LIVE AUCTION BEGINS
AT 5:00

AUCTIONEER
Greg Quiroga

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Arkenstone
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Atlas Peak
Beringer Vineyards
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Cimarossa
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Diamond Terrace
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Howell Mountain Vineyards
La Jota Vineyards
Ladera Vineyards
Lamborn Family Vineyards
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Outpost Wine Cellars
Piña Cellars
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SPENCE
St. Clement Vineyards
Summit Lake Vineyards
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Villa Hermosa
W.H. Smith
W.S. Keyes
White Cottage Ranch

Auction Rules

1. Your paddle number is registered in your name. Use it when bidding on Silent and Live Auction items.
2. Payment for purchases may be made immediately following the item's sale, or the amount owed may be accumulated for payment at one time later in the evening. Payment in full must be made the evening of the auction. Cash, check, Visa, Mastercard, and Amex are accepted.
3. All sales are final and there will be no exchange or refunds. Items are not to be returned to Donors for exchange or refund, unless otherwise noted in Auction publications.
4. All items must be removed the evening of the Auction. Items may be picked up at the Checkout station by presenting a paid receipt from the cashier.
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7. Some items have restrictions: please check the lot descriptions thoroughly and carefully.

Silent Auction

All silent auction items, descriptions, and bid sheets are on display here. The items are grouped on numbered tables. Bidding begins at 2:30 and the tables will be closed in order at the times indicated.

Bids should be written on the Bid Sheet located next to each item. Note that each item has a starting bid and a minimum allowable bid increment.

Use your paddle number and signature to identify your bid.

The closing time for each lot will be announced. The last highest bid will be marked by the Silent Auction Monitor and will constitute the winning bid.

Winning bids will be posted at the Checkout Station.

Live Auction

L1 A Dog & A Frog Pamper Your Pooch & Yourself

Pamper your pooch and please yourself with this combination lot. First, there's absolutely everything DOG. A wine barrel dog house with play toys, dog bones, feeding bowls, dog rug, dog blanket, vineyard dog book, doggie notepads, doggie shampoo, even doggie PERFUME, for heaven's sake. Now that the canine needs are met, treat yourself to some down time to enjoy a magnum of 2006 Frog's Leap Merlot.

*Kindergarten Class at
Howell Mountain Elementary School
Frog's Leap Winery
Heitz Cellars (Vineyard Dog book)*

L2 Weekend in Wine Country Blossom Creek Guest House for 4

Enjoy a stay at Calistoga Cellar's Blossom Creek Guest House for 3 Days and 2 Nights. Located north of Calistoga off Foothill Blvd, the house is of classic Napa Valley design with its wrap-around porch and floor-to-ceiling windows. Relax at the pool after a day discovering the area's wineries and restaurants. The house sits next to a creek among 12 acres of vineyards with panoramic views of Mt. St. Helena and the palisades. The house has such a picturesque location that even Hollywood appreciated its beauty enough to film parts of the Hugh Grant/Julianne Moore movie, "Nine Months" there.

*Use January through April, 2010
on a space available basis.
Roberts + Rogers Winery*

L3 Wine Lunch with Cimarrosa & A Vertical of 4 vintages

Enjoy an al fresco lunch for 4 people at scenic Cimarossa Vineyard with a vertical tasting of the past four vintages. Dino Dina, proprietor, will prepare some of his native Genovese cuisine and be your host for the day. Also enjoy a four-year vertical of Cimarossa Howell Mountain wines.

Cimarossa Winery

L4 Rootstock Feast with The Piña Family

**Afternoon of Bocce and wine
followed by dinner for 12**

Go back in time and take in a little history of the Napa Valley with one of the Valley's oldest winemaking and farming families. They have been at this for over 150 years. You and your eleven guests will enjoy a casual afternoon filled with good friends, Bocce, food, and of course some great Piña wines. A vertical of Piña Howell Mountain wines from their first vintage, 2000 to their 2006 will be presented to the group for their enjoyment throughout the day. To top off the day, enjoy a wonderful Rutherford afternoon complete with tapas and a Beef Short Rib feast.

*To be arranged on a mutually agreeable date
before July 1, 2010.*

Piña Family

L5 Not a Vertical – But a HORIZONTAL from Outpost

1 each – 3 litre, Grenache

1 each – 3 litre, Zinfandel

1 each – 3 litre, Cabernet Sauvignon

1 each – 3 litre, “True Vineyard”
Cabernet Sauvignon

1 each – 3 litre, Petite Sirah

1 each – 3 litre, “The Other” Petite Sirah

A unique collection of dramatic 3 litre bottles of 2006 Howell Mountain wine from Outpost Winery. Dazzle your friends as you pour the entire table these amazing wines.

Outpost Winery

L6 Dinner for 12 at Neal Family Vineyards

You and eleven guests will join Mark Neal and his winemakers for an intimate dinner (under the stars, weather permitting) at the Neal Family Winery on Howell Mountain. Starting with brick oven Pizza (cooked with French oak!), enjoy Mark’s wines and a grand steak dinner.

*On a mutually agreeable date prior to
June 1, 2010, excluding holidays.*

Neal Family Vineyards

L7 We've Got Your Weekend Handled!

**Winemaker Luncheon &
3L at Atlas Peak
Overnight at Carneros Inn
Dinner at Farm Restaurant**

You and your sweetie can bring 4 of your friends for a private BBQ luncheon at Atlas Peak Winery after a tour & tasting. Just to get you in the mood and help you invite your friends, open the 3L of Atlas Peak Howell Mountain Cabernet you'll take home this evening.

Then the two of you wave goodbye to your friends and drive off to a romantic overnight at the fabulous Carneros Inn. You'll have your own private bungalow where you can enjoy a bottle of Mumm Prestige Brut on us as you relax on your very own front porch. In the morning, grab a complimentary bike for a ride around the vineyards. Then, head up to the brand new CADE Winery on Howell Mountain for a complimentary tour and tasting. When you're ready head back down to the Carneros Inn for Farm Restaurant for a gourmet meal you won't forget. Also, take home tonight a 3L of CADE Howell Mountain Cabernet.

CADE Winery

Carneros Inn

Plumpjack

Atlas Peak Winery

L8 Winemaker Dinner for 8 At W.H. Smith Wines

Savor Howell Mountain living at its best with an evening of food and wine as guests of Bill and Joan Smith. Former owners of the historic La Jota Winery, Bill was part of the group of pioneers who requested appellation status for Howell Mountain back when there were only a few hardy souls making wine on the mountain.

Begin your experience with a winery tour and a barrel tasting. Afterwards, join Bill and Joan at their fabulous home perched high atop Howell Mountain with its breathtaking views of Napa Valley. You will be treated to a scrumptious dinner paired with highly acclaimed W.H. Smith wines – Pinot Noir and Cabernet Sauvignon, including some library gems. To get you in the mood, take home tonight a fantastic case – 6 bottles each W.H. Smith 2006 Bronze Label & Purple Label Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon.

To be scheduled on a mutually agreeable date before June 20, 2010.

William and Joan Smith

L9 Wine Country Weekend for 4 Luncheon and tasting

Stay at the Howell at the Moon guest house and enjoy a luncheon, tour and private tasting at the O'Shaughnessy winery. Spend your extra day relaxing or tasting at other Howell Mountain wineries. Get yourself in the mood by taking home a magnum of O'Shaughnessy 2005 Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon.

Howell at the Moon Winery

O'Shaughnessy Wine Estate

L10 Wine Harvest Party for 6 & 2 Verticals from Ladera

Start with a 6 bottle vertical (750ml) of Ladera Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon including 2000 through 2005. Then enjoy a 3 bottle vertical of magnums (1.5L) of Ladera Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon including 2000 through 2002. Finally, enjoy a table for up to 6 people at our Wine Club Harvest Fiesta scheduled for October 10, 2009. Bring your friends for a fun-filled afternoon of genuine Mexican fare including a Mariachi band and the fixin's.

Ladera Winery

L11 Create Your Own Wine Party 3L x 3L x 6L

Savor a big bottle tasting of Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon with all your wine loving friends. You'll have enough great wine to share in this incredible twelve litre offering! Start with a side-by-side tasting of 2003 Anniversary Release La Jota and 2005 from the legendary Robert Foley each from 3 litre bottles. Then, finish off with the 2003 from Cornerstone Cellars from a dramatic 6 litre bottle.

Cornerstone Cellars

Robert Foley Vineyards

La Jota

L12 Farm Day & Wine for 6 at Lamborn Family Vineyards

Begin with this hand-etched and painted 3 litre bottle of 2004 Lamborn Family Vineyards Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon. Plus, come on up the mountain and spend a day working the vineyard. Includes Tractor Training (“she thinks my tractor’s sexy!”) and whatever the day’s farm activity may be. Then enjoy a lunch with Mike & Teri Lamborn followed by Bocce and horseshoes.

Lamborn Family Vineyards

L13 Rafting the Rogue Winemaker Dinners & a 5L of Dunn Cabernet

Ride the river, Oregon’s scenic and wild Rogue River, with Howell Mountain’s own Randy Dunn. This is a wine lover’s dream outdoor adventure. Sunny, exciting days on the river and nights in the comfort of a lodge enjoying winemaker dinners and a wine seminar with Randy. You’ll enjoy wine like royalty and sleep like a baby!

- 4 days and 3 nights on the Rogue River
July 26-29, 2009
- Lodging at river lodges
- All meals and wine included
- Transportation to departure point not included
- Take home tonight a FIVE litre of 2005
Dunn Howell Mountain Cabernet
Sauvignon

Dunn Vineyards

L14 Cooking at Cakebread for 10 & A Vertical of Dancing Bear Ranch Cabernet

A special opportunity for 10 foodies and wine aficionados to spend an afternoon at Cakebread Cellars enjoying cooking instructions, a tour including wine tasting, recipes, and wine pairing instruction – all side-by-side with the resident chef, Brian Streeter. Your adventure culminates in lunch with Bruce Cakebread as your host and Cakebread wines to enjoy.

To help whet your appetite, you will take home today a vertical of 2002-2005, one 750ml bottle each of Cakebread Dancing Bear Cabernet Sauvignon.

Cakebread Cellars

L15 Private Dinner for 8 with the Mondavi Family

Marc & Janice Mondavi invite the winning bidder and 7 guests to dinner at their home on Howell Mountain. Savor a festive meal with all the accoutrements in a gorgeous setting. Enjoy barrel samples of the family's newest Howell Mountain creations and receive a magnum of the very first vintage of Rocky Ridge wine when bottled.

Marc & Janice Mondavi

Peter & Katie Mondavi

L16 Howell Mountain Home Winemaker's Kit

25 cases of Howell Mountain wine

Here's everything you'll need to make your very own Howell Mountain wine, including Mike Dunn as consulting winemaker. It's a great way to get started.

Here's the recipe: Crush and blend a half ton of Howell Mountain Cabernet grapes from Beatty Ranch and Cimarossa. Pump lovingly into a Vicard Bourdeaux Expert French Oak barrel. Check in with the folks at ETS Laboratories to make sure Mother Nature is on the job. When the time is right, carefully pour it into the bottles from Demptos Glass. And, VOILA! There you have 25 cases of your very own Howell Mountain wine . . .

Mike Dunn, Retro Cellars - Winemaker

Mike Beatty, Beatty Ranch – Grapes

Dino Dina, Cimarossa - Grapes

Vincent Bouchard - Barrel

Demptos Glass - Bottles

ETS Laboratories – Lab work

L17 Arkenstone Day of Harvest for 6

The Real Deal – Down & Dirty

Begin with a Magnum (1.5L) of 2006 Arkenstone Obsidian plus 3-750ml bottles of Arkenstone Sauvignon Blanc. Then, roll up your sleeves, pull on your galoshes and come join the crew at the brand new Arkenstone state-of-the-art Winery and Caves for an authentic, hands-on harvest experience. When the 'hard' work is over, you'll join the owners and winemaker for an al fresco lunch and wine tasting in their beautiful setting overlooking the vineyards. A great time – not for those who wish to experience life vicariously.

On a mutually agreed upon date that Mother Nature approves during the 2009 harvest.

Arkenstone Winery

L18 Del Mar Weekend Condo on the beach and tickets to an exciting horse race

Enjoy a fabulous weekend of sun and sand, horse racing, and a VIP cocktail party.

Stay in a gorgeous condo (normally rents for \$1000 per night), complete with gourmet kitchen, BBQ on the deck AND it's just steps from the sand and a furlong's walk from the racetrack. At the Del Mar racetrack you'll have your own private box and receive the VIP treatment. Wrap up watching the ponies and attend a cocktail party at one of Del Mar's most prestigious and creatively designed homes. This luxurious weekend for two is available this summer on Aug. 1-2 and, includes a rental car but does not include travel expenses to Del Mar. And to get you in the mood for your summer getaway, take home a magnum (1.5L) of 2005 Cain Five tonight.

The Stubbs Family

L19 Fly with the Eagles Weekend Getaway for 6

Enjoy a 2 night stay at the Eagle Summit Vineyard Guest house on Howell Mountain. It's a gorgeous home with a huge gourmet kitchen and a fireplace for cuddling in the great room. A fantastic place for 3 couples (or 6 people) to relax and enjoy. Includes a magnum of 2006 Diamond Terrace, Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon, produced from the Eagle Summit Vineyard grapes. Your group may also arrange for a barrel tasting of the Diamond Terrace wines which are produced just up the road from the Eagle Summit Vineyards at Outpost Winery.

Diamond Terrace Winery

Hal & Maureen Taylor

L2o Summertime Fun for 6 Poolside Rattlesnake BBQ & Cave Tour at Black Sears

Where's your adventuresome spirit? Bring it along for a beautiful trip up the mountain to Black Sears Winery at the tip top of the mountain. There you and your friends will enjoy a cave/vineyard tour, swimming, food and, of course, lots of delicious Black Sears wine. The BBQ will feature home grown Howell Mountain Rattlesnake. Rattlesnake to eat?! Or luscious Cabernet from the Rattlesnake Vineyard? Well, if you have to ask, you didn't bring your sense of adventure.

Black Sears Winery

L2i Into the Wild Blue Yonder Plane flight over Napa Valley for 4

Flying high with pilot Randy Dunn over the beautiful Napa Valley. A 30 minute flight will give you a bird's eye perspective on the landscape, the vineyards, wineries, rivers, and mountains of this unique valley. Then, go back to Dunn Vineyards for a tour and tasting. A lovely and unique afternoon's activities in wine lover's heaven. Take home today a magnificent, full case vertical from Dunn Vineyards – 12 bottles of Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon from 1982 to 1993.

- 30 minute plane flight over Napa Valley for 4 people, leaving from Angwin airport
- Tour and tasting following at Dunn Vineyard
- 12 bottles (750ml) of Dunn Vineyards Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon 1982-1993

Dunn Vineyards

**L22 Invite Winemaker
Robert Craig to YOUR house!**

**Wine Tasting for 20 & a 3Litre
of Howell Mountain Cabernet
Sauvignon**

Robert Craig will personally come to your house to host a wine tasting for you and 20 of your wine-loving friends. Robert will include all six of his current release wines, half of which are only available at the winery. The tasting will also include two Library wines of Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon. This is a rare opportunity to taste through the full portfolio of one of Napa Valley's outstanding wineries. And, you get to do it in the privacy of your own home and to provide a special treat for your best friends. Take home tonight a 3 litre of Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon, etched and signed by Robert Craig and winemaker, Stephen Tebb.

*On a mutually agreeable date before
December 31, 2010.*

Robert Craig Wine

**L23 Valley Floor Weekend for 2
Guest house in Rutherford, luncheon
in the vineyards & 3L**

There's nothing quite so quintessential Napa Valley (valley floor, that is) than a warm summer afternoon in Rutherford, nestled in the peaceful vineyards, enjoying lunch and wine from Howell Mountain Vineyards. After you've savored every last bit, you can return to your beautiful guest house, guarded by the three famous monkeys (No Evil, Speak No Evil, Hear No Evil). Take home tonight a 3L bottle of Howell Mountain Vineyards 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon.

Howell Mountain Vineyards

L24 St. Clement Picnic & Wine for 4 Steinhauer Vineyard

Get to know St. Clement Winery, voted the Best Boutique Winery two years in a row. You and three friends are invited to enjoy a beautiful picnic in the Steinhauer Ranch vineyard high atop Howell Mountain. Relax and take in the breathtaking views while they do all the work. You will also take home an etched 3L of special, single-vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon.

1 Etch 3L bottle of 2004 St. Clement Steinhauer Ranch Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon.

St. Clement Winery

L25 Winemaker's Golf Day Lunch & a 3L of White Cottage Ranch Cabernet

Step up to the tee with winemakers Rudy Zuidema and Dennis Johns from White Cottage Ranch Winery at the beautiful Grape Vines golf course in Napa Valley. Following your round of golf, you'll enjoy a gourmet luncheon and wine, of course. To get you in the mood, take home tonight a 3L of White Cottage Ranch Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon in an etched bottle.

White Cottage Ranch Winery

L26 Party of the Year

Dinner and “The Full Monty” on

September 12, 2009

Tickets sold individually or in blocks

Dinner and a movie under the stars at Summit Lake Vineyards & Winery on Saturday, September 12, 2009. Join with dozens of other party-goers at this not-to-be-missed party at Summit Lake Vineyards on Howell Mountain, hosted by Spence and Summit Lake Vineyards & Winery. Champagne and appetizers in the meadow, a sit-down dinner in the vineyards, capped off with a vertical tasting of 2000-2003 port from Summit Lake Vineyards. Then it's time to settle in for a showing of the hilarious British comedy, “The Full Monty” under the stars. Summit Lake Vineyards and Spence wines will be especially chosen to pair with the gourmet food. Tickets are available individually or in blocks. Fifty tickets to be sold.

Allen & Jacalyn Spence

Mark & Heather Griffin

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Thank you !

Claudia Joy Chittim
Auction Director

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Hope to see you next year!

Tasting Notes