

Classic Wines Auction raises \$3 million for local nonprofits

Five nonprofits in Oregon, Southwest Washington to benefit from 34th annual event

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More than 825 guests gathered March 3 at the Oregon Convention Center for the 34th-annual Classic Wines Auction, raising nearly \$3 million for five local nonprofits.

Guests bid on lavish auction items while enjoying gourmet cuisine presented by top local chefs, and, of course, the finest wines. Net proceeds support children and families in the community served by five nonprofits: Metropolitan Family Service, New Avenues for Youth, Friends of the Children, YWCA Clark County and the Unity Center for Behavioral Health.

"With each passing year, we continue to be amazed by the generosity of Classic Wines Auction attendees, donors and sponsors," said Heather Martin, executive director of the Classic Wines Auction. "This year was no exception, and we want to thank everyone who helped us make our 34th event a huge success. The funds raised will undoubtedly have a major impact on our community and help children, individuals and families in our area throughout the year ahead."

The most popular packages



Guests at the 34th-annual Classic Wines Auction raised \$3 million for local nonprofits while enjoying a gourmet meal and fine wines.

at the 2018 event came from Classic Wines Auction's Honorary Wine Ambassadors, who offered one-of-a-kind travel experiences at their properties including Rutherford Rendezvous at Staglin Family Vineyard, Beaux Frères Bounty in Oregon Wine Country, French

Indulgence with Maisons & Domaines Henriot and an Abeja Walla Walla Extravaganza.

Live auction travel packages also made a big impact, with auction attendees placing top bids on a New Zealand fly fishing trip, a Cuba! Trip of a Lifetime, Exclusive Resorts in Tus-

cany and an Alaska Fly Fishing Adventure. The top wine lot, which included 22 bottles of prime Bordeaux wines from France, went for an astonishing \$18,000.

Classic Wines Auction was also honored to present the following awards:

ORVI AWARD — Grace & Ken Evenstad, Domaine Serene Vineyards & Winery

The ORVI Award recognizes individuals that have demonstrated significant achievements in building the Oregon wine industry and establishing its worldwide reputation. These individuals have generously supported the Classic Wines Auction and its nonprofit partners.

VINI AWARD — Cindy & Duncan Campbell

The VINI Award recognizes individuals that have used their enthusiasm and support of viticulture and passion for the community to increase the success of Classic Wines Auction events.

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AWARD — Sarah Graves, Tim Edwards & Todd Bacon

The Koerner Rombauer Award for Service recognizes individuals, like Koerner Rombauer, who have consistently served, funded and supported the Classic Wines Auction and its benefitting nonprofit partners.

Throughout the year, Classic Wines Auction hosts a number of events in support of its nonprofit partners, including:

■ Corks + Forks: June 7, 2018

■ Oregon Croquet Classic: July 21, 2018

■ Fall Winemaker Dinner Series: November 2018

About Classic Wines Auction

Consistently recognized as one of the top ten charity wine auctions in the country by Wine Spectator, the Classic Wines Auction has raised over \$45 million for local nonprofit partners since its inception in 1982.

Based in Portland, Oregon, Classic Wines Auction, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to producing the Classic Wines Auction and related food and wine events to raise funds for local organizations benefiting children and families, including: Metropolitan Family Service (MFS), New Avenues for Youth, Friends of the Children-Portland, YWCA Clark County and Unity Center for Behavioral Health.

The organization recently received — for the third consecutive year — a four star rating from Charity Navigator recognizing exemplary performance in accountability and transparency, as well as strong financial health.

Learn more at www.classicwinesauction.com.