

# And the Winners Are...



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Of the many wonderful events that take place during All Charities Weekend, one of the Members' favorites is voting on which new wines will be featured property-wide on all of the wine lists. As in years past, there were 10 white wines and 10 red wines to taste and vote on. It was a wonderful turnout last Friday, with so many visiting the wine tasting in between bidding. So here are your 2024 All Charities Wines:

**2022 Rombauer Sauvignon Blanc, Sonoma & Napa, California**  
In 1972, when Koerner and



Joan Techet at the tasting table during Friday Night's All Charities Silent Auction.

Joan Rombauer moved their two children, two horses and five dogs to Napa Valley, they were already well acquainted with the natural relationship between food and wine. Koerner and Joan established Rombauer Vineyards in 1980, and in 1984 they released their first California-style Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon wines. Over four

decades later, the winery has become widely acclaimed for its distinctive, fruit-driven expressions of these beloved varieties and more. The fruit for the Rombauer Sauvignon Blanc comes from premium growing sites in Sonoma and Napa counties that offer abundant sunshine yet moderate temperatures - ideal conditions. Lifted aromas of key lime, honeydew melon, and passionfruit all jump out of the glass supported by hints of freshly cut grass in the background. Those fresh lime and honeydew flavors continue to the palate, joined by kiwi and subtle herbaceous notes, all mingling together in a lively way. The wine is linear and focused, ending with enticing, mouthwatering acidity that will leave you wanting more.

**2020 Beringer "Q" Red Blend, Napa Valley, California**

The history of Beringer wines dates back to 1868, when Jacob Beringer, enticed by the opportunities of the new world, sailed from his home in Mainz, Germany, to New York. However, after hearing that the rocky hillside soil and fertile valley floor of Napa Valley resembled that of vineyards back home in Germany, Jacob made his way to California in 1869. He became cellar foreman for Charles Krug, one of the first commercial winemakers in Napa Valley. A few years later, in 1875, Jacob and his

brother, Frederick, purchased 215 acres, right next door to Charles Krug in St. Helena, for \$14,500. This parcel of land, known as Los Hermanos (the brothers), became the heart of the Beringer estate. On this estate, the Beringer Brothers oversaw their first harvest and crush in 1876. With Jacob serving as winemaker and Frederick as financier, the brothers made approximately 40,000 gallons of wine, or 18,000 cases, that first year. Today, like its investments in innovations, Beringer has invested deeply in its winemakers, with an average tenure of almost 16 years per winemaker. The Q Red Blend showcases traditional Bordeaux varietals with a foundation of Cabernet Sauvignon, the backbone and undisputed star of Beringer. In this vintage, the blend anchors with 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, with Merlot, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc. Merlot contributes to a round mouthfeel and soft tannins, Cabernet Franc adds great color and unique aromatics, Petit Verdot adds fullness and complexity, while a touch of Malbec adds a beautiful silkiness and depth of color to the final blend. Aromas of high-tone black fruits, maraschino cherries and brown spice are pronounced. The blueberry and red fruit notes are accented by notes of espresso and brown spice. The wine is juicy and plush on the palate with blackberry, tea and spice notes evident. The velvet tannins are mouthcoating and leave an almost chocolate note on the long, juicy fruit finish.

These wines will be making their debut in all Club locations beginning next week as we update the wine lists printed throughout property. As always, they will be in Port O' Call as well.

"Drinking good wine with good food in good company is one of life's most civilized pleasures."

Cheers!