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# MAIN EVENT

## High Wine Auction

### Sips with Zip!

Rev up for a weekend of vintage wheels and wine at the High Museum Wine Auction **March 25-27**. Ranked as the nation's number four wine auction and chaired by **Michelle Crosland** and **Christine Ragland**, the line-up promises posh pours and racy wine guests. The Benefactors' Party at The High, March 20, includes a sexy preview of the "Allure of the Automobile" exhibit. 404.733.5335, [atlanta-wineauction.org](http://atlanta-wineauction.org).



The vineyards of Peay Winery on the Sonoma coast.

*Wine Auction Highlights:*  
If wheels were wine, they'd taste something like this...

**THE POLISHED PORSCHE:** Founded in 1881 by Henry Hagen, one of Napa's winemaking pioneers, the

family-owned **Palmaz Winery**, strives to nurture that history with elegant, supple 100% Estate Cabernet Sauvignons. Seek out the rare Gaston Cabernet Sauvignon, which is only made when vintages are exceptional and is as prized as an original series Porsche 911.

**FERRARI-COOL:** Perched high above the Pacific Ocean, **Peay Winery** benefits from cool-climate growing conditions—ideal for Syrah, Pinot Noir and a few surprises. Savor the complex, slow-ripened expression of violets and dark berry in the 2007 Peay Vineyards *La Bruma* Estate Syrah—grape lightning in a glass—or the 2007 Rousanne/Marsanne, a sophisticated white with a body as serious as a Ferrari Enzo FXX.

**THE AUSTIN MINI:** The small-batch wines of **Brewer-Clifton** are crafted to express the subtleties of each vineyard's terroir in California's Santa Rita Hills. Gorgeous Pinot Noirs dominate but take two new lots of Chardonnay—the 2008 Sanford & Benedict Chardonnay and the 2008 Gnesa Chardonnay—for a "test drive."

**THE CLASSIC CORVETTE:** The **Gargiulo Winery** crafts an exquisite Bordeaux blend with American panache. Taste the fruit and power of New World potential in the supple yet distinct G Major 7 Cabernet Sauvignon, which is blended with Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Petite Verdot. More playful, but still serious is the Aprile Super Oakville Blend (with Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon). *Vintners' Reception and Live Auction March 27, 11AM, under the tents at Atlantic Station.*

## Wine & Dine

Chef **Carvel Grant Gould** of Canoe restaurant teams up with famous foodies **Martha Foose**, **Virginia Willis** and two winemaker women—**Casa Lapostolle's Ginevra Altomara** and **Ladera's Anne Stotesbery**—for a seductive Southern repast. This is just one of two-dozen special in-restaurant wine dinners in Atlanta slated for **March 25**. Meanwhile, *Top Chef's Kevin Gillespie* revives his winning "Pigs and Pinot" combo, featuring the wines of Sokol Blosser and Palmaz Vineyards, at the home of **Diane and Kent Alexander**; and interior designer **Suzanne Kasler** opens up her chic Atlanta home to **Blackberry Farm's** chef **Adam Cooke** and the winemakers from **Clifton Winery** for two truly designer dinners on **March 26**. These are just two of 14 in-home winemaker dinners slated for March 26. 404.733.5335, [atlanta-wineauction.org](http://atlanta-wineauction.org)



A festive dinner at The Barn at Blackberry Farm with interior design by Suzanne Kasler.



## A Class in a Glass

Savor vintage inspiration from two of Europe's most distinguished regions at these wine-snob-free seminars.

**TASTE OF TUSCANY:** Spend an afternoon with wine royalty's **Alessia Antinori**, heiress to her family's 600 year-old wine business, and sample three sets of mini-verticals from Antinori's iconic estates, including the exquisite Solaia (Tuscan Cabernet Sauvignon), Guado al Tasso (various varietals such as Vermentino, Sangiovese, Merlot and Syrah) and Cervaro della Sala wines (Chardonnay and Grechetto). *March 26, 2:30PM., The St. Regis, 88 West Paces Ferry Rd., \$100.*

**FOR A GOOD COS:** Sip your way through a vertical selection of Cos d'Estournel, one of Bordeaux's most fabled vineyards, as **Jean-Guillaume Prats**, considered one of Bordeaux's wine-whisperers, waxes poetic about everything from the evolution of the grape to making sound wine investments. The tasting will include Cos from 2000 through 2006, plus the new Bordeaux-on-the-block, Goulée Rouge 2006. *March 26, 11:00AM., The St. Regis, 88 West Paces Ferry Rd., \$100.*