



# CHICAGO EPICUREAN



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# Live Auction Lots

Experience the thrill of NHL hockey on an international stage while discovering the magic of Germany during the holiday season. This exclusive getaway for two blends premium access to the NHL Global Series with festive holiday charm, luxury accommodations, and a once-in-a-lifetime dinner experience with two Blackhawks legends.

You and your guest will have access to a player meet-and-greet, giving you the chance to interact with multiple NHL players. You'll also attend a practice session, where you can observe the intensity and teamwork that define these elite athletes as they prepare for their upcoming games.

You'll experience Düsseldorf, one of Germany's most vibrant and cosmopolitan cities, during the height of the holiday season, showcasing Germany's iconic Christmas markets. Wander through twinkling market squares, shop handcrafted seasonal gifts, enjoy festive treats, and soak in the warmth and tradition of Europe's beloved holiday season.

A true highlight of your trip will be an extraordinary dining experience with two seats at Jae, a Michelin-starred restaurant in Düsseldorf built around a counter-dining concept, where guests are seated at the chef's table for an intimate, interactive experience with the chefs and service team. On top of an already decadent meal, the storied Stanley Cup and the Cup Keeper will make an appearance while you dine — a privilege so rare that most hockey fans can only dream of it.

You and your guest will stay four nights in Düsseldorf, keeping you close to all these incredible experiences. To commemorate your time in Germany, you'll receive a custom NHL Global Series jersey, personalized with your name and preferred number — a lasting keepsake and reminder of witnessing NHL history overseas at one of hockey's premier global events.

Your experience doesn't stop there. The final highlight awaits back in Chicago: an exclusive VIP dinner for four with Stanley Cup winners Scott Darling and Eddie Olczyk, NHL announcer and Chicago Epicurean host. It's an intimate evening of hockey stories, insider insight, and unforgettable company — the perfect capstone to a package that blends world-class sport, international travel, and once-in-a-lifetime access.

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## DONATION

- (2) Premium Tickets to attend the 2026 NHL Global Series games featuring the Chicago Blackhawks and Ottawa Senators on December 18 & December 20, 2026 in Düsseldorf, Germany
- Exclusive VIP Player Meet-and-Greet Experience & Attend their Practice Session
- (2) Seats to a Michelin-Star Dining Experience at Jae with Chef Jörg Wissmann, the Stanley Cup & Cup Keeper
- (1) Room for 4 Nights In Düsseldorf, Germany, December 17-21, 2026
- Personalized Jersey & NHL Swag Bag
- Exclusive VIP Chicago Dinner for (4) with Blackhawks Legends, Stanley Cup Winning Goalie, Scott Darling & NHL Announcer, & Chicago Epicurean Host Eddie Olczyk

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## DONORS

Eddie Olczyk, Scott Darling,  
V Foundation for Cancer Research

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## RESTRICTIONS

Air and ground transportation not included. Date of experience is December 17-21, 2026 and cannot be rescheduled. Meet and greets are dependent on the players' availability and timing may change. VIP Chicago Dinner date must be mutually agreed upon between all parties and expires in September 30, 2027

# Weigh-Ins to Fight Night: A VIP UFC Fight Experience featuring The Estate Yountville

North America | Yountville, CA

Enjoy an unforgettable UFC getaway for two with this exclusive package to any 2027 North American UFC scheduled fight. This extraordinary experience includes two tickets to the UFC fight of your choice, offering the chance to witness elite athletes, intense competition, and the energy of fight night live and in person in an unforgettable atmosphere.

Your experience will be elevated across the board starting with attending the ceremonial weigh-ins, giving you a behind-the-scenes look at the buildup to an electric fight night. You will have access to a VIP lounge during the UFC fight where you'll have a great birds-eye view of the octagon along with being surrounded by like-minded UFC fans. You will also have access to a special meet-and-greet opportunity during the night, providing an exciting chance to add a special personal connection to an already memorable experience.

To make the trip even more enjoyable, your package also includes one room for two nights at a 4-star hotel in your fight city where you and your guest will also enjoy an upscale dinner, rounding out this premium experience with an elevated culinary touch.

However, your experience doesn't stop when you leave the arena. This exciting package will also whisk you and a guest away to wine country with a two-night stay at The Estate Yountville, set in the heart of Napa Valley. There, you'll be treated to an exclusive private wine-tasting experience for two, hosted by The Estate Yountville, offering an intimate, behind-the-scenes look at their celebrated vineyards in a setting reserved just for you.

Capping off your stay in wine country is a high-end dinner experience for two at a local Napa Valley staple restaurant, giving you the opportunity to savor exceptional cuisine in one of the country's most celebrated culinary destinations.

From the roar of the crowd on fight night to the quiet elegance of a Napa vineyard, this package delivers a rare blend of adrenaline and indulgence, built for those who appreciate the best of both worlds.

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## DONATION

- (2) Tickets to a 2027 North American Fight of your Choice  
- *With access to Ceremonial Weigh-Ins*
- Access to VIP Lounge during the UFC Fight
- Special Meet & Greet
- (1) Room for 2-Nights at the Official Host Hotel in Fight City
- Dinner for (2) at Local Upscale Restaurant in Event City
- (1) Room for 2-Nights at The Estate Yountville
- An Exclusive Private Wine-Tasting Experience for (2) at The Estate Yountville
- High -End Dinner Experience for (2) at a Local Napa Valley Staple Restaurant

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## DONORS

UFC, TKO, The Estate Yountville, Gary Jabara, V Foundation for Cancer Research

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## RESTRICTIONS

Air and ground transportation not included. Date of experience must be mutually agreed upon between all parties and expires December 31, 2027. Meet and greets are dependent on UFC's fight schedule during Fight Night.

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LIVE AUCTION

## In-Home Bricoleur Vineyards Wine-Paired Dinner with Celebrity Chef Elena Besser

Chicago, IL or New York City, NY

Pull up a seat for an unforgettable evening with Celebrity Chef Elena Besser, the Brooklyn-based, Chicago-native, TV host, and founder of The Lineup, a dinner series celebrating standout culinary talent. You will recognize Elena from a long list of television appearances such as The Today Show, Food Network, Cooking Channel, Beat Bobby Flay, Chopped, and The Best Thing I Ever Ate. With her warm personality, playful cooking style, and effortless on-camera charm, Elena will set the stage for an incredible meal that feels lively, personal, and truly special.

This exclusive lot invites you and up to nine guests to enjoy an intimate, in-home, wine-paired dinner in either Chicago or New York City, two places Elena calls home throughout the year. During the evening, Elena will prepare a thoughtfully curated menu designed to take all 10 guests on a memorable culinary journey.

To elevate the evening even further, your dinner will be paired with some incredible wines from Bricoleur Vineyards, bringing wine country to you and your guests. Enjoy a curated pour of Bricoleur's estate wines, paired with the stories of Sonoma's Russian River Valley, for you and your dinner guests. Cap off your evening with a special gift from Bricoleur Vineyards, a trio of magnums to remember the night by, including the "Flying by the Seat of Our Pants" North Coast Brut, the 2023 Russian River Pinot Noir Magnum, and the 2021 Kick Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon Magnum.

From the first pour to the final bite, this personal, lively, and deliciously one-of-a-kind experience promises to be an unforgettable evening.

Whether hosted in the heart of Chicago or New York City, this is a rare opportunity to bring restaurant-level celebrity talent, warm hospitality, and outstanding wines directly into your home. This is your chance to share an extraordinary evening of food, wine, and connection with Chef Elena Besser and Bricoleur Vineyards, all in support of the V Foundation's mission to achieve Victory Over Cancer.

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### DONATION

- Exclusive In-Home Dinner for up to 10 Guests in either Chicago or New York City with Celebrity Chef, Elena Besser.
- Paired In-Home Private Dinner Wine Tasting for 10 hosted by Bricoleur Vineyards, Bringing Wine Country to You and Your Guests
  - *A curated pour of their estate wines, paired with the stories of Sonoma's Russian River Valley, for you and your dinner guests*
- (3) Trio of Bricoleur Vineyards Magnums: "Flying by the Seat of Our Pants" North Coast Brut, 2023 Russian River Pinot Noir Magnum, 2021 Kick Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon Magnum

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### DONORS

Chef Elena Besser, Bricoleur Vineyards, V Foundation for Cancer Research

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### RESTRICTIONS

Air and ground transportation not included. Date of experience must be mutually agreed upon between all parties and expires December 31, 2027.

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## Palm Beach to Carlsbad: The Ultimate Golf Adventure

LIVE AUCTION

Palm Beach Gardens, FL | Carlsbad, CA

Experience a golf getaway like never before with this exclusive LA Golf Club match package in Palm Beach Gardens. This one-of-a-kind experience includes two VIP tickets to see LA Golf Club in action as they look to repeat as TGL Champions, complete with premium suite access for an elevated match-day experience. You and your guest will enjoy taking in the energy and innovation of TGL at SoFi Center, the custom-built Palm Beach Gardens arena where high-tech team golf brings fans closer to the action.

You and your guest will enjoy an unforgettable on-field player meet-and-greet, offering a rare opportunity to connect with athletes in their TGL setting. Before the match begins, you will go behind the scenes with a private tour of the TGL stadium, gaining an insider's look at the technology, design, and atmosphere that make this venue such a distinctive showcase for modern golf. You may even spot a few celebrities along the way as they make their way to their seats. To complete your Palm Beach Gardens experience, this package also includes a fully stocked LA Golf Club merch pack and a high-end dinner experience at a local staple restaurant in the area.

To make your getaway even more memorable, this package includes one room for two nights at a local four-star hotel, providing comfortable accommodations for you and your guest throughout this incredible experience.

Your experience then continues on the West Coast with a custom golf club fitting for one person at Cobra Puma Golf headquarters in Carlsbad, California. This personalized experience is designed to help you dial in your new set of equipment through a data-driven fitting process with expert fitters and advanced launch-monitor technology, creating a memorable opportunity for any golfer looking to elevate their game.

While in Southern California, you and your guest will also enjoy a round of golf at Cobra Puma Golf's testing course, Encinitas Ranch Golf Course, along with an additional round for two at another highly ranked local golf course. This West Coast experience concludes with a two night stay at a local four-star hotel, making the package a complete golf getaway that blends VIP access, premium hospitality, and fun in the sun.

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### DONATION

- (2) VIP Tickets to an LA Golf Club TGL Match in Palm Beach Gardens (includes suite access)
  - *On-Field Player Meet-and-Greet*
  - *A Private Tour of the TGL Stadium Prior to the Match*
  - *A Fully Stocked LAGC Merch Pack*
- High-End Palm Beach Gardens Dinner Experience for (2)
- (1) Room for 2-Nights at Local 4-Star Hotel
- Custom Golf Club Fitting at Cobra Puma Golf HQ in Carlsbad, CA for (1) Person (includes new clubs)
- (1) Round of Golf for (2) at Cobra Puma Golf's Testing Course, Encinitas Ranch Golf Course
- (1) Round of Golf for (2) at Highly Ranked Local Golf Course
- (1) Room for 2-Nights at Local 4-Star Hotel

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### DONORS

LA Golf Club, Cobra Puma Golf, V Foundation for Cancer Research

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### RESTRICTIONS

Air and ground transportation not included. Date of TGL experience is subject to the TGL official schedule announcement and must be mutually agreed upon between all parties to happen during the TGL Regular Season. Meet and greets are dependent on the players availability and timing may change. Date of Cobra Puma Golf Experience must be mutually agreed upon between all parties and expires December 31, 2027.

# New Orleans Jazz Fest VIP: The Ultimate Insider Experience

April 28 - May 2, 2027 | New Orleans, LA

Officially, it's called the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival. But if you say that out loud, everyone will know you're not from here.

To locals, it's simply 'Fest, the world's greatest Rock-Pop-R&B-Jazz-Blues-Funk-Hip-Hop-Gospel-Zydeco-Folk-Bluegrass-Country-Caribbean-Crawfish-and-Cocktails Extravaganza.

This is your chance to experience it not as a tourist, but as a true insider.

Over three unforgettable nights and four music-filled days, you'll discover the very best of New Orleans alongside your hosts, celebrated art and culture insiders Frank and Jessica Lonergan, who will open doors to experiences very few festivalgoers ever get to enjoy.

By day, Jazz Fest is a feast for the senses - VIP all the way. Skip the crowds with private festival entrance access, enjoy up-close viewing at the three major stages, and retreat between sets to exclusive VIP lounges reserved for the festival's most privileged guests. Recent Jazz Fest lineups have featured legendary artists including The Rolling Stones, Foo Fighters, Pearl Jam, Dave Matthews Band, Lenny Kravitz, Jon Batiste, Vampire Weekend, and, of course, New Orleans' own Trombone Shorty.

Your evenings are devoted to extraordinary culinary experiences, with over-the-top VIP dinners showcasing the city's celebrated food scene, including a coveted table at Dakar NOLA, recipient of the James Beard Award for Best New Restaurant and recognized as one of the South's finest dining destinations.

As the night deepens, you'll find yourself "side-dooring" your way into some of New Orleans' most exclusive late-night performances. Highlights include the invitation-only Midnight Preserves at the historic Preservation Hall, intimate musical moments that capture the spirit, soul, and spontaneity that make this city unlike any other.

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## DONATION

- (2) Four-Day All-Access VIP Tickets
- (1) Room for 4-Nights at a Luxury 4-Star NOLA Hotel
- Curated Nightly VIP Dinner Parties including Dakar NOLA
- Exclusive Invitation Only at Midnight Preserves After-Hours Party at Preservation Hall
- All Private Transportation, Food and Beverages Included

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## DONORS

New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival, Spur Projects, Jessica & Frank Lonergan

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## RESTRICTIONS

Air and ground transportation not included. Date of experience is April 29 - May 2, 2027 and cannot be rescheduled. Auction lot is non-transferrable and must be redeemed by the winner.

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LIVE AUCTION

## Windy City Slugfest: 2027 MLB All-Star Week with ONEHOPE Estate 8

July 12-13, 2027 | Chicago, IL | Napa Valley, CA

Baseball's brightest stars will gather in Chicago for one of the sport's most celebrated summer traditions—and you and your guest will be there to experience it all.

This unforgettable getaway includes a three-night stay in one room at a local four-star hotel, providing the perfect home base for an exciting All-Star Week in the Windy City. You will also enjoy a high-end dinner for two at a local restaurant, adding an exceptional culinary experience to an already memorable baseball weekend.

This package includes two tickets to the 2027 Major League Baseball All-Star Game, where the game's greatest players take the field in a spectacular showcase of talent, tradition, and competition at the home of the Chicago Cubs.

The excitement begins with two tickets to the 2027 Home Run Derby, one of baseball's most electrifying annual events. Watch the sport's premier sluggers launch towering home runs into the summer night as fans from across the country come together to celebrate the game's most powerful hitters.

After the excitement of All-Star Week, continue the celebration with an elevated escape to the Estate 8 Farmhouse at ONEHOPE Winery, in the heart of Napa Valley. Your group will enjoy a two-night stay in two rooms, complemented by a Wine & Bites tasting experience at the winery for four guests. Enjoy thoughtfully selected wines and delicious coursed pairings while taking in the relaxed charm and hospitality of Estate 8.

From the pageantry of player introductions to the energy surrounding All-Star Week—and the opportunity to unwind with exceptional hospitality at the Estate 8 Farmhouse—this exclusive experience puts you at the center of an unforgettable sports and travel experience. Whether you are a lifelong baseball fan or seeking a true bucket-list getaway, the 2027 MLB All-Star Week promises legendary performances, exceptional hospitality, and memories that will last long after the final pitch.

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### DONATION

- (2) Tickets to the 2027 MLB All-Star Game
- (2) Tickets to the 2027 MLB Homerun Derby
- High-End Dinner for (2) at Local Restaurant
- (1) Room for 3-Nights at a local 4-Star Hotel
- (2) Rooms for 2-Nights at ONEHOPE Estate 8 Farmhouse
  - Including Wine & Bites Experience for (4) Guests

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### DONORS

ESPN, Inc., ONEHOPE Estate 8,  
V Foundation for Cancer Research

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### RESTRICTIONS

Hotel, airfare, and ground transportation are not included. Date of the games are July 12–13, 2027 and this package cannot be rescheduled or postponed. Lot is non-transferable.

# From the Tee Box to Studio B, Capped Off with an Aperture Cellars Gift

November 15 - 17, 2026 | Palm City, FL | Chicago, IL

Gather your golfing crew for an unforgettable experience at one of Florida's most coveted golf courses, the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Kasey-Hope Golf Invitational — paired with one of the most personalized experiences at Bettinardi Golf's Studio B.

Affectionately known to insiders as "Flo," The Floridian is a private, gated enclave on the St. Lucie River long favored by celebrities, top businesspeople, and PGA Tour professionals for its Tom Fazio-designed championship course, five-star hospitality, and unbeatable November weather. You and three guests will experience it firsthand with a weekend of accommodations, dining, and amenities that turn a golf outing into a true getaway — all while directly supporting cancer research.

Golf takes center stage: your foursome will play 36 holes across two full rounds on Flo's award-winning championship layout, plus gain entry into the Kasey Hope Par 3 Competition. Off the course, you'll settle into an on-site cottage for two nights, each guest with a private bedroom and bathroom, along with full access to The Floridian's pool, fitness center, and racquet facilities. To round out the experience, a curated 6-pack of Aperture Cellars wine will be waiting for you, delivered right to your on-site cabin at the Kasey Hope Golf Invitational.

The experience doesn't end there. The package also includes a custom club fitting for one at Bettinardi Golf's renowned Studio B in Chicago, IL, plus a round of golf for four alongside Bettinardi President Sam Bettinardi at His Local Favorite Chicago Golf Club.

From world-class golf and five-star hospitality to an in-depth, personal experience with one of the game's most respected clubmakers, this lot delivers access you simply can't find anywhere else — perfect for the golfer who has everything except this.

## DONATION

- (1) Foursome in the 2026 Kasey-Hope Invitational at Floridian National Golf Club
  - 2-Rounds of Golf (36 Holes)
  - All Caddie Fees & Gratuities Included
  - 2-Nights in An On-Site Cabin with Private Bedroom & Bathroom at Floridian National Golf Club
  - Entrance into the Kasey Hope Par 3 Competition
  - All Meals for the Duration of the Stay (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)
  - Welcome Reception and Pairings Party
  - Elevated Tee Gift Package
- A Curated 6-Pack of Aperture Cellars Wine, Delivered to Your On-Site Cabin at Kasey Hope Golf Invitational
- Custom Golf Club Fitting at Bettinardi Golfs Studio B in Chicago, IL for (1) Person
- (1) Round of Golf for (4) with Bettinardi President, Sam Bettinardi at His Local Favorite Chicago Golf Club

## DONORS

Transperfect, Bettinardi Golf, Aperture Cellars, V Foundation for Cancer Research

## RESTRICTIONS

Air and ground transportation not included except where noted. Date of Kasey Hope Golf Tournament will be November 15-17, 2026. Date of the Bettinardi Custom Fitting and Foursome at Local Chicago Golf Club must be mutually agreed upon and expires December 31, 2027.

Charlotte, North Carolina is often called America's Home for Racing — and this is your extraordinary invitation inside it. An immersive, day-long journey into the beating heart of NASCAR's most celebrated dynasty — an experience curated personally by Jeff Gordon, who spent two decades helping make Hendrick Motorsports the most storied name in the sport.

The day begins with exclusive access to all four Hendrick Motorsports championship shops — the #24, #48, #9, and #5. These aren't showrooms. They're working sanctuaries where 14 Cup Series championships have been made and where the next one is being built. From there, you'll step into the private Hendrick Heritage Center, home to Rick Hendrick's personal automobile collection, among the rarest machines ever assembled under one roof, and accessible by invitation only.

The afternoon moves to Ten Tenths Motor Club, Charlotte's new world-class private road course. You'll start behind the wheel yourself, with a professional coaching session that reframes how you think about speed, line, and control. Then comes the moment that can't be replicated: a hot lap with Jeff Gordon, who will show you what four Cup Series championships feel like from the driver's seat.

The day ends at the table. Dinner is co-hosted by Jeff Gordon, with food by a celebrated culinary talent and a wine program chosen with equal care. It's where the conversation deepens, the stories come out, and a remarkable day becomes a lasting memory.

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#### DONATION

- (1) Room for 2 Nights at a 4-Star Hotel in Charlotte, NC
- Private Tour of All Four Hendrick Motorsports Race Shops (#5, #9, #24 & #48)
- Exclusive Access to Rick Hendrick's Private Automobile Collection
- Professional High-Performance Driver Coaching for (2) at Ten Tenths Motor Club
- Ride-Along with Jeff Gordon on the Ten Tenths Road Course
- (2) Seats at a Private Dinner Co-Hosted by Jeff Gordon and a Celebrity Chef, with Curated Wine Pairings

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#### DONORS

Jeff Gordon, Hendrick Motorsports,  
Jeff Gordon Children's Foundation

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#### RESTRICTIONS

Air and ground transportation not included except where noted. Experience will take place in Fall of 2026 with exact dates to be determined. Date of redemption is based upon Jeff Gordon's availability. Drivers must be 21 or older to participate.

Get ready for an unforgettable night at Music's Biggest Night with two tickets to the 2027 Grammy Awards, where you and a guest will experience the glamour, artistry, and electric energy of the world's most influential music event. Your exclusive suite access includes full food and beverage, offering a luxurious, private setting as the industry's brightest talents take the stage.

Past Grammy Awards included an extraordinary lineup of performers, including Billie Eilish, Lady Gaga & Bruno Mars, Charli XCX, Shakira, Benson Boone, Chappell Roan, Sabrina Carpenter, Teddy Swims, and many more music powerhouses. In addition to unforgettable performances, the ceremony has featured major presenters such as Taylor Swift, SZA, Cardi B, Olivia Rodrigo, Bruno Mars, Gloria Estefan, Queen Latifah, Anthony Kiedis and Chad Smith, Victoria Monét, and Will Smith. The 2027 Grammys is sure to be a star-studded occasion.

Your Grammy night getaway also includes a two-night stay in a deluxe Los Angeles hotel, perfectly situated for you to enjoy the excitement of awards week. Explore world-class dining, iconic nightlife, and the unmistakable buzz that sweeps through the city as celebrities, creators, and fans gather for the biggest celebration in music.

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#### DONATION

- (2) Tickets to the 2027 Grammy Awards
- (1) Room for 2 Nights at a Four-Star Hotel in Los Angeles, CA – February 6-8, 2027
- (3) Etched 750ml Bottles of 2021 Fleury Estate Red Wine — Each Etched with Jimmy V's "Don't Give Up . . . Don't Ever Give Up" Speech

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#### DONORS

Fleury Estate,  
V Foundation for Cancer Research

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#### RESTRICTIONS

Air and ground transportation not included.  
Date of the Grammys is scheduled for February 7, 2027, and cannot be rescheduled. Lot is non-transferrable and must be redeemed by the winner.

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LIVE AUCTION

## F1 Miami Grand Prix Weekend at the Exclusive 72 Club

April 30-May 3, 2027 | Miami, FL

Every spring, Miami becomes the center of the sporting world as Formula 1 descends on South Florida for one of the most glamorous and highly anticipated race weekends on the global calendar. Celebrities, athletes, entertainers, and racing enthusiasts gather for four days of high-octane competition, exclusive parties, luxury hospitality, and unforgettable experiences found only at Formula 1.

Here you and your guest will experience the Miami Grand Prix from one of motorsports' most coveted vantage points: the exclusive 72 Club. Located at the Miami International Autodrome at Hard Rock Stadium, the 72 Club pairs world-class hospitality with Turn 4 and podium views, placing you steps from the speed, strategy, and spectacle of Formula 1. Enjoy a premium culinary and beverage experience, a dedicated 72 Club concierge, and a climate-controlled lounge as you take in the electric energy of Saturday qualifying and Sunday's heart-pounding race.

Your Miami Grand Prix experience begins before the engines fire, with VIP access to the V Foundation's exclusive Friday evening dinner in South Beach. Throughout your stay, relax in one room for three nights at a premier South Beach hotel that's just moments from Miami's iconic beaches, acclaimed dining, vibrant nightlife, and cultural attractions.

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### DONATION

- (2) VIP Tickets to the Friday Evening Dinner in South Beach Miami – April 30, 2027
- (2) Tickets to Saturday's Practice Race in the 72 Club at the 2027 Formula 1 Miami Grand Prix – May 1, 2027
- (2) Tickets to Sunday's Grand Prix Race in the 72 Club – May 2, 2027
- (1) Room for 3 Nights at a Premier South Beach Hotel, April 30-May 3, 2027

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### DONORS

72 Club, F1 Miami,  
V Foundation for Cancer Research

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### RESTRICTIONS

Air and ground transportation not included. Date of F1 Saturday Practice race is May 1, 2027 and the date of the Grand Prix is Sunday, May 2, 2027 and cannot be rescheduled.

## Pick Your Own V Foundation Adventure: Life on the Hardcourt or Wine Country Hospitality with AXR Napa Valley

December, 6-10, 2026 | NYC, NY or July 28-August 1, 2027 | Napa Valley, CA

Choose between two extraordinary V Foundation experiences with one being in the heart of New York City during college basketball's 2026 Jimmy V Classic and Boo-Yah Gala, and the other among the vineyards of Napa Valley during the 2027 Wine Celebration. Both offer exclusive access, exceptional hospitality, and the chance to support Victory Over Cancer.

### New York City: Boo-Yah & Jimmy V Classic

Experience an unforgettable week of championship basketball, legendary venues, exceptional wines, and Manhattan energy. Your journey begins December 7, 2026, with two seats at the V Foundation's exclusive Vintner Dinner at Tiffany's Blue Box Café, featuring a curated wine selection and elevated culinary experience.

On December 8, enjoy two tickets to the Men's Jimmy V Classic at Madison Square Garden, featuring Alabama vs. Houston and Duke vs. Georgia. Earlier that day, receive two invitations to the V Foundation's exclusive on-court shootaround for behind-the-scenes access inside "The World's Most Famous Arena" along with a Vintner Reception in the Verizon Lounge in the heart of MSG.

The experience concludes December 9 with two tickets to the V Foundation's Boo-Yah Gala & Afterparty at Gotham Hall—an unforgettable evening of philanthropy, entertainment, and New York glamour. Your package also includes one room for four nights at a four-star Midtown Manhattan hotel, ideally located near the city's top landmarks, dining, and culture.

### Napa Valley: Wine Celebration

For a Wine Country escape, join us for the V Foundation's 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Celebration, July 28–August 1, 2027 in Napa, California. This four-day Napa Valley experience includes two tickets to one of the nation's premier charity wine events and four nights at The Estate Yountville, all benefiting cutting-edge cancer research.

Highlights include an intimate wine-paired lunch at AXR Napa Valley, hosted by the AXR team and featuring exceptional wines alongside a locally crafted lunch by a St. Helena chef. You'll also receive VIP access to Dinner with the Docs under the stars, the high-energy Rock the V Party & Concert on Friday night, and the Krzyzewski Family Answer for Cancer Symposium on Saturday morning, where you'll hear from top cancer researchers about the latest breakthroughs.

The weekend culminates with the Gala Dinner & Auction at Nickel & Nickel Winery, set amid the vineyards and featuring once-in-a-lifetime auction opportunities in support of a future where more lives are saved from cancer.

## Pick Your Own V Foundation Adventure: Life on the Hardcourt or Wine Country Hospitality with AXR Napa Valley continued

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### DONATION

#### 2026 Boo-Yah in NYC

- (1) Room for 4-Nights at a 4-Star Hotel in Midtown, Manhattan - December 6-10, 2026
- (2) Seats at the Exclusive V Foundation's Vintner Dinner
- (2) Invitations to the V Foundation's Exclusive On-Court Shootaround at Madison Square Garden - December 8, 2026
- (2) Tickets to the V Foundation Vintner Reception in the Verizon Lounge at MSG - December 8, 2026
- (2) Tickets to the Jimmy V Classic Men's Doubleheader featuring Alabama vs. Houston & Duke vs. Georgia, December 8, 2026
- (2) Tickets to Conversations for a Cure Luncheon at Hearst Tower - December 9, 2026
- (2) Tickets to the V Foundation's Boo-Yah Auction Gala & After-Party - December 9, 2026

#### 2027 Wine Celebration

- (2) Invitations to the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual V Foundation Wine Celebration Weekend – July 28-August 1, 2027
- (2) Tickets to Thursday's Dinner with the Docs – July 29, 2027
- (2) Tickets to Friday Afternoon's Wine Paired Lunch at AXR Napa Valley – July 30, 2027
- (2) Tickets to Friday's Rock the V Party – July 30, 2027
- (2) Tickets to the Krzyzewski Family Answer for Cancer Symposium - July 31, 2027
- (2) Tickets to the Auction Gala at Nickel & Nickel – July 31, 2027
- (1) Room for (4) Nights at The Estate Yountville – July 28-August 1, 2027

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### DONORS

ESPN, AXR Napa Valley, V Foundation for Cancer Research

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### RESTRICTIONS

Air and ground transportation not included except where noted. Lot is non-transferrable and cannot be rolled over. Date of 2026 Boo-Yah & Jimmy V Week is December 6-10, 2026 & 29th Annual Wine Celebration is July 28-August 1, 2027.

# A Fighting Irish Weekend at Notre Dame with Kyle Rudolph & Silver Oak

2027 Regular Season | South Bend, IN | Napa Valley, CA

Get ready for an unforgettable Notre Dame football weekend with this exclusive experience for four, hosted by Notre Dame alum and former NFL tight end Kyle Rudolph and his wife Jordan.

From the moment you arrive, you'll be treated like part of the team, starting with a Notre Dame Tailgate Experience hosted by Notre Dame alum David Duncan, Proprietor and Executive Chairman of Silver Oak. It's the perfect way to set the tone for the day, blending world-class wine culture with the excitement of gameday. From there, you'll head to pregame field access hosted by Kyle himself. This rare, up-close opportunity lets you soak in the atmosphere and energy of gameday in South Bend before the action even begins, guided by someone who once called that very field home. After taking in the view from field level, you'll then settle into your gameday suite to watch the Fighting Irish take the field in comfort and style, surrounded by the excitement only a Notre Dame home game can bring.

Your experience continues off the field, with Kyle and his wife Jordan hosting an intimate dinner for you and your guests at one of their favorite local South Bend restaurants. Here you will have a chance to truly connect with one of the best TEs to ever play for Notre Dame and hear firsthand stories from his playing days on campus and beyond, all over a relaxed, delicious meal in the heart of South Bend.

To complete your weekend, you and your guests will enjoy two rooms for two nights at a top-rated local hotel, providing your group with a comfortable home base to relax and reflect on an incredible trip to South Bend. Rounding out this one-of-a-kind package is a Silver Oak Vineyard Experience back at their World-Class Winery with a Private David Duncan guided Tour and Paired Wines Lunch, plus two rooms for 2 nights at a local top-rated hotel in Napa Valley, CA, giving you and your guests the chance to extend the celebration with a taste of Napa Valley's finest.

Whether you're a lifelong Notre Dame fan or simply love the thrill of college football, this package delivers a weekend with one of the most historic programs in the sport that you won't soon forget.

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## DONATION

- Notre Dame Suite Experience for (4), Hosted by Notre Dame alum and former NFL tight end Kyle Rudolph
- Notre Dame Tailgate Experience for (4) Hosted by Notre Dame alum David Duncan, Proprietor and Executive Chairman of Silver Oak
- Pre-Game Field Access for (4)
- Dinner for (4) at a Local Top-Rated Restaurant, Hosted by Kyle and Jordan Rudolph
- (2) Rooms for 2 Nights at a Local Top-Rated Hotel in South Bend, IN
- Silver Oak Vineyard Experience for (4) with a Private David Duncan guided Winery Tour and Paired Wines Lunch
- (2) Rooms for 2-Nights at a Local Top-Rated Hotel in Napa Valley, CA

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## DONORS

Kyle & Jordan Rudolph, Notre Dame Athletics, David Duncan, Silver Oak

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## RESTRICTIONS

Air and ground transportation not included. Date of the Notre Dame Experience is subject to game day schedule and must be mutually agreed upon between all parties. Notre Dame experience expires at the end of the 2027 Regular Season.

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LIVE AUCTION

# Cancer Research Saves Lives



*Jim Valvano, Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame Coach and V Foundation Founder with his daughter, Jamie Valvano, V Foundation advocate and breast cancer thriver*

**100%**

of direct donations go to research to accelerate Victory Over Cancer.

# Silent Auction Rules

- You may use your smartphone to bid on an item or place a bid directly with the appropriate V Foundation representative.
- The final bid placed on an item before the Silent Auction closes is considered the winning bid.
- Silent Auction categories will open at 5:00pm CST and close around 11:00pm CST on September 19, 2026. Payment must be received in USD in full to receive your Silent Auction item.
- Buyers are responsible for redeeming all purchases at the end of the evening.
- You are assigned a bid number when you register for the auctions.
- For federal income tax purposes, Don't Ever Give Up, Inc. (DEGU) is classified as a tax-exempt corporation under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) and is a supporting organization of the V Foundation. DEGU and the V Foundation are collectively referred to in these Rules as the V Foundation.
- Registrants will promptly be notified when bidding will start and end for the auctions. Payment must be received in USD in full prior to the buyer's redemption of any auction lot, item, or experience. Failure to make full payment at the conclusion of the auctions may result in forfeiture.
- Payment for auction items must be in the form of credit card, stock and wire transfers, cryptocurrency, check, and charitable funds transfers. If payment is made by credit card, MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or American Express are accepted.
- The Internal Revenue Code generally prohibits the use of Donor Advised Funds (DAFs) and private foundation funds to fulfill contribution commitments with a benefit in exchange for the contribution. Therefore, distributions from DAFs and private foundations will not be accepted as payment for admissions or an auction purchase. Distributions from DAFs and private foundations will be accepted as donations for fully charitable purposes, including Fund-A-Need bids during the live auction.
- All sales are final and binding. Buyers may not transfer, assign, defer, or seek to extend the time to redeem an auction lot, item, or experience. No exchanges, returns, or refunds are permitted. Everything will be sold "as is." The buyer is responsible for inspecting an item for any damage or discrepancies before placing a bid. Neither the V Foundation nor DEGU make any warranties, express or implied, with respect to any item purchased at auction.
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- The V Foundation reserves the right to lower bids, modify closing times, and withdraw or add auction items without notice at their sole discretion.
- Date, time, and location restrictions may apply, including but not limited to, blackout dates. The V Foundation has no obligation to extend, change, or substitute items, dates, or restrictions.
- Goods, services, or experiences may be withheld if, at any time before receipt, the winning bidder engages in conduct that is immoral, scandalous, or otherwise harmful to their reputation or that of the V Foundation, or that materially and adversely affects the V Foundation's mission. Under these circumstances, in its sole discretion, the V Foundation may refuse the winning bid and decline to award the item.
- Any auction lot or item that includes alcohol or casino stays will only be sold and redeemed to individuals 21 years or older who are legally old enough to enjoy them.
- All shipping arrangements, expenses, taxes, insurance, and compliance with related laws and regulations are the responsibility of the buyer. Unless otherwise stated, gratuities related to any goods, services, or experiences are not covered by the V Foundation and are the responsibility of the buyer.
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