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## **NYIWA Charity Wine Auction Offers Outstanding Wines for Bid**

**9/30/2010 - Verona, NY** - In the arena of charity wine auctions, what's better than one bottle of Screaming Eagle 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon for bid? Two bottles, of course, and the 15th Anniversary New York International Wine Auction will offer two vintages: a 2005 and a 1996 of this coveted Napa wine.

The premier Northeast charity wine event, which is presented by Annese & Associates and NBT Bank, will be held Saturday, October 30, at the Turning Stone Resort • Casino in Verona, NY. The evening showcases a silent auction and international wine tasting, and a five-course gourmet dinner and live auction. NYIWA offers for auction: classic and unusual international and domestic wines, travel and dining opportunities, jewelry, collectibles, artwork, and other fine lifestyle items.

Proceeds benefit unfunded and underfunded programs at the Herkimer ARC, a Herkimer County NYSARC, Inc. Chapter, which serves individuals with developmental and other disabilities in Central New York.

Last year's auction grossed over \$187,000 and achieved record-setting attendance, which included oenophiles and wine enthusiasts from across the country and throughout the globe. A tickets for the Live Auction package, which includes an international wine tasting and silent auction, and five-course dinner and live auction, is \$175 per person. A Tasting and silent auction only ticket is \$50 per person. The tasting event begins at 5 p.m., and dinner begins shortly after 7 p.m.



*Among outstanding auction lots, the Saturday, October 30th New York International Wine Auction will offer two 750 ml. bottles of Screaming Eagle, a 2005 and 1996 Cabernet Sauvignon, for bid. The bottles were donated by Dr. Larry Consenstein and Dr. Celeste Madden, and Al and Mary Schaer.*

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## **New York International Wine Auction/2-2-2**

This year's outstanding wine and dinner menu includes **first course: a Hermann J. Wiemer Vineyard 2006 Gewürztraminer Dry—Finger Lakes, NY, paired with a Lobster Bisque en Croute with Crème Fraîche, American Caviar, and Brandy Reduction. Second course: a Chalk Hill Estate Vineyards & Winery 2007 Estate Bottled Sauvignon Blanc—Russian River Valley, CA, paired with Poached Turbot with a Savory Beignet, Sweet Pea Cappuccino with Pea Shoots, and Truffled Purée of Peas with Bacon Milk Foam. Third course: an Arrowood Vineyards & Winery 2004 Syrah Le Beau Mélange—Sonoma Valley, CA, paired with a Deconstructed Braised Lamb Shank with Cannellini Bean Risotto à la Milanaise, garnished with Micro Greens. Fourth Course: an Altus Winery 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon—Napa Valley, CA, paired with a Ribeye of Bison with a Cognac Crème Reduction, Smashed Yukon Gold Potatoes with Bacon Lardon, Scallions, Corn, and Cheddar Cheese, served with Baby Root Vegetable. Fifth Course: a Fox Run Vineyards Port Wine—Finger Lakes, NY, paired with a Chocolate Duo: Flourless Chocolate Bisquit, Chambord Ganache, Pâté à Bombe Mousse, and Cocoa Chocolate Sauce.**

In 1996, NYIWA was created to offer a unique event to raise funds on behalf of programs for people with disabilities. Celebrating its 15th anniversary year, NYIWA has become a premiere northeast auction, attracting donations from some of the best and most important wineries in the world. Renowned wine expert and auctioneer, David Reynolds of Reynolds & Buckley of San Francisco, CA, will travel to Central New York to make the event exciting and fresh.

Visit [nyiwa.com](http://nyiwa.com) to view a list of “showstopper” wines available at this year's auction. Travel opportunities include a Kentucky Churchill Downs Experience, Round trip for two to the 2011 Master's in Augusta, GA, a Le Cordon Bleu in Paris 5-night Adventure, and a Wine Tasting Trip to California, among others. To make reservations and to pay for tickets, visit [www.nyiwa.com](http://www.nyiwa.com). For tickets, information, call Auction Director Tony Vennera at (315) 574-7355 or email: [tvennera@nyiwa.com](mailto:tvennera@nyiwa.com).

HARC is a partnership of persons who have developmental or other disabilities and their families, staff, volunteers and members. As the second largest employer in Herkimer County, HARC employs over 400 full and part-time staff. They provide meaningful work and life goals, and give care to over 600 participants in Day Programs, Health Services, Residential (24-hour and supported homes), Recreational and Respite Services, Senior Center, Family Support, Valley Commons, Career Connections, the Goodwill-HARC Store & Donation Center, Herkimer Industries, and Transportation.

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