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Bordeaux: Past & Present

Charlotte Wine & Food (CWF) hosted a Bordeaux: Past & Present tasting at the Wells Fargo Executive Dining Room on Wednesday, October 23. Guests tasted their way through a mix of 38 current and back vintages at an elegant walk-around tasting and experienced how beautifully the carefully curated selection of Bordeaux aged.

"It's thrilling when we get the chance to bring together an incredibly unique and rare event such as our Bordeaux: Past & Present tasting. It was a one-of-a-kind and memorable experience to taste through a vintage retrospective of so many iconic Bordeaux wines all in one room. And best of all, we raised over \$5000 for our local charities benefitting children and their families in Charlotte." - Lauren Deese, Executive Director, Charlotte Wine & Food.

The great majority of the current release wines featured were rated over 95+ points including the: Haut-Bailly 2015, Pape Clément 2016, Smith Haut Lafitte 2016, Pontet-Canet 2015, Clinet 2016, Léoville Barton 2016, and the Léoville Poyferré 2016.

A vertical of Château Léoville Las Cases magnums donated by Charlotte Wine & Food board member Palmer Steel including 1988, 1998 and 2008 vintages was auctioned off raising \$1750 of the total funds raised.

The Wells Fargo Executive Dining Team lead by Executive Chef Michael Bader curated a perfectly paired menu of stationed and passed hors d'oeuvres taking cues from classic and modern French Cuisine. The highlights of the evening included the Sous Vide Farm Fresh Egg Custard, Truffled Veal Jus, Crispy Potato Galette as well an abundant display of assorted French cheese, pâté, and canapés.

Charlotte Wine & Food would also like to extend special thanks to our generous partners MISA Imports, Monsieur Touton Selection, LTD., The Wine Vault, and Tim Wallace for making this event possible.

Charlotte Wine & Food brings together leading wine industry experts from around the world and pairs them with Charlotte's top chefs to celebrate and advance public knowledge of and appreciation for fine wine and food, while making significant contributions to charitable organizations that benefit children and their families in the Charlotte community.

Charlotte Wine & Food's charitable endeavors focus on Nourishing Youth and Children, nurturing the whole child in body, mind, and spirit. The beneficiaries for the 2019-2020 fiscal include GenOne, Mitchell's Fund, The Learning Collaborative, and The Relatives.



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ABOUT CWF

In 1989, a group of civic-minded wine and food enthusiasts had a vision of creating a series of events to raise money for charity. Out of this vision, Charlotte Wine & Food was born and has proudly contributed over \$5.5 million to the community over the last 31 years. With time and care, the organization has grown in stature and evolved but remains one of Charlotte's premier cultural institutions attracting winemakers, vintners, and sommeliers from around the world while celebrating the best of Charlotte's culinary landscape. What started as a "Weekend" of events taking place bi-annually is now a year-round series of events that culminate in a multi-day wine and food experience each April. From intimate vintner dinners and tastings to large gala dinners and live auctions, Charlotte Wine & Food has something for anyone interested in wine, food, fun, and fundraising! For more information, please email info@charlottewineandfood.org.