The Best of Provençal Wines

A must for serious wine collectors! An assortment of superior Provencal wines has been assembled especially for the Benefit. The winner of this prize will stock up his/her wine cellar with 3 magnums of Château Saint Baillon Cuvée L'Oppidum 2000 red, 1 jeroboam of Domaine Gavoty Cuvée Clarendon 1988 red, 1 magnum of Domaine Gavoty Cuvee Clarendon 1998 red, 1 magnum of Domaine Gavoty 2001 red, 1 jeroboam of Chateau La Font du Broc 2003 red, 2 magnums of Chateau La Font du Lac Rose de Garde, 2 magnums of Château La Lieue Cuvée Bathilde Philoméne 2005 red, and 1 magnum of Château Miraval Barrique des Princes

Kindly donated by Les Cellier Vins Fins.

See Anna Netrebko at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York on New Year's Eve, including Two Nights Hotel

No plans for New Year Eve yet?

The lucky winner of this prize will receive two tickets for the sold out New Year's performance of 'Roméo and Juliette' (by Charles Gounod) at the Metropolitan Opera in NY starring the Russian born soprano sensation Anna Netrebko (as Juliette) and Matthew Polemzani (as Romeo). In 2005 Anna Netrebko was awarded the Russian State Prize by President Putin - the country’s highest award in the filed of arts and literature. Anna Netrebko has also been named to the Time Magazine's list of the 100 most influential people in the world. Recent performances include the Last Night of the Proms.

This prize will also include 2 nights at the recently renovated designer hotel 'Dream NY', located in midtown. Flights not included.

Kindly donated by Verena Mladek

Sailing at Skandia Cowes...for Twelve Guests!

Impress your clients or friends with an exhilarating day out sailing in the protective waters of the Solent on the South Coast of England at the prestigious Cowes Week on either 4th or 5th of August 2008. Ondeck Sailing will be your hosts for this event, onboard either their magnificent Farr 65 Ocean Racer or the fantastic Clipper 68. Your event includes Breakfast, a 3 Course Gourmet Buffet lunch for your 12 guests, along with unlimited soft drinks, while Ondeck Sailing’s Professional crew will look after you.

Experience is not required, as they will provide all the tuition necessary for everyone to participate in sailing these exceptional yachts including helming, winching and trimming.

Kindly donated by Ondeck Sailing. Please see Pete Pogose for additional questions.
**Dinner or Lunch at the Reform Club in London with FT Chief Economics Commentator Martin Wolf**

Impress your top clients, not just by entertaining them with a meal at the famous Reform Club in London ([www.reformclub.com](http://www.reformclub.com)), but in the company of the economics commentator most favoured by the world’s top policy makers and central bankers. Chances are your date with Martin will follow his own direct talks with the likes of Trichet, Darling or Paulson. Date and time to be mutually agreed upon by you and Martin. Must be taken up before 6 December 2008.

Donated by Martin Wolf, arranged by David Spiegel, ING Research

**Project Lot: Delivery Room Equipment Needed in Rural Nicaragua**

New to the EM Benefit Ball, we are seeking two donors to sponsor desperately-needed equipment to improve the lives of Miskitu women in Nicaragua. Health Unlimited recently began a 4-year project working with the Ministry of Health in the North Atlantic Autonomous Region of Nicaragua to reduce the deaths and sickness of indigenous Miskitu women in 23 communities. The project will develop and promote the use of a new culturally appropriate model for the provision of maternity services, which will include the training of Traditional Birth Attendants and the provision of sterile birthing kits.

We are seeking two generous sponsors who will help fund this project.

First, **£2,608** is needed to pay for 2 incubators. Secondly, **£5,745** is needed to underwrite 3 sterilising machines in delivery rooms.

**Three Days Sailing for Eight on a Luxury Yacht**

Ever wanted to take your own private family cruise? Or entertain friends or clients in a way they will never forget? Then enjoy a three-day Mediterranean cruise on the luxury yacht Serene. Imagine sailing through clear blue waters, jumping in for a dip if the mood strikes you, or just relax on board and work on your tan.

This 68 ft Ferretti yacht sleeps 8 people and is fully crewed. Based in Athens, the charter (estimated value €10,000) is available on a mutually agreeable date and excludes food, drink and flights.

Donated by Andreas Rialas, Argo Capital Management Limited

**Dinner at the Ivy with BBC World Affairs Editor John Simpson**

Entertain your guests at a dinner in the distinguished company of BBC World Affairs Editor John Simpson at London’s leading celebrity restaurant, The Ivy. Dinner for up to five guests. Beverages not included. Date and time to be mutually arranged to suit you and John and must be taken up before 30 September 2008. Reserve price £1500.

Kindly donated by John Simpson.
**Private Five-Bedroom Luxury Villa in the Caribbean with Private Beach**

Turn off your Blackberry and enjoy time at Eden House, a private luxury beach front villa on Caribbean island of Bequia (St. Vincent), very near Mustique. The villa is supplied with modern conveniences for your comfort. The winner can use the villa for one week, with possibility of an extension. Dates to be mutually agreed. Flights not included.

Donated by Anonymous.

**Two Tickets to Led Zeppelin Re-Union Concert...with Pete Townshend, Bill Wyman, Foreigner, Paolo Nutini and More!**

For decades fans have been dreaming of a reunion...so don’t miss this opportunity! The winner will receive two tickets for the legendary Led Zeppelin’s return at the O2 Arena for the Ahmet Ertegun Tribute concert on November 26, 2007. Give a whole lotta love as Robert Plant, Jimmy Page, John Paul Jones and Jason Bonham (son of the late John Bonham) play in Led Zep’s first full length concert in 27 years! This amazing concert will also include sets by Pete Townshend, Bill Wyman, Foreigner, Paolo Nutini and the Rhythm Kings.

Kindly donated by Jimmy Page.

**Simply Stunning... A Week at a Stunning Villa in Spain!**

As featured in Conde Nast Traveler “10 Great Villas in Spain”, Molino Bajo is a luxuriously and stylishly converted olive mill set in the idyllic Lecrin Valley, south of Granada, Andalucia. Once a historic olive mill and now sensitively restored as a Moorish style residence, Molino Bajo is the ultimate chill-out retreat. Molino Bajo sleeps eight to ten people, has its own private swimming pool and vast entertainment space.

Dates subject to availability and not available in June, July or August. Villa is uncatered.

For further information, please visit [www.hip-villas.com](http://www.hip-villas.com)

Kindly donated by Phoenix Partners Group and Hip Villas Ltd.
**Stunning Luxury Villa with Gorgeous Views in St Lucia.**

Enjoy the warm Caribbean sunshine, while being gently fanned by cool sea breezes, with a week at the gorgeous Bananaquit House in St Lucia. This fully furnished dream villa is set on a hillside with unparalleled views of the famous Gros and Petit Piton mountains. It sleeps up to 7 adults and 7 children, and is especially well equipped for kids. Bananaquit House is 5 minutes from Anse Chastenet beach and its famous PADI dive-centre while the town of Soufriere, the old French capital of the island, is a 10-minute drive away. One visit to the website and you will be hooked. Dates subject to availability – Christmas and New Year’s not available. For more information, please visit [www.stluciahouse.com](http://www.stluciahouse.com).

Kindly donated by Exotix Ltd.

**Dinner for Six with Cherie Blair, QC**

A once in a lifetime opportunity! The winner of this prize and five guests (total six including spouses) will dine with Cherie Blair, QC.

Cherie has a truly inspiring life story, rising from a humble upbringing in Liverpool to become one of the UK’s leading lawyers, and the country’s first lady alongside the Labour Party’s longest serving prime minister, Tony Blair. Remarkably, Cherie has managed to juggle her own very successful career, with official duties and also the demands of bringing up a young family in Downing Street. There have been many ups and downs along the way, all lived out in the full glow of global 24H news coverage. No doubt all this will provide a rich seam of conversational material to fill the evening.

Kindly donated by Cherie Blair. With thanks to Tim Ash, Bear Stearns for arranging.