



Rare, exclusive Australian wine pulled from cellars across the nation for cyclone and flood victims

Extremely rare, exclusive wines, many never available before, have been pulled from cellars all over the nation to raise money for cyclone and flood victims.

In what is believed to be the largest united charitable fund raising initiative in Australian wine history; many major wine companies, and several hundred boutique wineries and vineyards, have donated to the Australian Wine Trade Flood Relief Raffle in aid of flood victims in Queensland and Victoria, and those affected by Cyclone Yasi.

The unprecedented show of generosity has seen not only rare bottlings, but mature wines spanning three centuries, imports from the finest regions in France, Italy and New Zealand, seventy magnums, more than twenty double magnums and three Methuselahs donated.

Wine connoisseurs are left salivating at the list of prizes, which reads like a who's who in the wine industry, including the likes of Cullen, which has donated six double magnums of Diana Madeline, one of Margaret River's best cabernets, which is not yet available elsewhere.

Also on the list is Wild Duck Creek Duck Muck Shiraz, one of Victoria's most highly sought-after cult wines. With a miniscule production of around 200 dozen each vintage, this wine is almost impossible to get your hands on, even for those who can afford its price tag of A\$330 a bottle.

Six packs of the flagship wines of three other hard-to-find Victorian cults are also up for grabs from Mount Mary, Bindi and Punch.

From the Barossa, two double magnums of John Duval Entity and Plexus have been donated; also not commercially available - and Peter Lehmann's double magnums of Stonewell Shiraz, Mentor Cabernet and Futures Shiraz represent limited bottlings. Greenock Creek's Seven Acre Shiraz is in short supply and Rockford's Black Shiraz and Basket Press Shiraz are almost impossible to purchase unless you are a member – and can withstand the waiting list.

Scattered throughout the prize list is also a collection of remarkable old treasures of Australian wine.

Seppeltsfield 100 Year Old Para Vintage Tawny represents the only unbroken collection of wines spanning more than 130 vintages in the world. First prize includes four bottles commemorating the major Queensland flood years, from the 1893, 1916, 1974 and now the 2011 vintages.

A magnum of 1980 Bin 707, one of Australia's most collectable and age-worthy cabernets, will be shipped directly from the cellar of Penfolds to the second place winner. The first place winner will also receive a magnum of 1996 Penfolds Grange, one of Australia's most famous wines.

Launched by Brisbane based wine writer and author Tyson Stelzer in conjunction with online wine and food travel guide, VisitVineyards.com, first prize is worth more than \$33,000 alone and a total of 200 prizes are on offer. All funds will go directly to flood and cyclone victims.

Tickets are a mere \$30. For more information and a list of where tickets can be purchased via retailers (all States except TAS) see: www.winefloodrelief.com.au



For online and phone sales (including Tasmanian sales), see: www.VisitVineyards.com/wineraffle

Tickets are on sale from February 4 with the raffle drawn on 11 March. There are 40,000 tickets available, and no limit on the number of tickets which can be purchased.

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