

# T.J. Martell Foundation

*Music's Promise for Curing Cancer*



## **19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NASHVILLE BEST CELLARS DINNER RAISES \$215,000 FOR T.J. MARTELL FOUNDATION**



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**NASHVILLE, Tenn. – (April 26, 2018)** – The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Nashville Best Cellars dinner on Monday night (4/23) featured celebrity attendees, gourmet food, exquisite wines and resulted in over \$215,000 raised for the T.J. Martell Foundation. Pairing “Best Sellers” (popular chart-topping and award winning artists) with “Best Cellars” (some of the top wine collectors in the United States), the event has helped raise money to support the foundation's mission of funding ground-breaking cancer research since 1999.

Secure Air served as the distinguished evening's presenting sponsor with Morgan Stanley sponsoring the champagne reception. The dinner featured cuisine prepared by award-winning chefs Joseph Lenn (J.C. Holdway – Knoxville, TN), Steven Satterfield (Miller Union – Atlanta, GA), Matt Bolus (404 Kitchen – Nashville, TN) and Lisa Donovan (Nashville-based pastry chef). Satterfield introduced the first course with his vegetable-paired smoked cobia, leading into Lenn's pork collar with potatoes, ramps, fiddlehead ferns and ham hock. Bolus followed up with lamb sugo and ricotta cavatelli, and Donovan wrapped the evening with black pepper and pecan pavlova, Louisiana strawberries and sweet cream.

The impressive array of auction items included a “Best Cellars” collection containing world-class wine donated by each of the wine hosts, a 100 point wine dinner at 404 Kitchen, an autumn Tuscan getaway at Castiglione Del Bosco, an exclusive trip to Napa Valley and an overnight at Chef Art Smith’s home including a farm to table dinner prepared by Art himself. At the helm of the event were co-chairs and industry staples Rob Beckham (Co-Head, WME Nashville), John Esposito (Chairman & CEO, Warner Music Nashville) and Eliza Kraft Olander.

The evening’s celebrity attendees included Frankie Ballard, Big Kenny (Big & Rich), Kix Brooks, Kim and Ashley Campbell, Martina McBride, Bart Millard (Mercy Me), Michael Ray, Dan Smyers (Dan + Shay), Old Dominion, RaeLynn, Keifer and Shauna Thompson, Jerrod Niemann and Reba McEntire.

### **ABOUT THE T.J. MARTELL FOUNDATION**

The T.J. Martell Foundation is the music industry’s leading foundation that funds innovative medical research focused on finding treatments and cures for cancer. The Foundation was founded in 1975 by music industry executive Tony Martell and his colleagues in loving memory of his son T.J., who died of leukemia. The Foundation has provided more than \$280 million for research at eight flagship hospitals in the United States. For more information on the T.J. Martell Foundation visit [www.tjmartell.org](http://www.tjmartell.org).

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