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T.J. Martell Foundation Hosts Successful Best Cellars Event in Dallas

DALLAS (May 15, 2013)-The T.J. Martell Foundation hosted the **Best Cellars Dinner: A Food & Wine Experience Featuring Dallas' Top Sommeliers** on Thursday, May 9th, 2013 at **Fearing's** in The Ritz-Carlton, Dallas.

The Best Cellars Dinner, chaired by Janie & Dave Hodges and Kendall & Derek Williams featured a four-course gourmet dinner by Chef Dean Fearing and selected wines by Sommelier Table Hosts, one exclusively for each table, which included:

Jeff Bachinkas: Sissy's Southern Kitchen
Paul Botamer: Fearing's at The Ritz-Carlton, Dallas
Aaron Benson: Dallas Country Club
Jeff Bradley: The Wine Frog
Christina Chilcoat: Las Colinas Beverages
Jennifer Jaco: Henderson Selections

Modern Luxury served as the night's media sponsor with Steven Doyle of CRAVE DFW serving as emcee. The VIP Reception was kindly sponsored by Mary Martha & John Pickens.

A live auction featuring

- Trip to Country Music Awards in Nashville, Tennessee
- Big D Package which included : Two Night Stay in Deluxe Accommodations at The Ritz-Carlton, Dallas, Dinner for Two at **Fearing's**, Champagne Sampler provided by Sommelier Paul Botamer & (2) Tickets to your choice of a TI Classical Series concert with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra
- 1979 Latour & 1982 Lafite-Rothschild donated by Angie Clayton Brown & Jeff Brown
- **Best of Dallas Sommeliers' Package:**
 - 2003 Bond Matriarch Proprietary Red Blend, Napa Valley, California donated by Jeff Bachinkas: Sissy's Southern Kitchen

- 1999 Nicolas Feuillatte Cuvee Palmes D'or
- 1995 Charles Heidsieck Blanc Des Millenaires Blanc De Blancs
- Billecart-Salmon Brut Reserve NV (2 bottles) donated by Paul Botamer, Fearing's at The Ritz-Carlton, Dallas
- 2003 Opus One 2003, Napa Valley (2 Bottles) donated by Aaron Benson, Dallas Country Club
- 2007 Merry Edwards Russian River Valley Pinot Noir "Tobias Glen" donated by Jeff Bradley, The Wine Frog
- 2000 Domaine Trimbach 'Séletion Grains Nobels' Pinot Gris, Alsace, France donated by Christina Chilcoat, Las Colinas Beverages
- 2012 Teutonic Wine Co. Gewürztraminer, Willamette Valley, OR donated by Jennifer Jaco, Henderson Selections

Singer & Songwriter, Thom Shepherd, an Austin-based touring artist whose current single "Simplify" is in the top 20 on both the Texas Regional Radio Report and the Texas Music Chart played an acoustic set for crowd. He is the writer of the #1 singles "Redneck Yacht Club", recorded by Craig Morgan, and "Riding with Private Malone" recorded by David Ball.

Seen In the Crowd: Mary Martha & John Pickens, Kendall & Derek Williams, Janie & Dave Hodges, Caitlin & Akers Moore, Ellen & Larry Talley, Julie & Steve Rado, Rachel & Chris Trowbridge, Angie Clayton Brown & Jeff Brown and Megan & Andy Meyercord.

Proceeds from the Best Cellars Dallas event benefited the T. J. Martell Foundation's funding of the Physician-Scientist Program at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. The T.J. Martell Foundation organizes the Best Cellars Dinners and other major events in major markets in the United States.

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About The T.J. Martell Foundation

The T.J. Martell Foundation is the music industry's largest foundation that was founded in 1975 when music industry executive Tony Martell promised his son, T.J., a young victim of leukemia, that he would raise \$1 million to fight the disease. In 38 years, the Foundation has provided \$250 million to support innovative leukemia, cancer and AIDS research at eleven leading hospitals in the United States. In Texas, the Foundation supports the Physician-Scientist Program at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. To learn more about the Foundation, visit www.tjmartell.org or

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The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston ranks as one of the world's most respected centers focused on cancer patient care, research, education and prevention. MD Anderson is one of only 41 comprehensive cancer centers designated by the National Cancer Institute. For nine of the past 11 years, including 2012, MD Anderson has ranked No. 1 in cancer care in "Best Hospitals," a survey published annually in U.S. News & World Report. MD Anderson receives a cancer center support grant from the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health (P30 CA016672).

MD Anderson's Physician-Scientist Program launches the careers of the best and brightest young faculty members' independent federal grants support. Graduates of the program are established, independent researchers, who are well prepared to become the leaders of translational cancer research, nationally and internationally.

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Best Cellars 1-VIP Reception

Best Cellars 2-MJ Parker, Rachel Koppa

Best Cellars 3-Thom Shepherd, Coley McCabe, Dean Fearing, Mary Martha Pickens, John Pickens, Laura Heatherly

Best Cellars 4-Jennifer Jaco, Christina Chilcoat

Best Cellars 5-Dave Hodges, Janie Hodges, Kendall Williams, Derek Williams

Best Cellars 6-Chris Trowbridge, Rachel Trowbridge

Best Cellars 7-Lisa Haddow, Joe Bob Shirley

Best Cellars 8-Julie Rado, Steve Rado

Best Cellars 9-Debbie Staggs, Donnie Staggs

Best Cellars 10-Best Cellars

Best Cellars 11-Hollie Dorothy, Steven Doyle

Best Cellars 12-Jeff Brown, Angie Clayton Brown

Best Cellars 13-Caitlin Moore, Rachel Trowbridge, Dean Fearing, Julie Rado

Best Cellars 14-Christina Chilcoat, Kaylyn Montgomery, Katlin Beecherl