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T.J. Martell Foundation's New York Best Cellars Dinner Raises \$250,000 for Cancer Research

James Beard Award-Winning Chef Alon Shaya Provided World Class Cuisine Partnered with Legendary Wines

New York, NY - November 22, 2016 – The T.J. Martell Foundation for leukemia, cancer and AIDS announced that \$250,000 was raised for cancer research at its first New York Best Cellars Dinner held on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at Capitale in New York. James Beard award-winning chef Alon Shaya provided world class cuisine paired with legendary wines to a sold out crowd who enjoyed an amazing display of culinary skills and the art of wine throughout the evening. Honorees at the event included Donald Patz, Co-Founder of Patz and Hall and Dana Cowin, Creative Director of Chefs Club International.



“The first New York T.J. Martell Best Cellars dinner was a triumph in every way for a worthy cause. Alon Shaya's world class cuisine was matched by some of the world's most legendary wines from the Cellars of our generous wine hosts. Thanks to all who supported the evening and congratulations to our incredible honorees Donald Patz and Dana Cowin,” said Co-Chair, Tom Corson.

Wine hosts for the evening included Jim Burruss, Tom Corson, Michael Dorf, Bruce Fingeret, Bruce Gearhart, Michael Jessen, J.B. Miller, Patrick McMullan, III, Glen Nordlinger, Scott Palazzo, Donald Patz, Joe Riccitelli and Doug Rotatori. American Airlines and Ole Imports generously supported the fundraiser event. (photo above l to r: Tom Corson, Donald Patz, Chef Alon Shaya, Dana

Cowin and Bruce Gearhart). Photo credit: T.J. Martell Foundation.

The event also included a live and silent auction that featured unique trips, one-of-a-kind experiences, wine lots, art, jewelry, and sports & music memorabilia, among other items. “We really owe a debt of gratitude to our key sponsors. American Airlines and Ole Imports make this wonderful event possible and help us raise a lot of money for the cause.” said Co-Chair Bruce Gearhart. American Airlines was the event's travel sponsor and Ole Imports contributed the proceeds of their Liquid Geography brand to the T.J. Martell Foundation.

The New York Best Cellars Dinner is a national concept of the Foundation that brings together a guest chef to create a four-course gourmet meal matched with world class wine from the personal cellars of wine hosts who are seated at each table. Some of the wines that have been poured in the past include 1961 Chateau Petrus, 2001 Penfold's Grange Hermitage, 1974 Heintz Martha's Vineyard, 1985 Domaine Romanee Conti and 1964 Dom Perignon.

ABOUT THE T.J. MARTELL FOUNDATIONThe T.J. Martell Foundation is the music industry's largest foundation that funds innovative medical research focused on finding cures for leukemia, cancer and AIDS. 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 \$270 million dollars for research that supports eight flagship hospitals in the United States. For more information on the T.J. Martell Foundation go to www.tjmartell.org.

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