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Orange County, Calif.-Dec. 13, 2013-Taste the tannins and inhale the complex aromas of Pacific Coast Wine Festival (PCWF), a magnificent evening stocked with flavorful wine tasting, a delectable wine-paired dinner, and silent and live auctions of rare wines and

unforgettable travel experiences. Bursting onto the wine scene in Orange County seven years ago, PCWF has cultivated a reputation as one of the most esteemed wine auctions in California, as well as a significant fund-raising event for Pacific Symphony. Last year, this spectacular night of wine and more raised \$220,000 for the Symphony's artistic and education programs, and the festival continues to raise the standard of excellence each year. This year's event is again co-chaired by PCWF's co-founders, Michael Kerr, Fred Salter and [Valerie](#) Van de Zilver.

It also enlists the expertise of [Tristen](#) Beamon and Kyle Meyer of Orange County's BestWinesOnline.com, who carefully curated the tastings and wines included in the live and silent auction. The live auction offerings include a five-night private trip to Bordeaux, France, guided by Beamon and the chance to purchase rare and delectable wines.

PCWF takes place Saturday, March 1, 2014, at 5 p.m. at the elegant, five-diamond Island Hotel in Newport Beach. Seating is limited and starts at \$375 per person. For information, please contact the Symphony's special events department at (714) 876-2364 or events@PacificSymphony.org and visit PacificCoastWineFestival.com. For more information on the Symphony, please visit PacificSymphony.org. PCWF is generously sponsored by BNY Mellon.

"The Orange County music lover, arts supporter and wine aficionado are in for a real treat with our 2014 event," says Kerr, who is also chair of Pacific Symphony's board of directors. "It could easily top them all!"

This exclusive event is limited to 340 wine connoisseurs and music enthusiasts, and will continue to set the standard for wine festivals for years to come. The evening's festivities get underway at 5 p.m. as guests are invited to saunter through multiple rooms, sampling from more than 60 wines, enjoying appetizers and bidding on three sets of auction lots. At 7:15 p.m., guests enter the grand ballroom to enjoy a five-course feast, perfectly paired with wines and crafted by the Island's Executive Chef David Mann, as well as enjoy live music performed by Pacific [Symphony](#) Youth Orchestra musicians. The evening finishes with a thrilling live auction featuring some of the finest and rarest wines, as well as one-of-a-kind experiences.

