And the Winners Are…

by Sean Carroll, Director of Beverage

Of the many wonderful events that take place during All Charities weekend one of the Members' favorite is voting on which new wines will be featured property-wide on all wine lists. Last year was a first with three wines being selected. The voting was so close we ended in a tie in the white varietal category. How popular were those wines you ask? Well, we sold 996 bottles of Gradis Ciutta Pinot Griggio, 753 bottles of Penfold's Max's Red Blend and an astounding 1,452 bottles of Frank Family Chardonnay. Enough on last year's winners, here are your 2020 All Charities Wines:

**2018 Honig Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley, California**

A familiar wine producer to Ocean Reef having done Vine to Table dinners in the past with Michael Honig, this Sauvignon Blanc comes from their sustainably-farmed vineyard in Rutherford, as well as other nearby vineyards. The grapes are treated using two different methods; a portion of the fruit goes directly into the press as whole clusters while the remaining fruit is de-stemmed and left in contact with the skins before pressing, amplifying the grapefruit and citrus components. All of the juice is fermented in stainless steel tanks to bring out the aroma and flavor profiles of Sauvignon Blanc. This delivers a bright and fresh Sauvignon Blanc with flavors and aromas of peaches, white grapefruit and balanced notes of citrus.

**NV Locations CA, California**

A popular category in the wine world now, Locations CA is a Red Blend of Petit Syrah, Barbera, Tempranillo, Syrah and Grenache. Geographic diversity is what Locations CA is all about. Highlighting the famed appellations of Napa Valley, Sonoma County, Mendocino County and the Sierra Foothills for its prized fruit. This wine is bursting with a dark ruby red color, a nose of red and black fruits and pepper and very savory with components of raspberry, cherry and herbal notes. It finishes with a tangy acidity and polished tannins that please the palate.

These wines will be making their debut in all outlets beginning today, even before they are on the wine lists. So please ask your server or bartender to pour you a glass or open a full bottle for you. Also, do not forget you can go see Micah and Wyatt at Port O'Call and pick up a case for your next party. Finally, yet importantly, the Frank Family Chardonnay will not be going away. It will still be available by the glass or bottle in all Club restaurants. We are also going to see if we can get both these producers at next year’s 2021 Vine to Table dinner series. Stay tuned…

"The best way to learn about wine is… to drink it."