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*Chateau Margaux*

The season kicked off with the DC Food and Wine Festival, followed by Bassin's California Barrel Tasting and Wine Spectator's Grand Tour stop in DC. Next week marks the final run in DC's Spring grand slam of wine events: The annual [Heart's Delight Wine Tasting & Auction](#) kicks off on Thursday evening with a number of private dinners at DC's best restaurants, embassies and the homes of DC's most gracious hosts. The event continues on Friday night with a black-tie dinner and auction; the wines of [Paul Pontallier and Chateau Margaux](#) will be flowing like a river.

The big finale on Saturday starts with a seated tasting of [top Bordeaux chateaux](#), led by the winemakers and moderated by Ray Isle of [Food and Wine Magazine](#). What follows the tasting is nothing short of an all out party. Nationally renowned [chefs](#) ([Brian Voltaggio](#), [Graham Elliot Bowles](#), [David Meyers](#) – to name a few) will be on scene and cooking their best dishes. Outstanding wines ([Lynch Bages](#), [Angelus Cos D'Estourmel](#) – to name a few) will be on the tables. Guests can bid on small lots in the silent auction and big ticket trips (Burgundy, Italy & Napa) and wines (such as a jero of '95 Margaux) in the live auction hosted by [Sotheby's](#) Jamie Ritchie. The goal of the event is to raise as much money as possible for the [American Heart Association](#), so unless you have plans to be out of town, you have no excuse not to attend.

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