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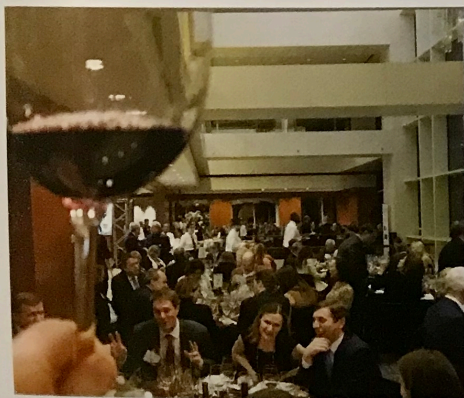
## 6th Annual Wells Fargo Kickoff Dinner featuring Tempos Vega Sicilia

Charlotte Wine & Food Weekend and Board Chairman Phil Smith are pleased to announce that the sixth annual Wells Fargo Kick-off Dinner was a resounding success! The event raised \$110,000 which will benefit Charlotte Concerts; The Council for Children's Rights; Mitchell's Fund; Pat's Place Family Advocacy; and The Relatives.

"Thursday's evening was an incredible celebration of fine wine, food, camaraderie and fundraising" said Lauren Deese, Executive Director of Charlotte Wine & Food Weekend; "Thanks to our amazing title sponsor Wells Fargo and the generous support of our other sponsors, patrons, and partners, we'll continue to make a difference in the lives of Charlotte youth."

As the opening event to Charlotte Wine & Food Weekend's thirty-first year of fundraising, the Wells Fargo Kickoff Dinner has become a cherished tradition in the Charlotte community. This year's gala evening, once again held on the 41st floor of the One Wells Fargo building in Uptown, featured special guest Pablo Álvarez, owner and CEO of Tempos Vega Sicilia, Spain's pre-eminent and most iconic winery.

Founded in 1864, Vega Sicilia stood the test of time and achieved icon status for producing wines that earned a high reputation for their complexity and ability to age, with the highest acclaim going to its flagship wine, Único. In 1982, the Álvarez family purchased



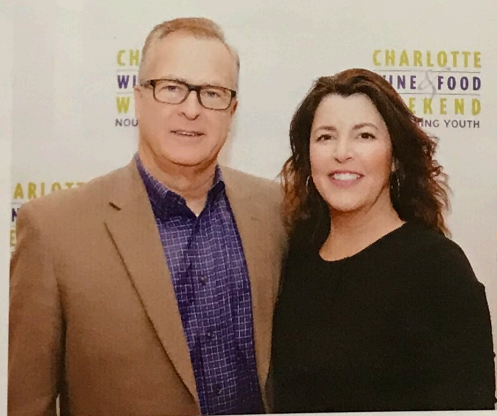




the winery and under Pablo's leadership became the leading winery responsible for the rise of the Ribera del Duero DOC. As Pablo's passion for wine grew, he expanded the family's wine empire by founding Alión in the Ribera del Duero; Pintia in Toro; Oremus in Tokaj, Hungary; and most recently, Macán in Rioja - all under Tempos Vega Sicilia.

The Wells Fargo Executive Dining Team, led by Executive Chef Michael Bader, provided an exceptional five-course menu inspired by Spanish gastronomy. Standouts were the jamón ibérico carving station featuring olives hung from lighted tree branches, a mouthwatering ceviche to start, and a beautiful crema catalana to finish. It was all perfectly paired with the wine selection for the evening, including the Oremus "Mandolás" Dry Furmint 2016, Alión 2014, Pintia 2013, Valbuena 5º 2013, Oremus Late Harvest Furmint 2016, and Único 2006.

The night wrapped up with a thrilling live auction raising over \$55,000 which was conducted by auctioneer extraordinaire Jamie Ritchie, Senior Vice President and Worldwide Head of Sotheby's Wine. The auction featured an array of experience and wine lots generously donated by CFWF board members and patrons, including the very rare 2000 and 2002 Magnums of Único donated by Tempos Vega Sicilia.





# NOTEBOOK

*Our pick for local events, news and best new products.*

## CHARLOTTE WINE & FOOD WEEKEND



Charlotte Wine & Food Weekend brings together leading wine makers and chefs from around the world to celebrate and advance public knowledge of and appreciation for great wine and food, while making significant contributions to charitable organizations that benefit children and their families in the Charlotte community.

In 1989, a group of civic-minded wine and food enthusiasts had a vision of creating a series of events to raise money for charity. Out of this vision, the Charlotte Wine & Food Weekend was born and we have contributed over \$5 million to the community over the last quarter century. With time and care, the event has grown in stature, attracting the best winemakers and chefs from around the world. In fact, Forbes Travel Guide ranked Charlotte Wine & Food Weekend one of the top five in the United States in 2014.

Charlotte Wine & Food Weekend's charitable endeavors focus on Nourishing Youth and Children, nurturing the whole child in body, mind and spirit. We are proud to partner with the beneficiaries of the 2017-2019 seasons for Charlotte Wine & Food Weekend: Charlotte Concerts; The Council for Children's Rights; Mitchell's Fund; Pat's Place Family Advocacy; and The Relatives.

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — Elegant fashions worn by the Vanderbilts recreated by Oscar-winning designer John Bright will fill the grand rooms of Biltmore House when Biltmore's newest exhibition, *A Vanderbilt House Party – The Gilded Age*, opens Feb. 8 and runs through May 27, 2019.

In collaboration with Biltmore curators, Bright and his team at Cosprop, London meticulously recreated fashions favored by the Vanderbilts and their guests at turn-of-the-century celebrations known as house parties.

Throughout his career, Bright has received 12 Academy Award nominations and a win for Best Costume Design in 1985 for the Merchant Ivory adaption of "A Room with a View." The film starred Maggie Smith, Judi Dench, and Daniel Day-Lewis.



### THE PASSION AND PURPOSE PROJECT

Entering the world of entrepreneurship and business ownership is not for the faint of heart, but it doesn't have to be an overly daunting experience. In her new book, *The Passion and Purpose Project – Design the Life You Were Meant to Live*, author and business owner Kimberly Powell breaks down the barrier of perceived intimidation by unfolding a highly relatable roadmap to prepare the aspiring entrepreneur for the journey. Based on the premise that outcome must be considered before income and that passion and purpose will ultimately be the driving forces that catapults one to success, her candid advice is thought-provoking and focuses on real-life stages of business development she has experienced first-hand. As a veteran franchisee of a national brand, Kimberly's advice will serve as a catalyst to move the reader from being a slave to the mundane to living the life of their dreams.