

Join HYFA for a Wine Country Weekend

The Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) invites Hereford breeders, enthusiasts and supporters to save the date and make plans to attend "The Harvest II" fundraiser event at Kunde Family Winery in Sonoma, Calif., Aug. 26-27, 2016.

"The Harvest II" will be hosted by the Jim and Marcia Mickelson family with all proceeds going to HYFA's Growing a Lasting Legacy campaign to benefit leadership and educational events for Hereford youth across the nation.

"In 2011, we hosted the first harvest fundraiser and people are still talking about their amazing trip to California," says Amy Cowan, HYFA director. "So part II is sure to be another unforgettable wine country experience for all who attend."

The event will start at Kunde Family Winery outside Sonoma on Aug. 26 with a casual dinner and entertainment by master magician and comic Jay Alexander. Saturday will include area tours, tastings and a special visit to Sonoma Mountain Herefords in Santa Rosa.

The highlight of the wine country weekend will be Saturday evening's sale featuring some of the breed's most elite genetics. The sale will take place on Kunde's famous Boot Hill that has been the setting for numerous film productions. Perched high above Sonoma Valley on the steps of the Mayacamas Mountains, Boot Hill boasts a panoramic 360-degree view of the 1,850-acre Kunde Family Winery. This secluded site, marked by a towering grove of valley oaks, will provide a stunning backdrop for the evening's meal and entertainment.

The auction not only will feature embryos from the breed's most prominent donors, flushes and heifer calf pregnancies but will offer some one-of-a-kind silent and live auction items including vacation getaways, exquisite artwork and something special for everyone.

Guests will stay at the Sheraton Sonoma County in Petaluma. The Sheraton's resort-like setting overlooks the river and the hotel has been named by *Travel and Leisure*

magazine as one of the "Nation's Top 10 Getaways near a Major City," making it an oasis in wine country. "The Harvest II" event pricing and travel details are available on HerefordYouthFoundation.org, and hotel rooms will be included in the registration fee.

We are currently seeking consignments to the sale. Anyone interested in being part of this history-making event in California's wine country, please contact Amy Cowan at acowan@hereford.org or 816-842-3757.

In 2011 "The Harvest" auction raised more than \$292,000 to support Hereford youth. We look forward to surpassing that goal and doing even more to benefit the educational and leadership programs for the members of the National Junior Hereford Association.

So, please mark your calendar, book your flight to California and register today. We look forward to seeing you all as we celebrate Hereford youth during HYFA's wine country weekend, Aug. 26-27. **HW**

