

Where wine, good spirits flow

More than 100 bottles help raise money for Marconi Foundation and Child Guidance Center.

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TUSTIN • Orange County residents gathered recently to taste more than 100 wines – all in the name of a good cause.

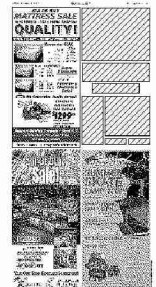
The Winery Restaurant and Wine Bar was host during its “Sunday in the Vineyard” fundraiser. Many of the 107 wines are considered rare and come from boutique wineries around the world.

The event, which had a ticket price of \$125, and silent auctions raised \$35,500, said Mona Shah, of Moxxe Public Relations.

Shah said 125 people attended.

The fundraiser benefits the Marconi Foundation for Kids and the Child Guidance Center. A live cooking

station was manned by The Winery’s executive chef and partner Yvon Goetz.





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Jamie Schmidt, right, representing Banfi Italian Winery, pours a sample for Lisa Doherty of Aliso Viejo at the wine-tasting benefit.



Brian Solo of Laguna Beach and Ron and Patti Chamberlin of Irvine, from left, admire a bottle of Chilean cabernet sauvignon during the fundraiser's silent auction.