



The T.J. Martell Foundation, the music industry's leading foundation that provides funds for innovative cancer research, hosted their annual Nashville's Best Cellars Dinner at The Bell Tower in Nashville. The exclusive event, with Grand Cru Presenting Sponsor Secure Air, brought together influential and philanthropic leaders from Nashville's music and wine industries for a celebratory charity auction and dinner dedicated to the fight against cancer. The evening also recognized Martina and John McBride with the prestigious Billy Ray Hearn Award of Excellence. Established to carry forward the legacy of Billy Ray Hearn, the award honors industry leaders who exemplify outstanding professional achievement, extraordinary philanthropic contributions, and an unwavering commitment to Music's Cure for Cancer. With \$690,000 in total revenue, the evening set a new record for the event in Nashville. Attendees included Country music legend Randy Travis and his wife Mary Travis, multi-GRAMMY-winning and platinum-selling beloved singer Michael Bublé, and GRAMMY and CMA Award-winning producer Dave Cobb, Frank Ski, Lauren Alaina, Jordan Davis, Karen Fairchild of Little Big Town, Brad Tursi of Old Dominion, and Kimberly Perry and Johnny Costello of The Band Perry. The event was presided over by Steve Gawley, Executive Vice President of Business & Legal Affairs and Business Development at REPUBLIC Collective and Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the T.J. Martell Foundation, and co-hosted by Mike Harris, President and CEO Music Corporation of America (MCA) and John Esposito, Co-Founder of HEY NOW Records and 15-year veteran Chairman/CEO of Warner Music Nashville. An esteemed Dinner Committee featuring many of Nashville's top executives included Stacy Blythe, Charlie Brusco, Dave Cobb, Derek C. Crownover, Seth England, Clint Higham, Jon Loba, Jordan Pettit, Patrick Sabatini, and John & Natalia Sanzo.