

# CONTURSI FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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QUARTERLY — FALL 2022



ARROW&BRANCH ESTATE VINEYARD | NAPA VALLEY

Welcome to our family's Fall 2022 newsletter!

Fall is an exciting time of year as it represents harvest and the culmination of countless grape growing decisions made in the field. It also signifies change, and in that regard we are excited to share several new developments.

We are nearly finished with renovations on our new Laguna Beach office building, aptly named "Liberty House." We invite you to schedule a visit, and we look forward to seeing you at one of our intimate gatherings.

In one of the highlights of this newsletter, Master Sommelier Peter Neptune shares his personal journey from Broadway actor to wine industry icon. You will not want to miss this special interview.

Last but not least, we are extremely thankful for our family, our wonderful team, and our loyal network— you make it all possible and so thoroughly enjoyable.

As always, we invite you to share our newsletter with your friends and loved ones.

Cheers!

The Contursi Family

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## FAMILY OFFICE SPOTLIGHT: MASTER SOMMELIER PETER NEPTUNE

Contursi family office general counsel and Arrow&Branch Management principal, Thomas Neptune, interviews his uncle Peter Neptune, who is 1 of 273 people in the world since 1969 to have ever achieved the title of Master Sommelier.



### A FEW OF THE TOPICS THEY DISCUSS INCLUDE:

- ★ Peter's journey from Broadway actor to wine industry icon
- ★ What it takes to become a Master Sommelier
- ★ Potential effect of climate change on premium wine regions
- ★ Controversial pick for best white wine producer in the world

[REAL FULL INTERVIEW](#)

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## ARROW & BRANCH RARE COINS

NON-CORRELATED DEEP VALUE ACQUISITIONS

For over 48 years, our family has actively traded in the tangible asset marketplace. Currently there is economic uncertainty and other factors that are causing investors to look for diversification and hedges against inflation. However, most do not have a relationship with a trusted expert in these markets. We would like to offer our family's assistance in providing sound information to you. Whether you are looking to acquire physical gold/silver or participate in more advanced strategies for diversification, we are happy to help.

Feel free to call or email Michael Contursi any time.

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## WINERY UPDATE



GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY — AUGUST 2022

Following a successful harvest at our new winery site on Hwy 29 just 2 miles south of Yountville, we have nearly completed grading and paving our driveway. We are also excited to announce that we have commenced the building phase, with an expected grand opening before Harvest 2023.

We are bringing a small group of strategic investor partners into our world class winery. If you are interested in this special opportunity to own an income producing winery in Napa Valley, please contact Thomas Neptune to schedule a time to discuss the project and next steps.

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HOLIDAY GIFTING



It would be our pleasure to assist you with your holiday and corporate gifting needs. Whether it's luxury wine from the Arrow&Branch "Library Collection" for that special someone or a Magnum for yourself, we are happy to customize a unique offering.

For more information, please inquire directly with Michael Ploetz, Arrow&Branch Director of Hospitality & Sales.

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TROPHY HIGHLIGHT:

1852 RING DOLLAR J-145 THICK

CERTIFIED BY THE PROFESSIONAL COIN GRADING SERVICE AS PROOF 67+  
SOLE HIGHEST GRADED



The Coinage Act of 1792 paved the way for national currency by establishing the United States Mint and creating the dollar as the nation's standard unit of currency. In 1794 the first U.S. dollars were minted. Comprised of 90% silver, they were similar in size to the Spanish Dollar which was roughly 39mm in diameter. For over half a century, U.S. dollars were mostly silver until the discovery of gold in California in 1849. Based on the amount of gold being pulled out of the ground and the necessity of coinage for commerce, the United States passed the Coinage Act of 1849 allowing dollars to be made of gold. Since their existence, people would regularly complain that silver dollars were too heavy and

bulky to carry. The new gold dollars solved this problem, but created another. At less than three-quarters the size of today's dime at 13mm, these coins were often lost. Considering a dollar was equivalent to a full day's wages or more for most Americans, this loss could be quite painful.

In 1852, the Mint experimented with increasing the size of the Gold Dollar without increasing the amount of gold in each coin. One method was to produce perforated, or "annulated," coins to increase the diameter of the coin. It is estimated that only 13-30 of the 1852 Ring Dollars Judd-145 were produced. This treasure is the highest graded example to survive this experimental time in U.S. history.

PRICE: \$82,500

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