

# Contursi Family Newsletter

Quarterly - Winter 2024

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Michael Contursi and Thomas Neptune  
Co-Owners of Arrow&Branch Winery and Arrow&Branch Rare Coins

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This winter our family is taking time to reflect on the past year as we find it important to enjoy the journey while also embracing the challenges that lie ahead in the new year.

Our spotlight this quarter shines on Paul, Debra, and Hawken Miller, who are in a race against time to cure Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. We share their family's heartwarming story and the legacy they are creating to save lives.

We are also proud to announce that Coinage Magazine recognized Steve Contursi as one of the "World's Greatest Coin Graders" and Arrow&Branch was listed in James Suckling's "Top 100 USA Wines," a testament to our family's focus on uncompromising quality in all that we do.

In the new year our family looks forward to spending time with you in Laguna Beach, Napa Valley, or during our travels. As always, please reach out if we can ever be a resource with our family office or world class service provider connections.

From our family to yours, we wish you and your loved ones a wonderful holiday season and healthy, happy new year.

Cheers!

The Contursi Family

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## **Family Office Spotlight:**

### **Paul and Debra Miller**

Founders of Cure Duchenne & Napa in Newport



Paul, Hawken, and Debra Miller

Thomas Neptune interviews Paul and Debra Miller, whose son Hawken is among 300,000 individuals worldwide who have been diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. The Millers are on a mission to find a cure and improve the lives of those affected by rare diseases.

A Few of the Topics Discussed Include:



- ★ How donations are amplified through venture philanthropy
- ★ Living a purpose driven life and managing time, our most precious asset
- ★ Make-A-Wish Foundation visit with Bill Gates
- ★ Lessons we can all learn from Hawken's perseverance and positive outlook

Learn more at [www.cureduchenne.org](http://www.cureduchenne.org)

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## *World's Greatest Coin Grader* **Steven L. Contursi**



**IT'S NOT SURPRISING** that well-known professional numismatist Steven L. Contursi approaches his work with acute precision and has tremendous delight in new discoveries. After all, he studied to be a scientist.

Contursi, a native of New York who began collecting as a youngster, began working part-time for a coin dealer while perusing a graduate degree in physics at the University of Minnesota in 1975. He subsequently worked at several dealerships before founding Rare Coin Wholesalers ([www.RareCoinWholesalers.com](http://www.RareCoinWholesalers.com)) in 1991 where he was named Chairman of the Board. In 1993, he was named President of the American Numismatic Association.

This led to a resounding consensus of the experts who proclaimed it as the first silver dollar struck by the young United States, a story that made national headlines.

Contursi publicly displayed the coin in a custom-made, four-foot-tall wooden exhibit case in a dozen cities around the country and at the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) headquarters museum. Tens of thousands of people saw it in person.

"This is a national treasure," said Contursi. "I never wanted to simply hide it in a vault because this coin is to our economy and international trade what the Declaration of Independence was to our country's foundation as a nation."

[Click to Read Article about our Founder, Steve Contursi](#)

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# ARROW&BRANCH

## WINERY



## First Harvest at Arrow&Branch Winery

On behalf of our family and our winery partners, we are thrilled to announce the completion of our first harvest at our new winery just 3 miles south of Yountville. This represents the culmination of a dream for our family.

Enjoy the exclusive 2024 harvest video footage and we hope to see you next time you visit Napa Valley!

Cheers!

The Arrow&Branch Winery Principals

Steve & Seanne Contursi, Jennifer Williams, Michael Contursi, and Thomas Neptune

[Watch First Harvest Video](#)



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# ARROW & BRANCH RARE COINS

## **Recent U.S. Rare Coin Investor Survey**

We recently completed an investor survey, identifying the profile of like-minded families that invest with our family in the U.S. rare coin market.

### Investor Profile

- #1 Business Owners
- #2 High- and Ultra-High Net Worth Individuals
- #3 C-Suite Executives
- #4 Financial Services Executives

### Top Reasons for Investing

- #1 Diversification
- #2 Low Correlation
- #3 Low Risk of Principal Loss
- #4 Hedge Against Inflation and Fiat Currency Devaluation
- #5 Attractive Risk Adjusted Returns

If you would like to learn more about current investment opportunities, contact Thomas Neptune at [thomas@arrowandbranch.com](mailto:thomas@arrowandbranch.com) or Michael Contursi at [michael@arrowandbranch.com](mailto:michael@arrowandbranch.com).

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# ARROW & BRANCH

NAPA VALLEY



## **2022 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard**

### **James Suckling's *Top 100 USA Wines***

It is a great honor that our 2022 Arrow&Branch Cabernet Sauvignon "Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard" wine was included in James Suckling's **Top 100 USA Wines tasted in 2024!** This is the only 2022 Napa Valley red wine that made the list, in addition to others from the 2021 vintage.

*"This deep and dark wine shows stunning concentration, a smooth structure and subtle complexities that will expand and evolve over time. Saturated with blueberry, dark chocolate, cocoa and spearmint notes that are firmly wrapped in muscular tannins. Becomes sleeker and more ethereal as it opens up in the glass. The grapes come from two parts of the famous vineyard, one on the more elevated, foothills side and the other on flatter land near Highway 29. Aged in 70% new oak. Drinkable now, but best from 2029."*

*-James Suckling, 98 points*

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## RARE COIN WHOLESALE

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### Holiday Gift Ideas: Own a National Treasure

#### 1776 Continental Currency

Certified by the Professional Coin Grading Service as Mint State 63





The 1776 Continental Dollar is one of the most popular coins of the colonial era. It was stamped with the date 1776, when American patriotism was extremely high and the Declaration of Independence was signed. On the reverse of the coin, the thirteen original colonies are linked together with “American Congress” and “We Are One” stamped in the middle. The coin is believed to be made by Elisha Gallaudet for the Continental Congress and was made out of pewter as the United States was not able to secure a loan of silver from the French at that time.

**Ranked #10 of the 100 Greatest U.S. Coins**

Price: \$181,500

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