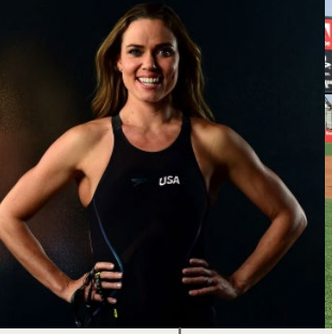


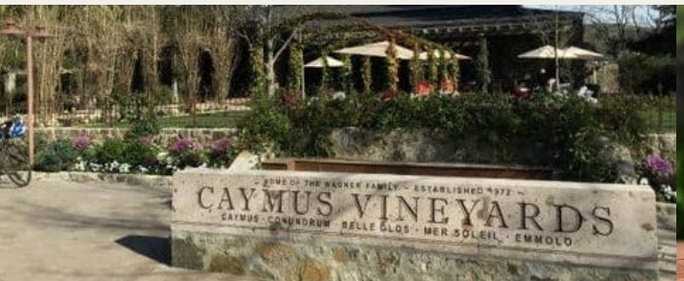
Lot 6

From Gold Medals to Super Bowls: A Legendary Conversation

What does it take to perform at the highest level? Join an extraordinary lineup of champions, leaders, and storytellers from the world of sports for an unforgettable evening of fine wine, exceptional cuisine, and lively conversation at the stunning Caymus Vineyards estate in Rutherford.

This one-of-a-kind gathering brings together Olympic gold medalist Natalie Coughlin, Hall of Fame marathon swimmer and Olympic coach Paul Asmuth, former San Francisco 49ers president and CEO Carmen Policy, and legendary Bay Area sportscaster Mark Ibañez.

Guests will enjoy a dinner prepared by Caymus Chef John Adamson, thoughtfully paired with Caymus wines, before settling in for a fireside conversation moderated by Ibañez. Together, these accomplished guests will share the triumphs, setbacks, pivotal decisions, and lessons that shaped their careers—from Olympic podiums and championship teams to the front office and broadcast booth. Expect candid stories, behind-the-scenes insights, and a fascinating look at the mindset, resilience, and leadership required to succeed at the highest levels of competition.



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Paul Asmuth is one of the most accomplished figures in marathon swimming history. A Hall of Fame open-water swimmer, he completed 59 professional marathon swims worldwide, won a record 18 major races, captured seven consecutive World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation titles, and became the first swimmer to circle Manhattan Island in under seven hours. He later coached the U.S. Olympic open-water team, authored Marathon Swimming: The Sport of the Soul, and recently received the International Swimming Hall of Fame Poseidon Award.

Natalie Coughlin is one of the most decorated swimmers in American history. A 12-time Olympic medalist, she was the first woman to swim the 100-meter backstroke in under one minute and the first U.S. woman to win six medals at a single Olympic Games. Her remarkable career includes 59 international medals and multiple World Swimmer of the Year and American Swimmer of the Year honors.

Carmen Policy helped build the San Francisco 49ers' dynasty, rising from legal counsel to president and CEO. During his tenure, the team captured five Super Bowl championships, and in 1994 he was named NFL Executive of the Year. He has been recognized among the most influential figures in professional sports.

Mark Ibañez spent more than four decades as KTVU's sports director, becoming the longest-tenured sportscaster in Bay Area history. He covered many of the region's defining sports moments—from "The Catch" and the 49ers' Super Bowl runs to Giants World Series titles and the Warriors' championship era—and brings a wealth of insight and storytelling to this special conversation.

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