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Socially distanced guests enjoy MOMENTUM 2.0, the V Foundation Wine Celebration virtual auction gala broadcast on Aug. 8 at Alpha Omega Winery.
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MOMENTUM 2.0, the V Foundation Wine Celebration held virtually on Aug. 8, raised more than \$3.6 million to support the V Foundation's cancer research.

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It was hosted by NCAA basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski, ESPN college basketball analyst Jay Bilas, ESPN's SportsCenter anchor Sage Steele, and auctioneer John Curley.

The day began with the Answer for Cancer Symposium, followed by V for Victory, a one-hour television special on ABC. The Virtual Auction Gala followed, with lots that included experiences at the Super Bowl and the ESPYs and a sail-fishing competition with Emeril Lagasse. The top lot of the evening was a ruby encrusted 3-liter bottle of 2019 Gemstone Ruby Barrel Selection, which garnered \$300,000.

The event concluded with the fund-a-need, supporting the V Scholar Grants, starting with a challenge donation of \$1 million from longtime event supporters Wayne and Nan Kocourek.

The 2021 V Foundation Wine Celebration was held Aug. 5–8 in the Napa Valley. The V Foundation Wine Celebration has raised more than \$118 million for cancer research over the last 22 years. For more, visit winecelebration.org.

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