



THE AUCTION OF THE YEAR: THE TRINITY COLLECTION

The Trinity Collection is an extra-special sale of over nine hundred lots that represents the outstanding, combined efforts of three extremely passionate collectors who are the best of friends, united in drinking and celebrating the world's finest wines, particularly its best Champagne and Burgundy. These brothers in wine have collected its finest and rarest for more than sixty years combined! As they are inseparable friends, often buying large allocations/cellars together while sharing the world's rarest bottles, it was natural that they came together with this extraordinary offering. I have had the pleasure of sharing many wine experiences with the Trinity collectors, having flown "anywhere" in the world just to have dinner with them, as the wine and the company is always the best. They are generous to a fault and will share their best bottles with anyone, anywhere, anytime. All three are true gentleman, conscientious connoisseurs, and passionate wines lovers that can have a great laugh along with a great bottle...or twelve. They really can't have just one, they can't help it. Now you see why I fly anywhere! The Trinity collectors are kindred spirits and have taken their wine learning to the highest level together in a friendly, competitive way. Many of the best nights of my wine life have been together with them, and I say that with the utmost seriousness and sincerity. Needless to say, they have built their collections with care and control, often having purchases vetted by experts and sourcing from only known merchants and auction houses.



This auction is about two-thirds Burgundy, featuring spectacular selections of Rousseau and DRC, amongst other greats, but, of particular note, is the offering of mature, vintage Champagne. This is arguably the most important collection of mature Champagne ever to come to market, and it is without question the most significant collection to come to market in well over a decade. You simply do not see these for offer; they are amongst the rarest of the rare. And when you taste a great, old bottle of Champagne, it is as thrilling as anything vinous made in the world. Selecting the bottles of old Champagne for this auction was a painstaking process, involving multiple inspections, inspectors, and enhanced authentication practices, as well as an analysis of color that I know no other auction house would do. We did it, because we drink these things, too. And I can safely say the bottles on offer here are the ultimate testament to old Champagne, which can age as well as any great Bordeaux. This I can say from experience.

You will see a litany of my own tasting notes throughout this catalog, special highlights of incredible bottles that I have tasted personally and only from this collection over the past twenty years. And, you will see an introduction of the collection and all the major sections, by producer, from none other than Richard Juhlin, the world's foremost authority on Champagne. Time to remove your saber from its sheath! Pop Champagne!!!



I think that's enough about the Champagne on offer in this sale, did I mention there are 324 magnums of bubbly here??? Ok, ok, ok, that's it, really. Besides the Burgundy and Champagne, there are some beautiful selections of Bordeaux, Rhone, Italy, and California. Open up a bottle, and curl up with this book before your summer break. You won't regret it unless you don't participate. It is with great pride and privilege that we present to you "The Trinity Collection."

In Vino Veritas,

John Kapon
Chairman, Acker Merrall & Condit Companies

