



Dear Client,

Just like that, we find ourselves in a Happy New Year and back in action with our **first sale of 2022 in Hong Kong on Saturday, January 22nd!** 2021 was a roaring success for Acker and the perfect way to welcome in the Year of the Tiger, continuing our 15-year streak as the undisputed #1 wine auction house in the world! We closed out the year with an unprecedented \$200M+ in total sales and over 14,000+ New World Records!!! We are looking forward to 2022 as the market thanks to this powerful 1,000+ lot January auction, which is chock full of first-class collections including **Spectacular Bordeaux of a Lifetime Collection, The Best of Burgundy, Wonderful White Burgundy Reprise, A Fantastic Four**, and last but certainly not least, an **Incredible Offering Direct from the Cellars of Domaine Jean-Louis Chave**.



Lots 631-821 is the largest collection in this extraordinary auction and features **Spectacular Bordeaux Spanning Decades of a Lifetime Collection**, offering nearly two hundred selections of entirely Bordeaux from a very successful European businessman with a decades-long passion for proper claret! This lifetime achievement focuses on **Le Pin, Petrus**, and the **First Growths**, of course! There are eleven lots of Ausone highlighted by magnums of every vintage from 1994 to 1999, fifteen selections of **Cheval Blanc** crowned by double magnums of 2005, 2006 and 2009, and a dozen lots of **Haut Brion** touching on major vintages such as 1982, 1985, and 1996. **Lafite** dials back the clock with eighteen selections going back to a double magnum of 1959 (gorgeous!!!!), and **Latour** also goes back to 1959 with a full case of 1982 as well as a late release double magnum of the 2000 vintage among its fifteen lots!!

It is rare to find **Le Pin** in quantity especially in large formats but among seventeen selections of Le Pin we have singular magnums of 1988 and 1989 as well as six-magnum cases from various vintages, and double magnums to boot!! Large formats continue to thunder in with **Margaux** and **Mouton**, and then **Petrus** takes center stage with three dozen splendid selections going back to the legendary 1970, 1971 and 1975 vintages followed by an Imperial of 1978! There are full cases in bottle of the standout 1982 and 1990 vintages as well as magnum cases of every vintage from 1993 to 1999, a double magnum of 2000, and an impressive imperial of 2005!!! There are many notable chateaux represented here across the spectrum of outstanding vintages including **Angelus, Cos, Gruaud Larose, La Mission, Lafleur, Leoville Barton** and **Pichon Lalande**. This is an incredible collection, built in Europe and never moved until now! Picture perfect!!!

Our focus moves to Burgundy in **lots 329-482, The Best of Burgundy with Appearances from 2009 Bordeaux and Ravishing Riesling**. This passionate collector never intended to sell his wines, but he is moving overseas and has decided it would be a bit easier to sell his collection and start over rather than move it all. Consequently, we have quality and quantity here with over one hundred fifty lots! A dozen lots of Armand **Rousseau** are accompanied by **Vogue** and of course **DRC** chimes in. Eleven selections of highly sought-after Domaine Bizot are counterpointed by ten lots of the hot to trot **Prieure-Roch!** There are a dozen lovely lots of **Leroy**, three vintages each **Rouget** and **Meo-Camuzet** Cros Parantoux, and multi-case parcels of Jean-Marie Fourriers. The splendid 2010 vintage takes a solid stand with **Roumier** Bonnes Mares, **Grivot** Richebourg and **Mugnier** Musigny, thank you so much! White Burgundy features Bouchard and thirteen selections of **Coche-Dury**, as well as Lafon and **Leflaive, Ramonet** and **Roulot!** 2009 Bordeaux features top rated selections including **l'Evangile, Mouton**, and **Vieux Chateau Certan**, and German Riesling gets it due with benchmark **Keller** and inimitable **Egon Muller** - Das ist gut!



Wonderful White Burgundy Reprise, lots 483-538, is an amazing selection of amazing white wines that will have any wine lover dreaming of a white Christmas immediately again! These fifty selections of only the best White Burgundy come to us courtesy of an extremely successful technology entrepreneur who has been collecting for nearly two decades. He purchased everything on release and has ensured proper transport of everything he has purchased – a true fanatic! Highlights include 2006 and 2007 **Coche-Dury** Perrieres, six bottles of very rare 2001 d'**Auvenay** Criots, six-packs of 2005 **Sauzet** Chevalier and Montrachet, and eight lots of **DRC** Montrachet spanning 2002 to 2010, many in OWCs!! More than two dozen selections of Domaine Leflaive includes precious bottles of 2004, 2006 and 2007 Montrachet and **Roulot** keeps the White Burgundy times rolling with twenty-six selections (!!), highlighted by 2007, 2008 and 2010 Charmes as well as ten lots of Perrieres going back to 2000. Yes, please!

Our **Fantastic Four** of collectors brings us more than 230 super selections in **lots 90-328**. These consignments span Burgundy, particularly **DRC**, with Bordeaux and Rhone bookends and sparkles of Champagne. Our first of the four is a medical specialist who procured his wines directory from the Chateau or Domaine via negociants and wholesalers. **DRC** takes center stage, accompanied by more Red and White Burgundy from the top Domaines, as well as cherished Bordeaux and Rhone – don't miss the Jero of RC RC purchased upon release! Our second collector, one of Asia's most highly successful businessmen in the past quarter century as well as one of Asia's most important collectors, adds to the beautiful Burgundy with **DRC**, **Roumier**, and more, and adds a sparkle with Champagne from **Dom Perignon** and **Cristal**. A notable American collector and retired top neurosurgeon delivers **DRC**, **Jayer**, **Gentaz** and **Chave** in his more than 60 splendid selections – this is one of my favorite collections in the sale, take a look at those photos and tell me they don't give you chills!!! Finally, an established collector with a taste for the best, contributes fifty fabulous lots focusing on decades of beautiful Burgundy, washed down by Champagne. This heroic team of collectors is bringing the power and the pleasure!!!

Lots 539-572 are as exciting as it gets, as we welcome **An Incredible Offering Direct from the Cellars of Domaine Jean-Louis Chave**, the greatest producer in the Rhone Valley, and the greatest producer of Syrah in the world! Domaine Jean-Louis Chave, at more than five centuries old, is one of the finest and oldest Domaines in the world. Living for and from the vines since the 15th Century, the Chave family is the essence of tradition in Hermitage. We are privileged to offer, direct from the Domaine's cellar, **original wood three-packs of Hermitage Rouge in several memorable vintages: 1982, 1983, 1988, 1990 and 1991, as well as a lone bottle of the legendary 1978**. This phenomenal offer also includes large formats and the extremely rare Chave dessert wine, Hermitage Vin de Paille. In 1990, the Chaves started making tiny amounts of the Cuvée Cathelin, which has become an iconic wine produced only in the most exceptional years. In this spectacular offering direct from the Domaine's cellar, we are honored to present **a vertical of every vintage ever released of Cuvée Cathelin: 1990, 1991, 1995, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2009 and 2010**. There are extremely rare large formats that were never commercially released headlined by a mighty Methuselah of 1995 and a Jeroboam of 2009 plus more!! It is an honor to present to you again wines from the King of the Hill of Hermitage, Jean-Louis Chave!!!

There is so much more to offer amongst the 1000+ lots in the sale, so please join us for the **first Hong auction of 2022 on Saturday, January 22nd** whether live in Asia or live online! We look forward to welcoming the Year of the Tiger with you this January! Cheers to your health and to great wine!

In Vino Veritas,

John Kapon
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