



Dear Client,

Spring is in full bloom and Acker's May Delaware auction is set to be a spectacular two-day extravaganza with over **1,700 lots** and an estimated **\$10 Million** in sales! "May Flowers", which will take place live online on **Thursday May 12th** and **Friday May 13th** starting at 3pm ET both days, is bursting with special collections. 'Viva Italia' is back again this year, and we are honored to feature four **direct consignments from Ceretto, Monsanto, Tua Rita and Antinori**, as well as a robust selection of mostly Italian wines from a few of our favorite private cellars. Additional bounty comes in the form of **Elite Bordeaux, Burgundy and Friends from A Great Gregarious Collector, Prudent Burgundy Pruning's from a Notable Surgeon, and Old School Bordeaux & Burgundy**, and culminates on Friday with four important collections featuring Sublime Burgundy & Rare Germans concluding with the always **Amazing Collection of Wilf Jaeger!!!**



Viva Italia kicks off in **Lots 598 - 646** with direct consignments from **Ceretto**, including a once-in-a-lifetime experience lot for two lucky guests to spend a night in Piedmont, ensconced in the Rooms at Piazza Duomo Alba, the Ceretto family's three Michelin-Starred restaurant. **Monsanto**, which has represented a new vision for Chianti for six decades, offers fifteen vintages of Chianti Classico spanning 1964 to 2006 direct from their cellars! **Tua Rita** produces some of the most intriguing, age-worthy and collectible wines in all of Italy and we are pleased to offer some incredible selections, including major large formats, direct from their cellars, of course! The amazing **Antinori** family brings the amore with over twenty stupendous direct lots including iconic Tignanello, Solaia, and Guado al Tasso including an incredible vertical of Matarocchio in magnums linked to an incredible experience you will never forget if you are lucky enough to be the winning bidder!!!

Lots 649-724, our **Biggest and Brightest Collection of Viva Italia**, steps in with over 90 lots encompassing a veritable wine bank of Italy's finest and rarest! There are numerous magnifico lots still with original packaging, and plenty of large formats. Benchmark producers include **Tignanello, Giacosa, Mascarello, Biondi Santi, Ceretto, and Dal Forno**. The centerpiece is provided by thirteen selections of **Giacomo Conterno** with Normale Barolo going back to 1945 and Monfortino spanning 1937 to 2000! We follow with **Gaja**, highlighted by the legendary 1971 in bottle and magnum, as well as **Le Pergole Torte, Vietti, Soldera**, and the collection's most grande finale is no less than a forty-nine-bottle super vertical of **Sassicaia** spanning 1968 to 2018. Tasting these wines is almost as good as flying to Italy! Viva Italia!!!

Our first session also highlights **Elite Bordeaux, Burgundy and Friends from A Great Gregarious Collector** in **Lots 247 - 326**, offering eighty plus selections of Bordeaux, elite Burgundy and decadent splashes of Champagne and Piedmont. These outstanding selections helped him make room in his cellar and help us make for an even greater sale! The highly rated 2009 vintage in Bordeaux shines with parcels of **Branon, Grand Puy Lacoste, Haut Bailly** and **Leoville Poyferre** as well as cases of **Clinet, Ducru Beaucaillou, l'Evangile** and **Pontet Canet**. Red Burgundy highlights cases of **Rousseau**, magnums of **Bizot** and bottles of **DRC**, as well as Musignys from **Faiveley** and **Mugnier**, while White Burgundy counters with **Leflaive, Roulot**, rarest 2014 **d'Auvenay** Batard, and three bottles of 1999 DRC Montrachet in owl! Krug joins Dom Perignon, and Italy contributes la bella with **Conterno, Masseto** and **Vietti**! Also don't



miss **Lot 404**, an extremely rare, original cardboard box of 2000 **Roumier** Musigny purchased upon release. Only approximately 400 bottles were made, and the lucky winning bidder will own 12 of them!

We continue with over 100 lots of Burgundy, including 75 selections of Red coupled with 25 of White, in **Lots 423-519, Prudent Burgundy Pruning's from a Notable Surgeon**. This recently retired top surgeon has been collecting predominantly Burgundy for thirty-five years! A member of the Chevaliers du Tastevin, he has been to Burgundy on numerous occasions including three times with the one and only Martine Saunier. Highlights include **Anne Gros** Richebourg back to 2010, **Rousseau**, led by 2002 Chambertin, Vogue, crowned by a full case of 2002 Musigny, and **Comte Liger-Belair** with dueling 2009 Vosne Romanees from Reignots and Petit Monts! **Dujac, Rouget, Roumier**, and **D'Auvenay** are on the block, as well as nearly two dozen dazzling selections of Domaine Leroy!!! The red carpet of outstanding Red Burgundy continues to roll with 1993 **DRC** La Tache, 2009 **Mugnier** Musigny and 2017 **Meo-Camuzet** Richebourg. White Burgundy revels in its own vinous wonderland inclusive of **Coche-Dury, Vogue, Leflaive, Pierre-Yves Colin Morey**, and nine lots of **Ramonet** including four vintages of Montrachet back to 1982!!! All wines were purchased upon release, many even directly from the Domaines!

We're going **Old School** in our second session, in **Lots 959-1056**, which feature wines from a friend of the house for almost fifteen years who recently celebrated his 86th birthday! He has traveled the world many times over and lived in many countries during his prosperous life. His wine collection is more than prosperous, and we are excited that he decided to share this spectacular selection of almost 100 lots with us! Grand old wines of yesteryear are crested by 1929 **Haut Brion**, 1955 **La Mission**, 1959 **Mouton**, 1945 **Lafite** and a 1966 Lafite Imperial that he has been holding on to for almost 25 years! Burgundy provides a rare OWC 2012 **Comte Liger-Belair** Golden Dragon Assortment as well as eleven selections of DRC highlighted by 1996, 1997 and 2001 Romanee Conti! It wouldn't be an "old school" offering without some Jayer, and 1996 and 1999 **Jayer** Cros Parantoux lead the way! Several vintages of DRC Montrachet pave the way for delicious White Burgundies from **Chartron** and **Juillot**, two of his pet producers whose wines he has been collecting for years. This amazing old school collection will keep giving pleasure for many years to come!

We finish day two majestically with four important collections in a row featuring **Sublime Burgundy & Rare Germans**. **Lots 1352-1368** come to us courtesy of a seasoned collector offering up **Margaux, Mouton**, and **Vogue** as well as ten tremendous lots of **Domaine de la Romanee Conti**. This extremely important collection includes a towering methuselah of 1999 Grands Echezeaux (!), five vintages of lovely La Tache in original wood six-packs (!!!!!) and tops it all off with a three-bottle original wood case of 2010 Romanee Conti!!! And everything was bought upon release! It's **As Good As It Gets** in **Lots 1369-1404**, presenting **Spectacular Burgundy**, as well as a toast of **Krug** and **Salon** Champagne. These stunning selections come from one of New York City's most important collectors, owned by a gentleman who has drunk the best of the best for the past 25 years right by my side. These three dozen lots are led by an original cardboard case of 2005 **Rousseau** Chambertin amongst several other Rousseau vintages in magnum format. There are eleven selections of DRC, featuring rare magnums of 2009 Echezeaux, a full case of 2010 Richebourg, 2006 Romanee Conti, and a Jeroboam of 2006 and 2009 La Tache in magnum owc!! **Fourrier** follows up with six lots of Clos St. Jacques and Griottes Chambertin before **Roumier** spreads its wings with a full case of 2006 Amoureuuses (!) as well as extremely rare magnums of 2009 and 2014 Musigny (!!).



From the very top of our list of **important Burgundy collections** comes over 150 Sublime Selections, **Lots 1405-1558**, courtesy of a passionate Pacific Northwest wine collector whose cellar includes mostly outstanding Red Burgundy and who has hard time letting go of his babies, as he likes to call them! Highlights commence with **Vogue**, including Musigny going back to 1999 and a rare bottle of 1999 d'Auvenay Mazis. **DRC** adds 27 dazzling lots highlighted by 2005 Echezeaux, six vintages of La Tache, 2010 Richebourg, and 2007 and 2011 Romanee Conti. There are more than forty selections of **Domaine Leroy** led by 2003 and 2005 Musigny followed by five lots each of Clos de la Roche and Richebourg back to 1999 as well as 2002s from Clos Vougeot, Latricieres and Romanee St. Vivant!!! **Dujac** selections include a magnum of 2012 Echezeaux, and **Meo-Camuzet** spotlights a bottle of 1999 Richebourg, while **Drouhin** offers eight vintages of Musigny spanning 1983 to 2012 including 1985! White Burgundy is short but oh so sweet with 1999 **Coche-Dury** Corton Charlemagne, 2007 DRC Montrachet, and several vintages of **Leroy** Corton Charlemagne! This is a substantial collection of incredible wines and a fine tribute to a lifetime of fine wine collecting well spent!

Wilf Jaeger is well-known to major collectors worldwide, as his wines have been tasted and recorded in numerous articles and books including Decanter, Vintage Wine and my own. He's built a cellar that keeps on giving, and this month we eagerly welcome him back as our grand finale in **Lots 1559-1703**. Fifty lots of Burgundy include fifteen selections of **DRC** highlighted by 1959 Grands Echezeaux, 1985 Grands Echezeaux in magnum, several vintages of La Tache including OWCs of 2002 and magnums of 2010, 1989 Romanee Conti, 1978 Richebourg and Romanee St. Vivant as well as magnums of 1999 and 2009 Romanee St. Vivant! There are seventeen selections of **Dujac** led by magnums of 1985 Bonnes Mares and 1999 Clos St. Denis and crowned by multiple Jeroboams of Romanee St. Vivant spanning 2005 to 2019. Other notables include selections from **Clos de Tart, Leroy, Jayer, Drouhin** and **Arnoux**. Wilf's collection of rare German wines is one of the greatest we've ever seen, dating back to 1921! Noble rot and late harvest Riesling covers 90 lots, including two bottles of 1921 **Hermannshof** Trockenbeerenauslese, that's officially over 100 years old!! 1971 was one of the finest German vintages of all-time and accordingly there are 1971 Trockenbeerenauslesen from **Bischöfliches Konvikt, Burklin-Wolf, Staatsweinguter Eltville** and **Von Kesselstatt**. Golden elixirs continues to flow from **Dr. Loosen, Fritz Haag, JJ Prum, Schloss Johannisberg, Schloss Vollrads, Schloss Von Simmern**, and a slew of epic historical wines from the state-run wineries going back to a 1937 Trockenbeerenauslese!!! This is old school Riesling heaven from one of the world's greatest collections, and we are very honored to be able to offer this exciting and unique slice from Wilf. What a way to end an incredible sale!

Join us live online from Delaware on **Thursday May 12th** and **Friday May 13th**, at 3pm ET both days, for a colorful array of "**May Flowers**" and delightful "**Viva Italia**" direct consignments to regenerate your cellar for the months and years to come. Cheers to your health and to great wine!

In Vino Veritas,

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