



Dear Client,

Acker's Fall auction season continues with a very special single-cellar evening sale on **Thursday, October 27th - The Eclipse Collection, Part I**. Live online from Delaware starting at 6pm ET, we bring you **nearly 400 selections** with over 250 lots of Red Burgundy, almost 100 selections of White Burgundy, a brace of Rayas, three dozen selections of Champagne and a smattering of Piedmont for good measure. From time to time there comes along one special collection that eclipses most others in quality, size, and depth, and this is the very one: The Eclipse Collection! As the famous race call of the Eighteenth Century horse Eclipse goes, "Eclipse first...and the rest nowhere!" and we are ecstatic to present this single cellar sale accordingly, the first installment of "The Eclipse Collection."



Though sizeable in its own right, this consignment of nearly 400 lots is but the very tip of the iceberg of our collector's mammoth cellar that is well past 40,000 bottles! The quality here is also top of the mark as he has kept extensive records over his two decades of collecting, knowing the provenance of each and every bottle with a rarely seen precision. His collecting strategy was profoundly simple and immensely successful: to buy the best producers, in the best vintages from the best sellers and cellars. Oh, and of course to focus on his favorite region of them all, Burgundy.

Our New York City collector made his way in finance after growing up in New England in a culturally Italian household around the table with family, food, and wine. Although the wine wasn't the focus and not terribly good, it planted the seed for his future vinous pursuits. While dating his then girlfriend, now wife, he wanted to impress her with his wine choices, so he started ardently learning all he could about wine. Wine quickly went from an interest to a passion and eventually the all-encompassing obsession that it is today. He fell in love with Barolo after drinking one for the first time at Babbo and after visiting the region, he then quickly moved onto all the French classics, particularly Burgundy and Champagne. Some of his most memorable "epiphany" bottles from those early days were 1989 Giacosa Barolo Villero, 1988 Krug and 1999 Jamet. The man behind The Eclipse Collection loves collecting wine second only to drinking it, but as he came to recently admit, he simply has way too much wine. He also enjoys the thrill of acquiring the newest of vintages as they get released, so he cannot stop! It's still very difficult for him to sell his meticulously sourced beauties, which is why you will see installments from the collection. He wanted to sell more, but the process is very painful for him! All his wine has been primarily bought through trusted local retailers and the major auction houses, stored professionally in multiple locations on the East Coast.

We deep dive into most noble Red Burgundy with 33 selections from **Armand Rousseau**, 26 lots of **Comte Liger-Belair**, 39 selections of **Domaine de la Romanee Conti**, 33 selections from **Domaine Leroy**, 22 lots of **Dujac**, 26 selections of **Roumier**, a dozen lots from **Henri Jayet** and 23 selections of **Mugnier!!!** White Burgundy regals us with 30 selections of **Coche-Dury** and 26 lots of **Roulot** as well as choice White Burgundy selections from **Arnaud Ente**, **d'Auvenay**, **DRC**, **Ramonet** and **Raveneau!** **Dom Perignon** and **Krug** dominate Champagne with a most honorable mention from the dean of cult Champagne **Jacques Selosse** before we conclude with several **Monfortino** back to 1955.



This brief glimpse into the remarkably brilliant The Eclipse Collection will leave you yearning for more and more!! **Please join us live online on Thursday, October 27th starting at 7pm ET as we proudly present to you Part One of The Eclipse Collection!!!** Cheers to your health and to great wine!!!

In Vino Veritas,

John Kapon
Chairman, Acker Merrall & Condit Companies

