



Dear Client,

51. It isn't 50, but it is still worth celebrating! It's time again for one of my favorite auctions every year, "**The Birthday Auction**"! It will take place on Friday and Saturday **November 18th and 19th live online from Delaware**. The sale is more than **fifteen hundred lots** strong and an estimated **\$10 million** in sales with some very special featured collections, including **The ABCs Of Cult Calis, Regal Rousseau And Dashing DRC From The Northern Star, Wines Direct From The Cellar of Domaine Bizot, The Crown Jewel Collection, and Magnificent, Mature And Iconic Old World Wines Of A European Connoisseur**. What makes this sale even more special is the breathtaking depth of wine beyond these featured collections. I am feeling warm and fuzzy already!



The ABCs Of Cult Calis Featuring Colgin And Screaming Eagle are presented in **lots 601-761**. These selections come to us courtesy of a West Coast collector who has had his finger on the pulse of the local fine wine market for many years thanks to his wife who introduced him to wine. She's a keeper! This is just a small fraction of his impressive collection with all the Cali wines being bought direct and stored in Napa, so they didn't have to move far! **Abreu** begins with a sweet sixteen selections followed by highlights from **Araujo, Bryant Family, Harlan, Scarecrow, Shafer Hillside Select, and Sloan**. There are over fifty selections of **Colgin**, including the IX Estate with a particularly strong showing, as well as fourteen selections of **Screaming Eagle** and its Second Flight, and thirty selections of **Sine Qua Non!!** Whew! That's a lot of great wine – California lovers take note!!! Many magnums abound, most of the wines are in their original packaging and all are in outstanding condition.

Regal Rousseau And Dashing DRC From The Northern Star appear in **lots 1011-1053**. These selections are exclusively Rousseau and DRC courtesy of the Northern Star, a collector who has been a beacon of light for us for years! All wines were purchased upon release, and there are bottles of top recent vintages in significant quantity as well as rarest magnums, many still in their original packaging! We have nearly thirty selections of Armand **Rousseau** focusing solely on their two Grandest Crus with fifteen lots of Chambertin and nearly as many of Clos de Beze!! Chambertin has six-packs back to 2008 and both Grand Crus flex their muscles with cases of bottles and magnums from the 2012 through the 2016 vintages as well as three six-packs of 2010 Clos de Beze! A dozen lots of **DRC** are highlighted by 2012 La Tache in bottle and magnum, three bottles each of 2015 and 2016 Romanee Conti, Romanee Conti and three bottles each of 2017 and 2018 Montrachet! Each lot in this consignment is superlative stuff!!

It is a distinct honor to welcome, in **lots 1054-1067**, wines **direct from the cellar of Domaine Bizot**, one of the most exciting and elusive wines in Burgundy today. Jean-Yves Bizot, who has some of the best old vine vineyards in Vosne Romanee and Echezeaux, is revered for his strict and uncompromising standards in the vineyards that give low yields of extraordinarily concentrated wines. This jewel of a Domaine was not created until 1995, and the total production of all cuvees is under 1000 cases. Bizot is a professor of viticulture and oenology in Beaune who lives in Vosne across the street from Henri Mayer's former residence. When Mayer was still alive, they used to discuss vinification periodically while working their neighboring vines. Not surprisingly, Bizot adapted some of Mayer's techniques in his own cellar, while maintaining some of the traditional techniques such as bottling by hand, barrel by barrel, without filtration. These very



serious Burgundies radiate purity, subtlety and elegance and are some of the most sought after wines in the world! Most of the offerings are rare magnums and even rarer Jeroboams and almost all in original wood or cardboard boxes. There are ten magnums on offer led by 2018 Jachees and 2019 Echezeaux as well as a mighty trio of Jeroboams inclusive of 2017 Le Chapitre, 2017 Jachees, and 2018 Echezeaux!!! This culminates in a super-lot of all nine cuvees Bizot commercially released in 2018. We are proud to present to you this esteemed selection direct from the cellar of Domaine Bizot!

Hear ye, hear ye, in lots **1068-1220** we feature **The Crown Jewel Collection**, a cavernous wine cellar overflowing with vinous gems befitting of the Birthday auction! There are over one hundred fifty selections of Red and White Burgundy, as well as significant selections of Bordeaux, Rhone, and Champagne worthy of royal attention. Our conscientious consignor decided early on to stick to crown jewel regions, vintages, and producers. Based in New York city, his passion for fine wine began while living overseas, following the natural progression from Bordeaux to Burgundy in his collecting. Well-known and respected in the wine community, he belongs to several organizations including Tastevin, and has built his collection through a select group of reputable auction houses and retailers. Crown jewels from Bordeaux include a Jeroboam of 1959 **Lafite** Rothschild and an Imperial of 1982 **Latour**, augmented by selections from **Haut Brion**, **Margaux**, and **Petrus**. The Burgundy selection is brilliant and has its own crown jewels that demand your attention: Lamazing **DRC** La Tache (six bottles of 1971, a Methuselah of 1985, a full case of 1990, and magnums of 2005!!!!), a bottle of 2002 **Leroy** Musigny, magnums of 2001 **Jayer** Cros Parantoux direct from the Domaine, four bottles of 1996 **Coche-Dury** Corton Charlemagne and three vintages of **d'Auvenay** Chevalier!!! **Comte Liger-Belair** is led by three bottles of 2009 La Romanee! **DRC**, in addition to the aforementioned La Tache, offers three magnums of 2005 Richebourg and a magnum of 2001 Romanee Conti, Romanee Conti. There are fifteen lots of **Domaine Leroy** highlighted by 2002s of Chambertin, Clos de la Roche, Latricieres, Musigny, Richebourg, and Romanee St. Vivant. **Dujac**, **Roumier**, **d'Auvenay**, **Clos des Lambrays**, **Rouget**, **Lignier**, **Ponsot**, and **Engel** continue the rollcall of outstanding Red Burgundy. We dream of White Burgundy in a big way with **Coche-Dury**, **Raveneau**, **Bonneau du Martray**, and nine selections of rare **d'Auvenay**! This is a spectacular collection of jewel after jewel!

Last but not least, we highlight **Magnificent, Mature And Iconic Old World Wines Of A European Connoisseur** in lots **1221-1345**. There is nothing like a perfectly mature wine from a grand old vintage to elicit oohs and aahs at the dinner table. These wines are increasingly hard to find, and modern winemaking techniques make these wines all the more precious. Fortunately, this collector has been collecting the icons of France, Italy, and Spain for decades. Bordeaux inspires with a magnum of 1945 Gruaud Larose as well as a full case of 1943 **Haut Brion**! Legendary vintages of **La Mission Haut Brion** are in bottle and magnum including 1952, 1955 and 1959! **Lafite** and **Latour** both go back to 1928 and 1945, with Latour offering a string of outstanding vintages from the 1950s, leading up to the legendary 1961 in bottle and magnum, before we hit the legendary 1900 **d'Yquem**! Burgundy seizes the mantle with 1985 **Rousseau** Chambertin, 1955 **Vogue** Musigny, 1996 **Jayer** Cros Parantoux, 1992 **Lafon** Montrachet and 1969 La Chapelle. There are a baker's dozen of **Domaine de la Romanee Conti** led by 1978s from Echezeaux, La Tache and Romanee St. Vivant!!! Fourteen selections of **Dom Perignon** go all the way back to 1955 and the Champagne keeps overflowing decadently with well-aged bubbles from Jacques **Selosse**, **Clos des Goisses**, **Pol Roger**, and **Salon**, as well as rare vintage Krug just in time for New Year's! Italy flexes its muscles with **Giacosa**, **Mascarello**, **Biondi Santi**, **Soldera**, **Sassicaia**, and **Monfortino** going back to 1945. **Vega Sicilia** Unico spans 1941 to 1998 highlighted



by the outstanding 1953, 1962 and 1968 vintages. We are ecstatic to be able to offer some of the remaining wines in this iconic collection!

Don't miss the action on **Friday and Saturday November 18th and 19th** for the annual **"Birthday Auction"**, including all of these incredible collections and much, much more. Cheers to your health and to great wine!!!

In Vino Veritas,

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