



Dear Client,

It's finally time for Acker's first ever **La Paulée auction** on **Thursday and Friday March 2 and 3!** Get ready because it's already a benchmark sale for 2023 and the largest La Paulee auction ever!!! It will be held over two days, over **2200 lots**, and is over an estimated **\$15M in sales** including **20 direct consignments from some of Burgundy's greatest producers!!!** If you are a betting man, take the over 😊 Burgundy lovers it is time to celebrate whether you make it to New York or not, especially when you have the world's finest wines in featured collections such as **The Collection of Andrew Vacchiano, The Eclipse Collection, A Superlative Collection of Armand Rousseau** and last but not least **The Cellar of The Emperor**. This is a global summit of the highest order! Surrounding the excitement of the auction is a week of incredible tastings, lunches, and dinners that are all part of La Paulée, the world's biggest Burgundy wine party! Join us and over 30 producers from Burgundy live in New York all week long, and register for all of their events at www.lapaulee.com !



The list of producers offering wines direct from their cellars in the La Paulée auction is long and distinguished and includes more than 200 exceptional selections in **lots 1706-1909**, estimated at nearly \$1 Million. The lineup reads like a who's who of Burgundy and features **Antoine Jobard, Bachelet-Monnot, Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey, Comte Armand, Clerget, De Montille, Henri Gouges, Joseph Drouhin, Faiveley, Chateau de la Tour, Hubert & Laurent Lignier, Denis Mortet, Dugat-Py, Duroche, Fourrier, Meo-Camuzet, Roulot, Dujac, Comte Liger-Belair**, and one Burgundian ambassador whose wines I am dying to try, Australia's **Bass Phillip**, which is now under the leadership of Burgundy's own Jean-Marie Fourrier!! We could not be more excited about this assortment of the best of the best of Burgundy direct from their cellars to yours!

In **lots 459-669** we shine the spotlight on **The Collection of Andrew Vacchiano** featuring Dujac, Rouget, Roumier, Mugnier, Meo-Camuzet, Mugneret-Gibourg, and much more! Andrew's collection represents many of the first families of Burgundy, and that would be appropriate because he is big on family as well, always having great gatherings with both his family and his family of Burgundies. Andrew has lived a life in the financial world as a businessman and investment trader, and while his Burgundy collection has turned out to be a great investment, that was never the intention, but we finally talked him into sharing a few goodies – well, more than a few! He admitted that he loves the hunt for outstanding, rare wines, and part of continuing that hunt is to make room for more! Andrew has multiple homes all with significant climate-controlled cellars and has been collecting for decades. His first and foremost passion has always been Burgundy. We are ecstatic to welcome him to our La Paulée auction with over two hundred splendid selections focusing on 120 lots of Red Burgundy, and 91 more! The Red Burgundy collection includes sizable offerings of **Vogue, Clos de Tart, Dujac, Rouget, Roumier, Mugnier, Meo-Camuzet, Mugneret-Gibourg** and **Ponsot**. Star lots are so prevalent we can't possibly name them all. White Burgundy is short and sweet with **Vogue Musigny Blanc** and **Lafon Montrachet**. Bordeaux steps in with **Cos d'Estournel, Latour** and **Vieux Chateau Certain** while **Chave** and **Jamet** dominate the Rhone with large formats. **Salon** has magnums of its own, and we are pretty in Piedmont with **Giacosa, Giacomo Conterno**, and **Gaja!** This is a special collection from a special gentleman whose family values have translated well into the family of great wines here on offer. We proudly present to you The Collection of Andrew Vacchiano!



“Total Eclipse of the Palate,” a kaleidoscope of top Burgundy, celebrates La Paulée in **lots 670-1014** and is the sale’s largest collection. This marks the triumphant return of **The Eclipse Collection** and includes over three hundred selections barely scratching the surface of our collector’s mammoth cellar that eclipses 40,000 bottles! This offering is an A to Z of the finest wines, especially Red Burgundy. 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’s interest in wine quickly turned into a passion and eventually the all-encompassing obsession that it is today. These were not investment pursuits, these were bought and selected with great love, care, and rigorous vetting as they were destined for his personal consumption. He recently came to admit he simply has way too much wine so we’re lucky enough to get a taste of his collection, primarily bought through trusted local retailers and the major auction houses and stored professionally in multiple locations on the East Coast. These 330 selections include over two hundred lots of Red Burgundy highlighted by four dozen lots of **Domaine de la Romanee Conti!** The rollcall of deep dive offerings from top producers continues with forty lots of **Armand Rousseau**, thirty selections of **Comte Liger-Belair**, more than two dozen lots of **Leroy**, eighteen selections of both **Dujac** and **Roumier** as well as ten from **Henri Jaye** and fifteen lots of **Coche-Dury!!!** We round things out with **Haut Brion, Rayas, Chave, Dom Perignon, Selsosse, Krug** and **Monfortino** Riserva! This intense glimpse into the remarkably brilliant Eclipse Collection will leave your palate speechless after this total Eclipse!

Things keep rolling along in **lots 1419-1524, A Superlative Collection of Armand Rousseau**, all purchased directly from the Domaine over the years, including many magnums. This collection is all Armand Rousseau all the time and comes to us courtesy of a European gentleman who snuck in to our La Paulée debut just before the auction deadline. He offers us over one hundred lots acquired directly from the Domaine itself unmoved until now! Wow!!! More than thirty lots of Chambertin are highlighted by a twenty-three vintage vertical arching over 1994 to 2018. Clos de Beze is the perfect foil with more than thirty lots of its own and Clos St. Jacques gets its due with two dozen selections. We are ecstatic to offer this superlative collection of Armand Rousseau with perfect provenance from this European cellar!

The Emperor is back again in **lots 1525-1705** in **“The Emperor Reigns Supreme.”** It is with great honor that we again present to you iconic selections from the significant collection of The Emperor!!! The Emperor has hosted many epic wine evenings with endless fine and rare wines from his temperature-controlled cellar. His wine empire’s reach is far and long and not for the tepid traveler, and we welcome him to our first ever La Paulée auction as one of fine wine’s greatest ambassadors. The Emperor has provided one hundred and eighty selections from his palace’s cavernous cellars to celebrate La Paulée! There is **ancient Bordeaux** and **modern Pomerol** power before Burgundy takes over. **Vogue** Musigny back to the 1940s sets us up for a centerfold of seventy-five selections of **Domaine de la Romanee Conti** back to the 1970s with significant large formats!!! The DRC show stars a dozen lots of Grand Echezeaux back to 1971, more than two dozen selections of La Tache including 1971 in bottle and magnum, five lots of Richebourg, and ten selections of Romanee Conti, Romanee Conti back to a magnum of 1971 with three bottles of 1988 and six bottles of 1990!!! The red carpet of finest Red Burgundy continues with **Leroy, Jaye, Dujac** and **Roumier**, who features some super special lots with Bonnes Mares and Musigny from 1971, bottles of 1993 Musigny, and



a magnum of 1999 Musigny!!! A sweet sixteen selection of **Coche-Dury** paves the road to White Burgundy gold for a dozen fantastic lots of DRC Montrachet, nine vintages of **Leflaive** Montrachet spanning 1993 to 2008, and **Ramonet** Montrachets spearheaded by a bottle of 1979 and a Jeroboam of 1992!!! Don't forget about the **Rayas** and **Screaming Eagle**! This collection has something for everyone, for everyone who is drinking the finest and rarest wines in the world!!! And that's the perfect way to celebrate La Paulee!!! All hail The Emperor!

Don't miss our first ever La Paulée auction on **Thursday and Friday March 2-3** with more than 2200 selections of the finest and rarest wines and a week's worth of celebrations. This is worth a trip to New York City! And don't forget to sign up for some events at www.lapaulee.com !!!

Cheers to your health and to great wine! See you soon in NYC!

In Vino Veritas,

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