



Dear Client,

We are delighted to launch what promises to be a monumental Fall auction season here at Acker, with a two-day sale **featuring more than 1,700 lots on Thursday, September 7 and Saturday, September 9!** The September U.S. auction is **estimated at nearly \$8M in sales**, and there are plenty of significant collections on offer over the course of two days including on Day One: **Iconic Old World Wines of a European Connoisseur, Burgundy Starring DRC & Leflaive**, and **Top Turn of the Century Bordeaux!** Day two continues with **The Best of the Best from a Longstanding East Coast Collector, The Return of the Magellan Cellar**, and last, but certainly not least, **The Cellar of Dr. Jack Orrin Gratch**. What a great way to kick off the Fall season!



We lead off in **lots 1-115** with **Magnificent, Mature, and Iconic Old World Wines of a European Connoisseur**. There is nothing like a perfectly mature wine from a grand old vintage of yesteryear to elicit oohs and aahs at the dinner table. These wines are increasingly hard to find, but fortunately this discerning gentleman has been collecting the icons of France, Italy, and Spain for decades. We're dazzled by Bordeaux from the 1920s through 1960s including numerous 1959s and 1961s such as magnums of 1961 **Calon Segur**, 1959 **Gruaud Larose**, 1949 **La Conseillante**, and 1926, 1929, 1949, 1950 and 1952 **La Mission!** The legendary 1928 vintage gets its due with Gruaud Larose and **Haut Brion** in various formats. There are nine bottles of 1945 **Lafite Rothschild** as well as six gorgeous bottles from 1959, followed by seven selections of **Chateau Latour** spanning 1929 to 1959. The hits keep coming with 1959 **Mouton**, 1959 and 1961 **Palmer** as well as 1955 **Vieux Chateau Certan!!!** Burgundy delves into the past with 1980 **Rousseau** Chambertin, while the Rhone features 1978 **Rayas** and 1971 **La Chapelle**. The Champagne flows decadently with 1969 **Dom Perignon**, 1966 **Clos des Goisses**, and 1955 **Salon!** Italy flexes its muscles with eight selections of **Bruno Giacosa** spearheaded by Riserva Speciale Barbaresco and Barolo from the legendary 1964 vintage! We continue our tour of Italy's rich vinous past with **Mascarello** back to 1967, **Marchesi di Barolo** back to 1943, and seven selections of **Monfortino** Riserva back to 1947, before heading to Spain with nine lots of Vega Sicilia Unico spanning 1947 to 1972. Talk about magnificent!!!

Healthy and Wealthy Burgundy Starring Domaine de la Romanee Conti and Leflaive is featured next in **lots 139-257**. This fine wine health plan is courtesy of a West Coast wine loving couple and their voluminous cellar. After retiring from a successful career together, our wonderful couple still sit on several healthcare nonprofit boards and support numerous charities. They bought most wines upon release ex-Domaine or retail and kept them in a combination of temperature-controlled home and professional storage. Bordeaux delivers 1990 **Cheval Blanc**, 1989 **Latour**, 1996 **Margaux**, and 2008 and 2011 **Petrus** before Burgundy takes center stage with over forty selections of **DRC!!!!** There are ten lots of Echezeaux back to 1995, highlighted by two six-packs of 2012, followed by a dozen selections of Grands Echezeaux with dueling six-packs from the 2012, 2013 and 2014 vintages. Six lots of La Tache shimmer covering 2009 to 2019, crowned by singular bottles of 1999, 2015 and 2017 Romanee Conti, Romanee Conti, and we have a fine DRC finale of ten lots of Romanee St. Vivant from 2007 to 2019!!! **Domaine Leflaive** dominates White Burgundy with a dozen dazzling lots centering around twelve bottle cases of 2013 Batard and Chevalier Montrachet. The collection rounds out with magnums of **Lanson Collection**, a loose vertical of **Dal Forno Amarone** and a sweet sixteen selections of **Pingus** spanning 2005 to 2020 including rare magnums!!



In **lots 467-665** we turn to **Top Turn of the Century Bordeaux from a Wine Loving Couple** who have been collecting together for over forty years!! Our friends have traveled extensively to France, belong to several wine societies, support various charity auctions, and even owned part of a vineyard and imported their own wines for a while! This is a comprehensive collection of turn of the century Bordeaux carefully curated from top importers and retailers and stored in their gorgeous, custom, climate-controlled home cellar. We get off on the right foot with sought after Chateaux from the Right Bank including six lots of **Angelus** back to 1989, nine vintages of **Ausone** spanning 1986 to 2005 and a case of 1990 **Cheval Blanc**! The case party continues on the Left Bank with multiple vintages of **Cos** as well as 1982 and 1995 **Ducru Beaucaillou**. All Five First Growths are very well represented indeed with sixteen selections of **Haut Brion** going back to 1959 with bonus lots of **La Mission**! **Lafite Rothschild** regals with twenty-six selections back to 1952 including magnums from the millennium vintage. **Chateau Latour** hits blackjack with 21 lots going back to 1971, and Margaux kicks it up a couple of notches with twenty-three selections going all the way back to 1947. **Mouton Rothschild** finally joins the party with twenty-two spectacular lots! Further choice Bordeaux includes 2000 **Lynch Bages**, 2005 **Pavie**, 1985 **Pichon Lalande**, and multiple vintages of **Vieux Chateau Certan**. Burgundy is short and sweet with seven lots of **Domaine de la Romanee Conti** crowned by magnums of 1987 Echezeaux and Richebourg. All the building blocks to grow both your cellar and your relationship!

We move on to our second session featuring **The Best of the Best in 200 Lots Courtesy of a Long-standing East Coast Collector** in **lots 1209-1415**. With us since the very beginning, we are always delighted to have him return and take us around the world of fine wine from his immaculate cellar! His collection is a who's who of the best of the best, and his mantra is to buy original cases in quantity, which makes his cellar all the more amazing. Bordeaux begins with eight lots of **Haut Brion** spanning 1982 to 2010 including several original wood cases, as well as highlights such as 2000 **La Mission**, **Latour** back to 1996, 1986 **Leoville Las Cases**, 1989 **Lynch Bages**, 1996 **Margaux**, 1959 **Montrose**, 1986 **Mouton**, 1998 and 2016 **Petrus**, and a sweet finish of the monumental 2001 **Yquem**! Burgundy takes the mantle with sixteen lots of **Vogue** with Bonnes Mares back to 2002 and Musigny spanning 1999 to 2013. **DRC** has seven splendid lots including 2010s from Echezeaux, Grands Echezeaux and Richebourg backed by eight selections of **Dujac**. **Roumier**, **Lignier**, **Drouhin**, **Jadot**, and **Ponsot** provide a string of outstanding Red Burgundy before we turn to White Burgundy featuring **Bouchard** and fifteen **Raveneau** lots highlighted by ten selections of Montee de Tonnerre from 2004 to 2019!! We pay homage to top selections from Champagne, Italy and California featuring 1990 **Krug**, 1988 **Winston Churchill**, 2016s from **Solaia**, **Tignanello** and **Le Pergole Torte**, and California gold from **Abreu**, **Bryant**, **Colgin**, **Dominus**, **Harlan**, **Hundred Acre**, and **Scarecrow**. All in all, this is a fantastic collection with numerous large formats. The best of the best, sir!

We are delighted to present an encore collection in **lots 1416-1588, Round the World We Go With the Return of the Magellan Cellar**. This is a masterpiece collection from a New England gentleman who has been collecting for almost two decades, making great investments in wine among other precious commodities. He loves great wines from various terroirs across many regions but has a particular passion for the special wines of Burgundy's Cote d'Or and belongs to the New York Tastevin accordingly. This world traveler takes us around the wine world in finest fashion, and Bordeaux is the first stop with tasty tidbits of 1989 **Haut Brion**, 1998 and 2000 **Lafleur**. Red Burgundy seizes the helm with seven selections of **Rousseau**, and we go from strength to strength with a quartet of **Comte Liger-Belair**, seven lots of **Dujac**, nine lots of **Roumier**, and **Mugnier** Musigny!! The Magellan Cellar with have you dreaming about White Burgundy including Meursault lots from **Arnaud Ente** and fourteen selections



of **Coche-Dury**, headlined by six bottles of 2015 Corton Charlemagne and several vintages of Meursault Perrieres back to 1986!! There are seven lots of **Domaine Leflaive**, eight lots of **Raveneau**, and eighteen electrifying selections of **Roulot** with six-packs of 2017 and 2018 Clos des Boucheres and nine lots of Meursault Perrieres from 1999 to 2014. The Rhone Valley unearths **Beaucastel**, **Guigal**, and **Jamet**, while Champagne freshens the palate with **Jacques Selosse** and **Jerome Prevost** as well as 1971 **Dom Perignon** Oenotheque, 1988 **Krug** magnums and a 1998 Jeroboam! The journey continues with Loire, Germany, Italy, and California to make for a fantastic collection of wine travels; get your own first class ticket right here thanks to The Magellan Cellar!!!

In lots 1589-1788, we are deeply honored to present **The Cellar of Dr. Jack Orrin Gratch Featuring an Incredible Collection of Italian Wines**. Dr. Gratch recently passed away after a lifetime of passionate wine collecting. Born and raised in Philadelphia above his father's pharmacy, he developed a keen interest in medicine that led to his life's work. Graduating from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science and Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, he practiced nephrology for over 50 years, teaching at Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is remembered for his exceptional care, brilliant mind, unyielding demeanor, and black hospital scrubs. Beyond his medical career, he found the greatest fulfillment as a devoted father, never missing his sons' sports events, and imparting a sense of discipline and determination that will live on through his legacy. He shared his father's passion for sports cars, cherished meaningful conversations during good meals and great wine, and, as his interest in wine deepened, became a blind taster of considerable renown. He especially loved Italian wines and his collection is a testament to that! There are a bevy of Brunellos from **Biondi Santi** and **Casanova di Neri**, as well as loose verticals of **Gaja's** famous single-vineyard wines. The Veneto presents **Dal Forno** with Amarone back to 1990 for starters and we continue our deep dive with twenty-five (!!) selections of **Quintarelli** featuring seven lots of Alzero spanning 1984 to 2005, 2000 Amarone, and several vintages of Amarone Riserva back to 1988! Tuscany is on display with fourteen lots of **Masseto** from 1999 to 2014 followed by twenty selections of **Soldera** with multiple cases of Case Basse Riserva! **Sassicaia** comes through with fifteen lots spanning 2003 to 2012. The collection also includes French gems including 1961 **Haut Brion**, 1982 **Latour** and 2000 **Mouton**, as well as a selection of **DRC**. California appears with rare large formats of **Abreu**, **Bond** single vineyard wines, **Diamond Creek** including four vintages of Lake back to 1996, and seventeen lots of **Harlan** and its Maiden arching over 1996 to 2014. There are seven lots of **Hundred Acre** and we fly home with selections of **Screaming Eagle**, **Scarecrow** and **Sloan**. All in all, this is a great collection and a wonderful vinous tribute to a great man and beloved doctor!

Please join us live online from Delaware on **Thursday September 7 and Saturday September 9** for this spectacular sale to launch the Fall auction season. Cheers to your health and to great wine!

In Vino Veritas,

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