



Dear Client,

The peak of the Fall auction season is here: the massive three-day Birthday Auction on **Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 16, 17, and 18!** Please celebrate with me my 52nd birthday in the finest fashion with the finest of wines and let us know if you are in New York City for events throughout the sale! The sale showcases a tremendous **2,500+ lots** with estimated sales of **\$12 million!** Among the numerous features highlighting the world's finest wines are special collections brought together to epitomize each of the three days. Yes, there are so many tremendous collections that each session has its own headline: Thursday being all about **The Four Horsemen**, Friday **The Burgundy Boys**, and Saturday is **A Saturday Special!**



The first session of our three-day celebration is anchored by four special collections that we have dubbed "**The Four Horsemen.**" These consignments consist of seven hundred and fifty lots to pull this auction out of the gate with great vinous momentum! The first of The Four Horsemen is **The Comprehensive Collection of a Prominent Surgeon** in **lots 1-464**, a larger than life collector and renowned West Coast sports medicine surgeon with an appropriately oversized cellar. He has consigned sizable offerings of significant wines with us before, and we are delighted to have a selection of wines just hitting their primetime drinking. Highlights include over one hundred lots of **classified growth Bordeaux from the 1940s to the present** in various formats, including benchmark vintages. Our centerpiece is one hundred thirty lots of Red Burgundy featuring over forty selections of **Domaine de la Romanee Conti**, as well as significant offerings of **Vogue** and **Leroy**. Highly-rated offerings pour in from the Rhone including **Guigal** and **Chave**, as well as Champagne from **Dom Perignon** and **Cristal**. **Masseto** and other noble friends wave the flag for Italy, cult and Classic Cali Cabs are led by **Harlan** and **Screaming Eagle**, and sought-after Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays get their due from **Kistler**, **Marcassin** and **Sine Qua Non!** We are delighted he dropped in with these all-star birthday selections!!!

Lots 465-598 hail from our second of The Four Horsemen with **Iconic Bordeaux and Burgundy of the Good Doctor**. An astute collector and distinguished physician who believes in buying the best of the best in quantity, his collection includes some of the greatest wines from the 20th century. Wine is the best medicine for the soul with **famous Bordeaux icons of yesteryear back to the 1920s** highlighted by 1945s and 1961s. Burgundy goes back to 1900 starring more than two dozen lots of **Domaine de la Romanee Conti** and ten lots of **Domaine Leflaive!!!** We are extremely honored to have this great selection of mature wines from The Good Doctor! **The Art of Collection** comes from The Third Horsemen in **lots 599-698**. This extremely successful New York based businessman has invested in several of the city's most respected restaurants and is also very passionate about fine art, ranking among the world's most important collectors. He sees wine as a vinous art, and accordingly you will find **Bordeaux from the 1980s and 1990s** as well as significant selections of **Rousseau**, **Vogue**, **DRC**, **Leroy**, and **Ponsot**. Our fourth of The Four Horsemen displays **Regal Rousseau from the Northern Star** in **lots 699-750**. We've had the pleasure of significant selections of Burgundy from this French gentleman before, and this time he focuses on regal Rousseau. His bottles are always purchased upon release and perfectly kept. After an appetizer of **Petrus**, Armand **Rousseau** stars among these fifty fabulous lots with twenty-eight splendid selections!! Supporting roles come from **Dujac** and **Roumier** before we detour to the Rhone featuring **Rayas** and **Chave**.



Unlike the boys of summer, **The Burgundy Boys** never fade and prefer the Fall season. That makes them the perfect collectors to come together to make our second session grand and glorious with the best of the best Burgundies from all the names that make Burgundy connoisseurs' hearts sing! We kick off with **The Immaculate Collection** in lots **883-1079**. This New York City collector is fanatical about Burgundy and meticulous about provenance, keeping extensive records for every bottle bought over his two decades of collecting. He has amassed more than 40,000 bottles with a profoundly simple strategy to buy the best producers in the best vintages from the best cellars, focusing on his favorite region of them all, Burgundy!!! Although he made his way in finance, these were not investment pursuits. Every bottle was selected with great love, care, and rigorous vetting as they were destined for his personal consumption and to generously share with great company. He simply has too much wine and so we are treated to top Red Burgundy producers including sixteen selections of **Rousseau**, ten lots of **Comte Liger-Belair**, more than two dozen showstoppers from **Domaine de la Romanee Conti**, nine **Leroy** selections, thirteen from **Dujac**, and six **Roumier**. **Coche-Dury** dominates White Burgundy with twenty-three lots, complemented by twenty-one from **Roulot**, a dozen **Raveneau**, and six **Ramonet**. An All-Star assortment, indeed!!

The Burgundy Boys are just getting started and, in lots **1080 -1647**, we continue the celebration with a stunning array of fourteen consignments from passionate collectors and friends of the house. Chefs, sommeliers, and industry insiders join bon vivants, shrewd businessmen, and entertainment executives to fete a happy Burgundy birthday! In this spectacular second session, we proudly present more than one hundred selections from **Domaine de la Romanee Conti** spanning 1978 to 2020 from all the Red Grand Cru vineyards and including large formats!!! There are nearly seventy selections from **A. Rousseau**, covering vintages from 1985 to the present including 2002 and 2019 Chambertin. **Ponsot** boasts nearly fifty lots spanning 2001 to 2015 with multiple vintages of Chapelle Chambertin, Clos de la Roche, and Griottes Chambertin, before **Dujac** takes the stage showcasing magnums of 1999 Bonnes Mares and Clos St. Denis. Adding to the Red Burgundy festivities are over thirty lots of **Comte Liger-Belair**, including parcel lots of 2015 La Romanee, and **Mugneret-Gibourg**, where Jeroboams of the 1999 Clos Vougeot, Echezeaux, and Ruchottes Chambertin are on the block. **Roumier** offers an OWC case of 2002 Bonnes Mares, complemented by an array of other exceptional wines, including treasures from **Arnaux-Lachaux**, **Leroy**, **Duroche**, **Faiveley**, **Jayer**, **Mugnier**, **R. Engel**, and more!!! Meanwhile, the White Burgundy selection captivates with a dazzling array of more than fifty lots from **Coche-Dury**, nearly fifty from **Roulot**, and over forty selections from **Raveneau**, in addition to lovely lots from **Ramonet**, **Dauvissat**, **La Romanee**, **Leflaive**, **A. Ente**, and more. It's a Burgundy celebration like no other!

Day three parties on with more amazing collections of Burgundy and beyond; there is only one way to describe this grand finale and that is "**A Special Saturday!**" We kick off another action-packed auction day with **Just What The Doctor Ordered** in lots **1648-1868**. This brilliant doctor and cancer researcher, who is also a bass chorister, fell in love with wine and began reading, tasting, and collecting on repeat. **Twenty-first Century Bordeaux** leads the way for one hundred and fifty lots of Red Burgundy, featuring sixty plus lots of **Dujac** and fifteen from **Mugnier** as his preferred prescriptions! The remedies keep on coming with nearly two dozen selections of **Leflaive** complemented by **Coche-Dury** and **Raveneau**! **Clape**, **Rayas** and **Chave** romp in the Rhone and we conclude with **Krug** and a bit of Piedmont. A great start to our special Saturday!!!



A fitting follow-up is **A Superlative Collection of DRC**, exclusively in magnum and all purchased on release. The only thing better than DRC is DRC in magnums 😊. **Lots 1869-1950** are courtesy of one of our favorite wine warriors who purchased all these magnums upon release and stored them in a custom-built, temperature-controlled home cellar. There are seventeen spellbinding selections of La Tache, a dozen each Echezeaux, Grands Echezeaux and Richebourg, and a baker's dozen of Romanee St. Vivant. The icing on the cake is thirteen magnums of tremendous Romanee Conti, Romanee Conti!! This is a rare opportunity to buy DRC magnums in quantity with perfect provenance and condition! **Big-Time Burgundy of a Successful Businessman** in **lots 1951-2062** offers an incredible collection from an incredible gentleman. Always the life of the party, he is extremely generous sharing his collection and he shares with us more than one hundred lots from the esteemed 2009 Red Burgundy vintage! There are dozens of lots from **DRC, Leroy and Dujac**, as well as **Rousseau, Roumier, Coche-Dury, Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey** and **Ramonet!**

Lots 2102-2377 present **A Breathtaking Selection of Iconic Wines** courtesy of a New York collector, vinous scholar, bon vivant, and gentleman. We are honored to welcome back this longtime collector and good friend with a breathtaking assortment of the world's finest and rarest wines highlighted by decades of **iconic Bordeaux back to 1930s**, including legendary wines from 1945, 1959, 1961, and 1982. Twenty selections of **Armand Rousseau** set the table properly for over sixty selections of **Domaine de la Romanee Conti** commencing with 1991 and 2001 Assortments, and that is just the tip of the iceberg! There are twenty lots of **Dujac**, complemented by thirteen selections of **Roumier**. White Burgundy unfurls **Arnaud Ente, Coche-Dury, Raveneau, and Roulot**. We have choice selections of **Chave, Dom Perignon** and **Krug** while **Giacosa, Giacomo Conterno** and **Soldera** wave the flag for Italy. This is an offering of nothing but the best there is!!

Our thrilling third session proceeds with the legendary **personal collection of Martine Saunier** starring more than two dozen selections of **Emmanuel Rouget**, including twelve magnums of 2002 Vosne Romanee Cros Parantoux, in **lots 2063-2087!!!** Look out for 1982 Bordeaux classics, including twelve bottles of the 100-point **Chateau Lafleur**. More beautiful Burgundy, Bordeaux, Rhone and Champagne take flight to bring a triumphant three-day sale to a fitting and fantastic end.

Please join us for this three-day birthday extravaganza on **Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 16, 17, and 18**. Let's all party like it's my birthday 😊 Cheers to your health and to great wine!

In Vino Veritas,

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