

Dear Client,

La Paulee is here again! We are thrilled to announce our second La Paulée auction on Thursday, February 29 and Friday, March 1, featuring an impressive lineup of over 2,400 lots and an estimated **\$15** million in sales!!! This two-day extravaganza showcases thirteen direct consignments from some of Burgundy's most esteemed producers, alongside offerings from highly significant collections featuring Magnificent, Mature and Iconic Old World Wines of a European Connoisseur; A Legendary Offering from an Iconic New York Collector; The Return of the Trinity Collection; and The Golden Bull Rides Again to La Paulée. La Paulée is a bicoastal event this year, and we're bringing the excitement to both coasts with bidding parties in NYC and LA to celebrate the world's finest wines. Surrounding the excitement of the auction is more than a week of incredible tastings, lunches, and dinners—all integral parts of La Paulée, the world's biggest Burgundy wine party! We hope to see you on both coasts!



The roster of distinguished producers offering wines direct from their cellars in the La Paulée auction is nothing short of extraordinary. Highlighted on day two with over 100 exceptional selections from **lots 1776-1889**, the lineup reads like a who's who of Burgundy, featuring **Antoine Jobard, Bachelet-Monnot, Roulot, Clerget, De Montille, Hudelot-Noellat, Hubert & Laurent Lignier, Dugat-Py, Fourrier, Duroche, Meo-Camuzet, Dujac**, and **Comte Liger-Belair**. We are absolutely delighted about this superb assortment of the best of Burgundy, direct from their cellars to yours!

We kick off the sale by going back in time, shining the spotlight on other fine wine regions with **Magnificent**, **Mature Old World Wines of a European Connoisseur** in **lots 1-158**. Though many have tried, man cannot live on Burgundy alone! This discerning gentleman has been collecting the icons of France, Italy and Spain for decades and offers over one hundred and seventy selections focusing on these mature, iconic gems. Bordeaux commences the festivities with wines from the 1920s through the 1980s highlighted by gorgeous bottles of 1948 Cheval Blanc, 1955 **Haut Brion**, 1959 **La Mission**, 1953 **Lafite**, 1959 **Mouton**, 1929 **Yquem** and more! We get our Burgundy fix from **DRC** and **Raveneau**, and the Champagne keeps flowing with selections from **Salon** and a vertical of **Taittinger** Artist Series going back to 1978! Don't miss a breathtaking collection of sixty selections of **Vega Sicilia** Unico spanning 1922 to 2000! We are ecstatic to be able to continue to offer wines from this magnificent collection!!

In **lots 159-819** we explore **A Legendary Offering from an Iconic New York Collector** featuring over six hundred and fifty lots of the finest Burgundy and Champagne, and finest may be an understatement!! Having personally inventoried a significant number of the rare bottles on offer here, I can safely say this is one of the most thrilling offerings we have ever done thanks to one of the world's most important collectors. The main course is three hundred and seventy (370!!!) scintillating selections of Red Burgundy. There are over eighty selections of **Domaine de la Romanee Conti**, including La Tache spanning 1938 to 2016 and Romanee Conti, Romanee Conti back to 1934!! **Armand Rousseau** showcases sixty selections, there are forty from **Fourrier**, and over two dozen **Roumiers** back to 1969, complemented by White Burgundy from **Coche-Dury** and **Ramonet**. Champagne is the cornerstone of the collection with two hundred and

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seventy (270!!) selections featuring some of the most important bottles of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. There is no better source for rare bottles of old Champagne than this collection, which showcases three dozen lots of **Dom Perignon** back to the first vintage of 1921, twenty-five lots of **Moet** back to 1889, and an astounding seventy-plus selections of **Krug** including Krug Collection back to 1929, Clos du Mesnil, very rare Private Cuvee Extra Secs, and MV believed to be from the 1960s!!! Top off your glass with three dozen lots of **Louis Roederer** back to 1921, fourteen lots of **Pol Roger** back to 1914, a dozen **Pommery** back to 1926, and forty fantastic selections of **Salon** representing 18 of the 43 vintages ever made, spanning 1943 to 2002. I have had the pleasure of sharing many wine experiences with this collector all over the world and we are deeply honored to include his truly legendary collection in our second La Paulee auction! An offering like this does not come around that often, take special note!

Our second session features **The Return of the Trinity Collection** in lots **1392-1565**, including one hundred-seventy tremendous selections of Blue Chip Bordeaux and stunning Burgundy. This generous collector and passionate wine lover has been a staunch supporter of Acker for almost as long as he has been collecting the world's finest wines, which is more than twenty-five years! Bordeaux sets the stage with **Ausone, Cheval Blanc, Haut Brion** and **La Mission, Margaux, Latour, Mouton**, eleven lots of **Lafite**, eight lots of **Petrus**, and a plethora of Super Seconds. You'll notice numerous 2005 Bordeaux offerings among them, a great vintage that is just coming into own nearly twenty years later. Now is the time to get them in the rotation! Burgundy seizes the mantle with a dozen selections of **DRC**, including a weighty 1995 Assortment, ten lots of **Armand Rousseau**, and seven from **Comte Liger-Belair**. We go from strength to strength with highlights from **Leroy**, **Fourrier, Roumier**, and **Henri Jayer** before capping it all off with White Burgundy featuring nine lots of **Roulot**. This is another tremendous offering from one of the vaunted Trinity Collection!

In **lots 1566-1775, The Golden Bull Rides Again Onto La Paulée**, and we are ebullient in welcoming back his brilliant collection with over two hundred selections! Dynamic in all aspects of his life, the Golden Bull is tremendously passionate about Burgundy and has his finger intimately on the pulse on this special region and the fine wine market as a whole for many years. He has an astute eye for the utmost quality with pristine provenance and is far from afraid to buy what he really likes in quantity. Three dozen selections of **Armand Rousseau** kick off the Burgundy party, followed by a dozen lots of **Vogue**, fifteen from **DRC**, fourteen **Faiveley**, and finest wines from **Chateau de la Tour**, **Clos des Lambrays**, **Leroy**, **Dujac**, **Hudelot-Noellat**, and **Meo-Camuzet**. The forecast changes to White Burgundy with sweet sixteen selections from **Henri Boillot** as well as choice lots of **Bouchard** and **Domaine Leflaive**. A baker's dozen of **Dom Perignon** takes us to over twenty lots of **Krug** with honorable mentions from **Cristal**, **Salon** and **Comtes de Champagne**. To top it all off, we have Madeira going back to 1850! Most of the wines are in their original packaging, and everything is in outstanding condition, so grab the bull by the horns and be bullish bidding on this goldmine of a collection!

Friday's Burgundy highlights also feature an array of hot new releases from prestigious producers such as **Duroche, Fourrier, Bernard Moreau**, and **Hubert Lamy**. Additionally, indulge in a legion of **Liger-Belair** offerings, a captivating **Domaine Leflaive** vertical spanning 1987 to 2012, and rare gems from **Leroy, Jayer**, and **Ramonet**—including a magnum of 1981 Jayer Echezeaux signed by Henri Jayer himself! Delve into three decades of **Dujac** arching over 1999 to 2020, two exclusive collections of **Coche-Dury**, and treasures from the 2005 vintage highlighting **Comte Liger-Belair**, **Georges Mugneret**, and **Mugnier**. Explore recent vintages of **DRC**, a collection of **PYCM** spanning 2008 to 2020, and much more, making for a truly exceptional finale to this exceptional sale!

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Don't miss our second La Paulée auction on **Thursday, February 29 and Friday March 1** with more than 2,400 selections of the finest and rarest wines and more than a week's worth of celebrations. Join us in Los Angeles and New York City, and don't forget to sign up for some events at <u>www.lapaulee.com</u> !!!

Cheers to your health and to great wine!

In Vino Veritas,

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