



Dear Client,

Acker's final US sale of the Spring 2024 auction season is coming up on **Wednesday, June 26 starting at 3PM ET!** The sale showcases noteworthy, featured collections including **Spectacular Mature Bordeaux And Burgundy Courtesy Of The Savvy Frenchman** and **The Exceptional Cellar Of John Tilson**, as well as a **Dazzling Domaine De La Romanee Conti And Dujac** and **Lovely D'Auvenay And Leroy From A Seasoned European Collector**.

We kick things off in a big way with **The Savvy Frenchman** in **lots 1-120** featuring legendary Bordeaux and Burgundy going back to the nineteenth century!!! This longtime collector and client hails from Bordeaux and used to hand carry special bottles on the plane to us in the early days of our auctions. My, how we have both grown! He has very close relationships with the chateaux and accordingly the 1900 **Ausone** and 1899 **Margaux** were both reconditioned at the respective estates around the turn of the millennium, just after their one hundredth birthdays! The Ausone selections span from that special 1900 bottle all the way to the great 1959. There are a dozen lots of **La Mission Haut Brion** arching over 1947 to 1961 including the legendary 1955 and 1959. Almost every lot is a highlight with 1948 **Cheval Blanc**, 1945 **Haut Brion**, 1874 **Lafite**, 1921 **Mouton**, 1959 **Petrus**, 1945 **Trotanoy**, 1947 **VCC**, and 1937 **Yquem** amongst many others. **Rousseau** leads the Burgundy charge with eight lots featuring 1964 Chambertin and 1991 Clos de Beze, followed splendidly by 1966 **Vogue** Musigny, 1996 **Rouget** Cros Parantoux, 1988 **Roumier** Bonnes Mares, 1978 **Drouhin** Les Amoureuses, and 1992 **Ramonet** Bienvenue Batard Montrachet. 1959 **Beaucastel** and 1947 **La Chapelle** wave the flag for the Rhone while **Dom Perignon** and Cristal both go back to 1962 crowned by magnums of 1966 and 1979 Cristal!! This is all that remains from his lifetime of collecting. All in all, this is an awe-inspiring selection to help us bid au revoir to the collection of The Savvy Frenchman!



It is our distinct honor and great pleasure once again to present **The Exceptional Cellar Of John Tilson** in **lots 121-228**. Mr. Tilson has worn many hats through the years including being a prominent investment manager, longtime wine collector, and owner, founder, and editor of The Underground Wine Letter. John's sincere passion for wine and his outstanding wine tasting prowess is matched only by his lifelong appreciation for the finer things in life, leading him around the globe to experience the world's finest restaurants and unparalleled wine cellars. Back in the 1970s, he was welcomed at the top Chateaux in Bordeaux, the best Domaines in Burgundy, iconic Napa Valley estates and beyond, and he tasted many vintages straight from the barrel. John Tilson's exceptional cellar has been built over a half-century of tasting and collecting, and the wines are impeccably stored. The cellar is an impressive three rooms, all underground, kept dark and vibration free at 54 degrees with good humidity, just below the level of inducing mold. Mature and modern Bordeaux masters, featuring magnums of 1966 **Palmer** and 1970 **Trotanoy**, set us up for fifty lots of Red Burgundy. Offerings span the decades featuring Domaine and Masion **Leroy** along with **DRC** and more. **Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey**, **Ramonet** and **Raveneau** are dazzling in White Burgundy, and we head home to California to find **Diamond Creek**, **Heitz** and **Ridge**. All in all, this is another great slice from a truly amazing collection, and we are privileged and excited to present this installment for your bidding and drinking pleasure!



Next up we highlight two collections to keep the Burgundy flowing finely. **Dazzling Domaine De La Romanee Conti And Dujac, lots 229-256**, comes to us courtesy of an astute aficionado who has been collecting for over twenty years. His selections showcase coveted **DRC** predominantly from 1980s and 1990s with a delightful dash of **Dujac**. **Lovely D'Auvenay And Leroy From A Seasoned European Collector, lots 257-284**, offers standouts and exceptionally elevated drinking wines from both Domaines, all bought upon release and kept in professional storage in Europe until this sale!

We hope you will join us live online from Delaware on Wednesday, June 26 for the conclusion of the Spring auction season in the US. Enjoy a wonderful summer, and get ready for an extraordinary Fall season ahead. Cheers to your health and to great wine!

In Vino Veritas,

John Kapon
Chairman, Acker Merrall & Condit Companies

