



Dear Client,

We are thrilled to announce another monumental US sale happening **Wednesday and Thursday, October 16 & 17, featuring over 1,800 exceptional lots and an estimated \$7M+ in sales.** This two-day auction, starting at 4pm ET both days, brings together significant offerings including none more significant than **The Last of a Great American Collection: The Exceptional Cellar of John Tilson.** John is going out with a bang, with his largest offer to date, including a Historic Selection of Diamond Creek, Inglenook and Ridge and many more Classic Calis that he has adored enjoyed for a lifetime. Francophiles don't worry! He still has a lot of fabulous French wines, too 😊 The Tilson party on Wednesday is joined by a couple of other exciting collections that appreciate their age in wine, including **Fantastic Mature Wines from The Discerning Scholar.** Thursday's session starts off thanks to an amazing collection **From Switzerland With Love,** followed by **A Tribute to Henri Jayer: The Grand Dean of Burgundy,** and last but not least **The Incredible Collection of a Passionate Lifelong Wine Lover.**



Lots 222-1017, The Last Of A Great American Collection: The Exceptional Cellar Of John Tilson, is sadly the last major offering from our good friend, John Tilson, and what a fitting finale indeed – almost 800 lots!!! It has been our distinct honor and great pleasure to present several installments from his cellar, and this one is the largest of them all! Mr. Tilson, a prominent investment manager, longtime wine collector, and founder and editor of *The Underground Wine Letter*, has an appreciation for the finer things in life. His deep passion for wine led him to the world's best wine cellars and restaurants. Since the 1970s, he's been welcomed at top Châteaux in Bordeaux, Burgundy's finest Domaines, and iconic Napa estates, often tasting vintages straight from the barrel. His 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.

After an appetizer of ancient Bordeaux—featuring **Lafite, Latour, Lynch Bages, Petrus,** and a plethora of **Sauternes**—we dive into over 300 selections of the finest Red and White Burgundy. The star of the Burgundy offering is fifty lots of **Domaine de la Romanée Conti**, including eight lots of La Tache dating back to 1949 and eight lots of Romanée-Conti going back to 1944!!!! DRC is joined by two dozen lots of **Coche-Dury** and backed by iconic producers like **Bouchard, Vogue, Cheillon, Arnoux,** and **Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey,** along with many other rare, unknown gems. If John had it in his cellar, chances are it is pretty tasty! **Rhone, Champagne, Italy,** and **Spain** all get their due before we arrive at John's home and true passion—California—with over 250 selections of the absolute classics! This is one of, if not THE most important and significant offering ever of these magical and adored wines. **Diamond Creek,** a winery with which John has a very close and personal relationship, headlines with over ninety selections back to 1974, crowned by five bottles of the super rare 1978 Lake! Highlights also include prized lots of **Heitz** Martha's Vineyard dating back to 1972, **Inglenook** back to 1933 (including the legendary 1941!!), over 70 selections of **Ridge** back to 1963, and countless other unicorns. Thank you, John, for your service to the entire wine community, and for keeping so many great wines to share with the next generation of collectors!!!



Fantastic Mature Wines from the Collection of The Discerning Scholar joins the Wednesday night Tilson party in **lots 62-221**. We are delighted to welcome back this scholarly collector and privileged to have over one hundred and fifty selections from his cavernous 18,000 bottle collection! He has a laser like focus on impeccable sourcing, provenance and storage and graces our auction with classic Bordeaux from the second half of the 20th century featuring 1955 **Cheval Blanc**, 1945 **Mouton**, 1959 **Latour**, and more! Turn of the century Burgundy offerings include fourteen selections from **Dujac**, eleven lots of **Rousseau**, and selections from **Liger-Belair** and **Ponsot**. **Ramonet**, **Roulot** and **Raveneau** dominate White Burgundy, and we wash it all down with a dash of **Chave**, **Giacosa** and **Unico**! This is an all-star assortment of wines ready to drink and enjoy thanks to The Discerning Scholar!

Thursday's session starts off with an amazing collection **From Switzerland with Love** in **lots 1018-1157**. There is nothing quite like Switzerland's unique combination of spectacular mountains and lakes, and there is also one heck of a wine culture! This impressive cellar is a like a Swiss bank vault of the finest wines, and we are excited to offer one hundred and forty selections removed from ideal, professional storage in Switzerland. Outstanding 1959s from **Ausone**, **Figeac**, **Haut Brion**, **Latour** and **Leoville Barton** lead the way for modern masters from **Cheval Blanc**, **La Mission** and **Latour**. There are sixteen fabulous selections of **Rousseau** rolling out the Red Burgundy red carpet for **Vogue**, **Dujac**, **Ponsot**, and **Faiveley**. White Burgundy elegantly unfurls **DRC** Montrachet, as well as selections from **Leflaive** and **Raveneau**, and the wine love keeps giving with **Keller** Assortments, and Italian masters including **Giacosa**, **Rinaldi**, and **Vietti**! Take note of this special collection!!!

We present an exceptional collection of more than forty selections of the legendary Henri Mayer in **lots 1234-1248**, **Henri Mayer: The Grand Dean of Burgundy**. This offering comes to us courtesy of a passionate collector who fell head over heels for these wines and who could blame him? One cannot overstate the importance of Henri Mayer and his wines on the golden era of Burgundy that we now enjoy; he was a great man and a master that made great wines in every vintage! There is a very detailed tribute to the master inside the catalog. He is still considered by many to be the greatest winemaker ever in Burgundy! There are eleven lots of Mayer Echezeaux including 1971 and 1978 as well as super rare bottles of 1959 and 1985 Richebourg. We continue with fourteen selections of coveted Cros Parantoux highlighted by six bottles of 1996 as well as magnums of 1997, 1999 and 2001. We've had the pleasure of tasting multiple bottles from this collection, and each one has been exceptional. This is an extraordinary offering of Henri Mayer wines that will captivate anyone lucky enough to experience them!!!

In **lots 1315-1410** we feature **The Incredible Collection Of A Passionate Lifelong Wine Lover and Tech Wizard**. Our technology genius developed his love of wine right after college, and he has now been collecting for five decades!!!! After exploring California and its wineries in person, he began doing the same in Europe by visiting France and Italy, as well as leveraging his expertise in technology to research the best practices in the process of buying, storing, producing and tasting wines. He was always trying to purchase as close to the source as possible; in addition, he ultimately made his own wines! Ever gracious and generous, he belongs to several tasting groups and hopes the lucky buyers of these beautiful wines enjoy them. These nearly one hundred lots cover Bordeaux from 1950 to 2000, including 1955s from **Cheval Blanc**, **Haut Brion**, **Lafite** and **Latour** and 1982s from **La Mission**,



Lafite, Latour, Margaux and Petrus! There is a treasure trove of **Domaine de la Romanee Conti**, showcasing twenty-one lots, as well as rare **Rousseau** and more **Jayer**. **Guigal** La Las and **Vega Sicilia** Unico diversify this incredible collection!

Join us for all of the above and so much more on Wednesday, October 16 and Thursday, October 17, for over 1,800 lots of the finest and rarest. Cheers to great wine and your health!

In Vino Veritas,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Kapon", written in a fluid, cursive style.

John Kapon
Chairman, Acker Merrall & Condit Companies

