



Dear Client,

We're thrilled to present one of the year's most eagerly awaited sales: **Acker's November U.S. Auction, the 'Birthday Auction'!** Join us on **Thursday and Friday, November 21 & 22**, as we celebrate my 53rd birthday in spectacular style. This two-day extravaganza features an **estimated \$15M in sales, over 2,000 remarkable selections**, and some of the most coveted collections in the world. From full barrels from legendary Burgundy and Bordeaux estates including **Roulot, Comte Armand, Fourrier, Duroché, Clerget, and Chateau Lafite Rothschild**, to exclusive collections such as: **The Golden Bull; Around the World of Fine Wine From a Lifelong Wine Lover; French Masterpieces from a Distinguished Collector; Big Time Burgundy & Champagne Benefiting Rhizome**, and our grand finale: **A Legendary Offering From an Iconic New York Collector**, this auction is not to be missed!!



We are honored to present, on day one, over two hundred and twenty selections of almost exclusively Burgundy and Champagne from **The Continued Omnipresent Brilliance of The Golden Bull in lots 136-362**. As most of you are familiar with, this is one of the greatest cellars that we have had the honor bringing to auction on multiple occasions. Dynamic in all aspects of his life, the Golden Bull is tremendously passionate about Burgundy and has held his finger on the pulse of this special region, and the fine wine market as a whole for years. He has an astute eye for the utmost quality with pristine provenance and all the wines were purchased directly from reputable merchants over the last twenty years and stored at the legendary Octavian cellars in England. Most of the wines are in their original packaging and in outstanding condition. The red carpet of Red Burgundy rolls out most bull-iantly with fifty-seven selections of **Armand Rousseau** led by magnums of 2005-2020 Chambertin as well as Clos de Beze back to 1999 and Clos St. Jacques back to 1990!!! 2005 and 2010 **Vogue** Musigny in bottle and magnum lead us to three packs of 2005 **DRC** La Tache and Romanee Conti in their original wood cases alongside selections from **Leroy** and **Dujac**. Monumental Montrachets beckon from **Bouchard, Comte Lafon, Domaine Leflaive, Henri Boillot, Marquis de Laguiche, and Ramonet!** Champagne seizes the mantle with seventeen selections of **Dom Perignon** before **Krug** dominates the action with forty-five lots back to 1976!! We continue the Birthday celebration by sabering magnums of **Cristal, Clos de Goisses, Winston Churchill, Salon** and **Comtes de Champagne**. Grab the bull by the horns and bid bullishly on this treasure trove collection of outstanding Burgundy and Champagne from the Golden Bull!!!

Also on day one, **lots 553-723** bring us **Beautifully Mature Red and White Burgundy with Outstanding Selections from Around the World of Fine Wine from a Lifelong Wine Lover**. These one hundred and seventy selections primarily from the 1990s comes to us from a longtime Burgundy lover who prefers wines with the perfect amount of maturity. Who can blame him? We've had the pleasure of offering from this collection before, and this distinguished West Coast gentleman comes through in a big way with his biggest consignment ever for the Birthday auction! There is an enticing and expansive assortment of late 20th and early 21st century Red Burgundy from benchmark producers and vintages featuring **Anne Gros, Rousseau, Vogue, Dujac, and Rouget**. Nine lots of **Roumier** Bonnes Mares start with 1996 and 1999, and we go from strength to strength with 1996 and 1999 **Cathiard** Romanee St. Vivant as well as 1999 **Mugnier** Musigny, and 1990 and 1996 **Hubert Lignier** Clos de la Roche. White Burgundy foils with ten



lots of **Raveneau** and **Roulot** and we diversify beautifully with top selections from Rhone, Champagne, Italy and California featuring **Beaucastel**, **Krug**, **Soldera**, **Screaming Eagle** and much more! All in all, a very well-balanced collection of Burgundy, Champagne and more - thank you, sir!

As we progress to our second spectacular session, we are thrilled to offer an exquisite selection of wines from a distinguished financier and epicurean who has been collecting the best of the best from top regions for over forty years. **French Masterpieces from a Distinguished Collector, lots 1059-1107**, hail from a consignor who serves on numerous museum advisory boards and, much like his appreciation for fine art, his cellar is filled with masterpieces. Each bottle has been meticulously curated, bought on primeur, and stored in his custom-built, temperature-controlled home cellar or in professional storage - and most are still in their original packaging. This marks the beginning of a steady thinning of his world-class collection, and we are honored to present fifty extraordinary selections to celebrate our JK Birthday auction! A fine exhibition of Bordeaux starts us off, featuring rare magnums and bottles of 1999 **Petrus** in OWC, as well as six-bottle banded OWCs of 2001 and 2004 **Petrus**. Burgundy takes center stage with fourteen lots of **Domaine de la Romanee Conti**, led by six bottles of 2001 Romanee Conti itself in OWC. Magnificent six-bottle OWCs of 2001 and 2004 DRC La Tache follow, alongside selections from Richebourg, Echezeaux, and Grands Echezeaux. Additional highlights include offerings from **Comte Liger-Belair**, **J.F. Mugnier** and **Comte de Vogue**. For White Burgundy enthusiasts, there are outstanding selections from **Coche-Dury**, **Leflaive**, and **Raveneau**, along with five vintages of DRC Montrachet!! We unearth a Rhone treasure with six lots of **Chave**, including twelve bottles of 2010 Hermitage. We are delighted to welcome this distinguished collector and share his remarkably curated collection with you!

Big Time Burgundy & Champagne, lots 1237-1360, will help bring better food to all our tables with **proceeds benefitting Rhizome**. This passionate collector is generously donating his proceeds from this epic offering to an organization formed by Blue Hill at Stone Barns and the Stone Barns Center for Food & Agriculture. Rhizome is a place where chefs and farmers work together to perform research, develop products and license intellectual property. With a discerning eye for quality and pristine provenance, our benevolent collector has spent the past two decades securing his favorite wines in serious quantity and this offering of more than 120 lots is filled with big-time Burgundy and Champagne! We kick things off with magnums of 2015 **Rousseau** Chambertin and Chambertin Clos de Beze, alongside bottles of **Comte Liger-Belair** La Romanee from 2013, 2015, and 2016 in OWC, and ten lots from **Roumier**! Then we hit the jackpot with sixty-two selections from **Domaine de la Romanee Conti** including 2016 and 2017 Romanee Conti and 2014, 2016, and 2017 La Tache, all in original packaging, plus offerings from every other vineyard in the DRC portfolio. Stunning White Burgundies including seven lots of DRC Montrachet and top-tier selections from **Leflaive**, **Coche-Dury**, **Comte Lafon**, and **Boillot**. Exceptional Champagne presents **Krug** magnums of 2002 Clos d'Ambonnay and Clos du Mesnil, plus bottles of 1990, 1992, and 1993 **Dom Perignon** P3 in original packaging. **Cristal** and **Comtes de Champagne** add the perfect sparkle to toast this remarkable offering for a worthy cause, which builds on 20 years of work between Blue Hill and the Stone Barns Center!



Day Two of the sale also unveils an extraordinary opportunity in **lots 1475-1480**: exclusive, **Domaine-direct barrels of 2023 Burgundy** from five of the regions most coveted producers!!! This includes the 2023 **Roulot** Meursault Tessons Clos de Mon Plaisir, 2023 **Comte Armand** Volnay Les Frémiets, 2023 **Fourrier** Chambolle Musigny Les Sentiers Vieilles Vignes, 2023 **Duroche** Gevrey Chambertin Les Champeaux, and a Feuillet (half-barrel) of 2023 **Clerget** Clos de Vougeot Cuvee Felix – simply spectacular, thanks to the Domaines! Read more about these exclusive cuvees inside the catalog – **two of which are the entire production of the vintage!!!** Plus, seize the chance to own a barrel of the already monumentally regarded 2023 **Chateau Lafite Rothschild**, with some of the proceeds supporting Citymeals on Wheels—truly a once-in-a-lifetime offering!

Last, but certainly not least, is one of the most exceptional offerings that you will see for many years: **A Legendary Offering from an Iconic New York Collector Featuring Breathtaking Bordeaux, Burgundy and Incredible Champagne**, in **lots 1481-2003**. We've had significant offerings from this collection before, and I could not ask for a more fitting finale to crown this celebratory birthday bash!!! These exceptional wines hail from one of New York City's most important collections, owned by a gentleman who has drunk the best of the best for the past 25 years right by my side. He has built his collection over a lifetime, having many purchases vetted by experts and sourcing from only known collectors, merchants and auction houses, and all kept in professional storage. Nearly sixty remarkable Bordeaux lots start the festivities in a big way, including **Cheval Blanc** back to 1934, bottles and magnums of 1989 **Haut Brion** in OWC, and a magnum of the legendary 1945 **Lafite!! Chateau Lafleur** beckons with two bottles of rarest 1961 and six magnums of 1982, while **Latour** spans 1918 to 1970, including a magnum of 1961! The Bordeaux parade continues with legends like 1961 **Latour à Pomerol**, 1945 **Mouton**, 1947 **Vieux Chateau Certan**, and the pinnacle known as **Petrus** featuring bottles of 1961 and magnums of 1989!!!

Nearly two hundred scintillating selections of Red Burgundy are ushered in with grandeur starting with more than sixty lots of **Rousseau** spanning over six decades, from 1948 to 2016, featuring legendary vintages such as 1969, 1971, 1985 and much more!!! The fête continues with nearly ninety awe-inspiring lots of **DRC**, highlighted by nineteen Romanee Conti selections from 1940 to 2014 (!), including legendary 1971, and 1999 in OWC. La Tache shines with twenty-five lots spanning 1942 to 2019, alongside selections from Richebourg, Romanee St. Vivant and Grands Echezeaux back to 1959!!! Rarest magnums of 1988 **Roumier** Bonnes Mares Vieilles Vignes, and more magnums of 1969, 1976 and 1985 **Dujac** Bonnes Mares, 1945, and 1949 **Vogue** Musigny Vieilles Vignes, as well as prized bottles of 1906 **Faiveley** Clos Vougeot, 1959 **Clair Dau** Gevrey Chambertin Clos St. Jacques and 1966 Chambertin Clos de Beze, and selections from **J.F. Mugnier**, **Fourrier** and more complete this stunning Burgundy bacchanalia! This is as breathtaking as Burgundy gets!!!

To crown the celebration, we serve up an astounding array of more than two hundred lots of Champagne, of course! Rare finds, including 1911 **Moet & Chandon** Grand Vintage Collection, **1914 Pol Roger** Extra Cuvee de Reserve, and 1947 **Pommery** are on the block. Extremely exciting is the thirty-two **Dom Perignon** selections dating back to 1949, including magnums of 1961, 1966, and 1969, as well as 1969, 1975 and 1990 Rosé. Over sixty stupendous **Krug** offerings, going back to a rare 1929 Private Cuvee, feature twelve-bottle cases of the 1982 and 1988 Clos du Mesnil and six bottles of the epic first vintage of 1979, all in OWC - WOW!! Magnums of Krug Collection span 1962 to 1982 - the single magnum of 1962 signed by Henri Krug! There are twenty-nine **Salon Le Mesnil** lots going back to 1952 featuring bottles of 1959, magnums of 1971 and 1988, and parcel lots of the 1996 vintage in both bottle and magnum (120 and 18, to be precise)! **Comtes de Champagne** dazzles



with thirty-two offerings and the Champagne collection also sabers thirty-two lots of **Cristal** and Cristal Rosé back to 1966, along with five lots of Sir Winston Churchill featuring the immortal 1988 Jeroboams. People still sleep on how good these Jeros are! This truly is a legendary offering from an iconic New York collector, and we couldn't ask for a more momentous feature or fitting finale for the annual Birthday auction! Come to NYC and celebrate with us all week long!!!

Join us on Thursday and Friday November 21 & 22 for over 2,000 lots of the finest and rarest from some of the greatest collections we know, also featuring barrels direct from some of the world's best Domaines, all in honor of my 53rd Birthday. Thank you everyone for such an amazing celebration!

Cheers to great wine and your health!!

In Vino Veritas,

John Kapon
Chairman, Acker Merrall & Condit Companies

