



Dear Client,

Enter the royal court of the Three Kings as we unveil the first US auction of the 2025 season on Friday, February 7! **Acker's "Three Kings" auction features only three collections and over one thousand lots** and an estimated \$5M in sales as we begin the year in regal fashion with: **World-Class Burgundy from a Legendary King; Bordeaux and Burgundy Treasures of an Understated King;** and **An Enduring Collection of Burgundy, Champagne & Piedmont From A Longstanding King.**

World Class Burgundy From a Legendary King, lots 1-104, reveals a truly majestic collection from the first of our Three Kings! This legendary figure is not only a titan of industry but a sovereign of the cellar, reigning with unparalleled influence and a profound passion for the world's finest wines. The tale of this King is one for the ages—a story of grandeur, vision, and legacy, befitting his exalted stature. His collection spans continents and eras, a glittering treasure trove reflecting a lifetime of connoisseurship and uncompromising standards. Each bottle is a jewel in his crown, meticulously preserved in impeccable, climate-controlled conditions. We are thrilled to herald the court with over one hundred noble selections from this fabled cellar!! At the heart of this regal collection lies the throne of Burgundy, featuring over ninety world-class selections including thirty majestic offerings from the undisputed king of wines, **Domaine de la Romanee Conti**. Adding to the grandeur are eighteen lots of **Leroy**, fifteen **Rousseau**, and rare treasures from **Jayer**. White Burgundy offers its splendor with fifteen incredible selections from **D'Auvenay**! Beyond Burgundy's royal borders we find the best of **Pomerol**, along with **Chave** formerly ex-Domaine from the Rhone and, finally, an array of **Dom Perignon** to toast this majestic assemblage. Every bottle has been carefully removed from professional storage, ready to take its rightful place in your collection!!



Not all Kings don their crowns in the glow of the spotlight—some rule with quiet dignity, their legacies forged through patience, vision, and an unwavering devotion to the pursuit of excellence. Such is the narrative of our second King, a former Wall Street titan turned sovereign of the cellar, who over the past three decades has built a realm of wine unrivaled in its splendor and historical significance. **Burgundy & Bordeaux Treasures Of An Understated King, lots 105-571,** is no mere collection—it is a treasury of vinous legend, a timeworn tome chronicling vintages that stretch back a century to the roaring 1920s. He has traversed the land, amassing treasures from the most esteemed negociants and merchants across America and Europe. We are honored to present the next chapter of his royal saga: a bountiful offering of over 460 selections spanning Bordeaux and Burgundy, with noble contributions from Italy and the Rhône!

The feast begins with a grand banquet of 160 glorious Bordeaux lots, including **First Growths** and **Right Bank Royalty** from ancient and fabled vintages. The Burgundy selection commands much reverence, presenting 300 extraordinary lots including thirty magnificent offerings from **DRC**, accompanied by jewels from **Rousseau, Vogue, Dujac, Mayer, and Ponsot**. A dazzling array of White Burgundy brings twenty-three exquisite **Leflaive** selections, eight **PYCM, Coche-Dury**, and more to the throne. The Rhone reigns supreme with **Rayas, Guigal, Chave** and **Jaboulet**, and the King welcomes Italy with **Gaja**. The festivities conclude with a fitting toast of **Dom Perignon**, crowning the celebration in a flourish of sparkling grandeur. Each bottle has been safeguarded with meticulous care. We bow to this understated sovereign, whose collection is not merely a kingdom of wines but a legacy of quiet passion and greatness!!



An Enduring Collection Of Burgundy, Champagne & Piedmont From A Longstanding King, lots 572-1145, hails from our third King, a leader of impeccable taste whose reign has flourished for over 25 years. A founding member of one of my earliest tasting groups, he has held court with unmatched distinction, his generosity and unquenchable enthusiasm for fine wine earning him the admiration of all who have had the honor to share his table. For more than two decades, I have had the privilege of not only partaking in some of the most unforgettable wine moments alongside him but also reveling in the spoils of his remarkable cellar. His rule began with a bold foray into Bordeaux, yet, like all great monarchs, his empire grew—through the 1990s, Burgundy captured his heart, and his fervent devotion brought new treasures to his court. As the millennium dawned, his discerning gaze turned to the effervescent realm of Champagne, where he built a collection that reflects his unerring eye for excellence and his steadfast pursuit of only the finest. With a spirit as generous as it is gracious, this King has presided over countless evenings of vinous splendor, his cellar and his company leaving an indelible mark on all who have shared in his bounty.

This magnificent treasury of nearly 600 (!!) selections begins with an appetizer of Bordeaux, setting the stage for a grand display of nearly 400 Red and White Burgundy offerings! **Dujac** is at the helm with over fifty selections, and **Domaine de la Romanée-Conti** and **Rousseau** take their rightful places at the royal table with twenty-eight selections each, spanning nearly three decades!! **Roumier** ascends to the throne with twenty-six offerings joined by treasures from **Fourrier, B. Clair, Comte de vogue, Leroy, d'Auvenay, Duroche, Mugnier, Trapet** and more! The Burgundy procession is further elevated by an extraordinary display of Champagne, befitting a King of such stature. **Krug** leads the charge with twenty offerings, followed by seventeen magnificent lots of **Dom Perignon** and treasures from **Bollinger, Cristal, Salon Le Mesnil, Sir Winston Churchill, Comtes de Champagne**, and **Philipponnat**. Completing this longstanding sovereign's collection is a crowning array of iconic Italian wines, hailing primarily from Piedmont, littered with legendary names like **Conterno, Roagna**, and **Mascarello**! All wines have been meticulously stored, a testament to the King's unwavering dedication to preservation and excellence. This collection is nothing short of a royal celebration of the world's most illustrious wines. All hail the King and his enduring legacy!!

Please join us on **Friday, February 7**, for the reign of our Three Kings and 1,000+ lots of the finest and rarest wines. Here's to your health and to great wine!

In Vino Veritas,

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