



Dear Client,

Acker's May US Auction is set to bloom on **Thursday, May 22**, with over **one thousand blossoming lots** to celebrate spring in style! This exciting evening sale showcases a vibrant mix of collections including **Breathtaking Burgundy & Brilliant Champagne From a Longtime Collector**; **The Worldly Cellar of a Successful Businessman**; **Bankable Burgundy From the Considerable Collection of Mr. Big**; and a prized **direct consignment from Napa's Sloan Estate**. We are making this sale a night to remember and starting at **4pm ET** for a special evening extravaganza!



We open the sale with one hundred twenty-six stunning lots from a longtime collector and friend of the house. **Breathtaking Burgundy & Brilliant Champagne From a Longtime Collector, lots 1-126**, features sixty-eight remarkable Burgundy selections, including eight lots of **Rousseau**—led by six bottles of 1999 Chambertin and three of 1999 Gevrey-Chambertin Clos St. Jacques! Seven offerings from **Domaine de la Romanée-Conti** join the lineup, featuring 2005 La Tache and Romanée St. Vivant, alongside highlights from **Roumier, Vogue, Clos de Tart, Dujac, Engel, Duroché** and more. The Champagne selection dazzles with thirty-nine lots, showcasing 1996 **Salon** Le Mesnil in bottle and magnum OWCs!! Also featured are 1996 **Philipponnat** Clos des Goisses in both formats, and **Dom Pérignon** spanning 1990 to 2002—including all six label colors of the 2002 Andy Warhol Collection. **Krug, Cristal, and La Grande Dame** round out the sparkling selections before a final flourish from Italy, with icons like **Conterno, Giacosa, Mascarello, and Gaja**!

Next up comes **The Worldly Cellar of a Successful Businessman in lots 127-264**. This accomplished businessman's relocation to New York brings with it a stunning release of meticulously acquired fine wines. The selection is rich with blue-chip Bordeaux, much of it in original packaging, led by twelve classic **Lafite** lots in twelve and six bottle cases from 1996, 2000, 2003, and 2005! Also featured is an imperial of 1985 **Cheval Blanc**, as well as parcel lots of 2005, alongside 2005 **Latour, Mouton** and **Pichon Baron**, and punchy parcels of 2004 **Petrus**!! The Burgundy offering is outstanding, with rare finds like 1976 and 1982 **DRC** La Tache, a magnum of 1999 DRC Richebourg in OWC and 2005 **Leroy** Chambertin!! More elite domaines follow, with three-magnum OCBs of 2021 **Dujac** Vosne-Romanée Aux Malconsorts and a coveted bottle of 1988 **Jayer** Vosne-Romanée Cros Parantoux. Three bottles of 1999 **Coche-Dury** Corton-Charlemagne set a high bar for White Burgundy, followed by 2002 **d'Auvenay** Chevalier-Montrachet and 1999 **Leflaive** Montrachet! **PYCM, Raveneau, and Dauvissat** complete the stellar lineup. The Rhône steps in with **Rayas** and **Chave**, and Champagne sparkles with **Dom Pérignon** back to 1975 P3, **Krug** Collection 1961 and 1976, and magnums of 1985 and 1989, plus a full case of 1996 **Salon**. Italian prestige arrives with 2009 **Solaia** parcels, while California closes the show with the ever-alluring **Sine Qua Non**.

We're pleased to welcome back Mr. Big with **Bankable Burgundy From the Considerable Collection of Mr. Big in lots 287-416**, featuring one hundred thirty exceptional selections from his impressive cellar! Few collectors consistently show up with one of the wines of the night quite like he does—and this lineup speaks volumes about his acumen and substantial cellar!! For all the superlatives to describe Mr. Big that



could swirl in our head as easily as wine in a glass, he remains one of the kindest, most generous, and truly humble people we know, and we're lucky to call him a friend. The offering opens with strength including **DRC** La Tache from 1990 and 2006, followed by a magnum of 1976 Romanée-Conti! Eighteen standout lots from **Leroy** include ten bottles of 1990 Richebourg, along with 1990 Romanée-St-Vivant and Clos de la Roche. **Dujac** contributes nineteen superb selections, featuring 2005 Bonnes Mares, Clos de la Roche, and a magnum of 2005 Chambertin. A treasure trove of twenty-one **Fourrier** lots includes Griottes-Chambertin VV, Gevrey-Chambertin VV, and six vintages of Clos St. Jacques VV—many in original packaging!! White Burgundy beckons with six bottles of 2014 **Coche-Dury** Corton-Charlemagne and a bottle of 1985 **DRC** Montrachet. The Rhône delivers, too, with mighty jeroboams of **Chave** Hermitage, while Champagne makes a grand statement with a dozen **Dom Pérignon** lots, parcels of 1996 **Krug** and Krug Clos du Mesnil, and twelve-bottle parcels of 1996 **Salon** Le Mesnil—all in original packaging. Welcome to the Mr. Big-time!!

Last, but certainly not least, we are honored to offer an extraordinary consignment of one hundred fifteen selections **Direct from Sloan Estate—one of Napa Valley's most celebrated producers** – in lots 564-678. This is a rare opportunity to acquire deep verticals of both the flagship **Sloan Proprietary Red** and its expressive second wine, **Asterisk**, from one of the most impeccably run vineyards in California. Perched in the eastern hills of Rutherford, Sloan Estate's forty-acre property rises to nearly 1,000 feet above the valley floor, with just thirteen acres under vine. Planted in 1997 on fractured volcanic rock and sandy loam, the site provides both ample sunshine and cooling marine breezes—an ideal combination that yields wines of remarkable structure, intensity, and finesse. Developed by Stuart Sloan and taken to new heights by the Pan family after their 2011 acquisition, the estate has earned its place among the California greats, with multiple perfect scores and global collector acclaim. At the core of Sloan's success is a powerhouse team: winemaker Martha McClellan, who previously worked with Harlan Estate and now produces wines under her own Levy & McClellan label, has overseen Sloan since 2001. Legendary vineyard manager David Abreu and consulting oenologist Michel Rolland complete this remarkable trio, each bringing global expertise and a shared commitment to honoring the vineyard's terroir.

This consignment spans **every vintage of Sloan from its inaugural 2000 through 2017**, and **Asterisk from its first release in 2004 through 2007!** Formats include full twelve-bottle cases, six-magnum cases and double magnum lots in original wood. These bottles are offered with pristine provenance, direct from the estate and from the owner's personal reserves. This is the most complete Sloan Estate offerings ever brought to auction, and a rare opportunity for Napa collectors and lovers of world-class Cabernet!!!

Join us **Thursday, May 22**, for a spectacular spring evening auction filled with rare and remarkable collections including more than one thousand lots of fine wines! Cheers to your health and to great wine!

In Vino Veritas,

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