



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 for this **two-day sale on Friday, November 21 and Saturday, November 22**, as we toast my birthday in spectacular style. This celebration features an **estimated \$10M in sales, nearly 2,000 remarkable selections**, and some of the most coveted collections in the world including: **The Personal Collection of Sebastien Abric; A Slice of Wine Heaven; International Man Of Mystery; Domaine-Direct** offerings from **Chateau de la Tour and Domaine Dugat-Py; The Crown Jewel Cellar; and A Spectacular Offering of Domaine de La Romanee Conti.**



The Personal Collection of Sébastien Abric, lots 1-131, is presented with great affection and enduring admiration in honor of one of Acker's most treasured colleagues and friends. For more than sixteen years, Sébastien brought the heart of France and its wines to Acker through his exceptional knowledge, magnetic charm, and unmistakable joie de vivre. His warmth, generosity, and passion for connecting people through wine left a lasting mark on all who knew him. This collection stands as a reflection of Sébastien himself, refined, soulful, and full of joy, and we dedicate it to his memory with deep respect and gratitude. The one hundred thirty-one selections fittingly span the top regions of France, beginning with more than thirty lots of distinguished Bordeaux from 1943 to 2015, including treasures like 1953 **La Mission Haut-Brion**, 1959 **Latour à Pomerol**, and 1964 **Latour**, while modern highlights shine through 2008 and 2009 **Château Margaux**, 2000 and 2005 **Pétrus**, 1982 and 2000 **Mouton**, and a magnum of 1990 **Cheval Blanc**. The Burgundy offering is equally captivating, led by six bottles each of 2009 **Rousseau** Chambertin and Clos de Bèze, two bottles of **Méo-Camuzet** Richebourg, a single bottle of 1959 **DRC** La Tâche, and magnums of 2012 La Tâche and 2015 **DRC** Richebourg in OWC. Further gems follow from **Leroy, Dujac, Mayer, Mugnier, and Engel**. White Burgundy is no less compelling, headlined by 2015 **DRC** Montrachet and twelve bottles of 2016 **Ramonet** Chassagne-Montrachet Morgeot, all in original packaging. In the Rhône, **Rayas** makes a commanding appearance with eight lots, followed by **Chave's** magnificent Hermitage, including twelve bottles of the legendary 1990 and a magnum of 1991. To close, Champagne flows from **Krug, Dom Pérignon, Jacques Selosse, and Salon**, a fitting tribute to a man whose life and legacy continue to inspire. The proceeds from this collection will go to Sébastien's three children, so bid generously. À bientôt, dear friend.

A Slice of Wine Heaven, lots 132-197, was built quietly over decades by a lifelong wine lover in the hills of Virginia and West Virginia. What began as a doctor's hobby evolved into an impressive private collection, inspired by friendships with fellow collectors and tasting groups that deepened his appreciation for fine wine. Through these connections, he met master cellar builder David Spon, who designed a space for three thousand bottles, maintained at a steady fifty-five degrees with ideal humidity. The consignor's hands-on approach extended to personally carrying bottles home from his travels, back when one still could, to ensure they were handled with utmost care. Most acquisitions date from the 1980s and 1990s and have rested undisturbed ever since. There is Bordeaux aplenty from top vintages of those decades, featuring First Growths and Right Bank Royalty, as well as a fine selection of **d'Yquem** and **Haut-Brion Blanc**!! Burgundy follows in grand form, with six magnums of 1990 **DRC** La Tâche, two bottles of **Leroy** and twelve bottles of **Mugnier** Musigny from the classic 1993 vintage among the Reds,



alongside three bottles of 1992 **Leflaive** Montrachet and six bottles of 1993 **D'Auvenay** Puligny-Montrachet Les Folatières for the Whites. We bring it home with California treasures from **Harlan** and **Hundred Acre**, and cap it all off with a selection of vintage **Port** ranging from 1970 to 1994. Maintained with exceptional diligence but never intended for resale, this collection now emerges as a rare opportunity to experience sixty-five lots assembled by a true lover of great wine and great stories. Enjoy this slice of wine heaven!!

International Man Of Mystery, lots 1203–1368, presents an intriguing offering of one hundred sixty-six selections from the private cellar of a distinguished international adventurer, businessman, and philanthropist. Representing five decades of thoughtful wine collecting, this remarkable cellar was built through travels taken and relationships formed within the world of fine wine. These connections granted the consignor access to extraordinary bottles across Burgundy, Bordeaux, Champagne, and beyond, many acquired directly at the source. Bordeaux leads, revealing 1966, 1970, and 1982 **Lafite**, 1990 Angélus and **Latour** in significant quantity. Burgundy enters the scene splendidly with 2003 **Comte Liger-Belair** La Romanée, 1996 **Dujac** Bonnes-Mares and 2008 **Grivot** Richebourg Methuselah. White Burgundy reveals another layer of finesse with **Leflaive's** 1996 Bienvenues-Bâtard-Montrachet, and **Raveneau's** 2006 Montée de Tonnerre in both bottle and magnum format. The quiet power of the Rhône shows through with **Guigal's** La-Las spanning 1981 to 2017 alongside 2006 and 2008 **Chave** Hermitage. Don't miss the 1985 La Landonne OWC!! A Champagne interlude presents 1976 and 1999 **Bollinger** R.D. magnums, followed by parcels of 2005 **Dom Pérignon** Rosé. From Italy, **Conterno's** 1971 Granbussia Riserva Speciale Bricco Colonnello adds gravitas, while California captivates with **Bryant Family** back to 1994, **Phelps** Insignia, **Peter Michael** Les Pavots, and a trio of top Pinots from **Kistler**, **Marcassin**, and **Peter Michael**. A collection as worldly as its owner, refined, elusive, and undeniably captivating. The kind that reveals just enough... and never everything!! All wines removed from a magnificent temperature-controlled home cellar in New York City.

Château de la Tour, lots 1625–1653, comes to us thanks to our old friends at the Domaine, brought to auction for the first time by the new star of the Château, Édouard Labet!! Standing proudly within the ancient walls of the Clos de Vougeot, **Château de la Tour** is both its soul and largest landowner. Built in 1890, it remains the only estate whose wines are harvested, vinified, aged, and bottled entirely within the Clos itself. For over a century, it has been guided by one family; today Édouard continues his father François's vision with youthful energy and deep respect for tradition. The wines of **Château de la Tour** are celebrated for their harmony of power and grace. The top cuvée, Hommage à Jean Morin, honors François's grandfather, the founder of the Confrérie du Tastevin, with vines over a century old and fewer than fifty cases produced in the years it appears. This twenty-eight-lot offering includes rare bottles of 1979 and 1985, a six-vintage magnum vertical of Hommage 2015–2020, and monumental formats such as a Salmanazar of 2010 Hommage and Jeroboam verticals of both Vieilles Vignes and Hommage cuvées. Don't miss the eighteen-bottle vertical of Vieilles Vignes (2002–2021), Methuselahs of 2012, 2015, and 2018 Hommage, magnums of 2005 Vieilles Vignes and 2010 Clos Vougeot, and—most exciting of all—an entire barrel (three hundred bottles!) of the 2025 Clos Vougeot Vieilles Vignes. Magnifique. Thank you, Édouard, for this spectacular offering direct from the Château!!!



Domaine Dugat-Py, lots 1654–1692, continues our Domaine-Direct offerings with thirty-nine remarkable selections. Under Loïc Dugat-Py's leadership, **Dugat-Py** has reached extraordinary heights, refining its style while preserving depth and purity. Based in Gevrey-Chambertin in Burgundy's oldest cellar—nearly one thousand years old—the thirteenth-generation Domaine traces its history through Pierre and Bernard Dugat, with Loïc now guiding the estate into a new era. The family's old vines, some dating to 1905, produce wines of exceptional concentration and character. Certified organic for two decades and vinified with minimal intervention, **Dugat-Py** crafts both White wines from the Côte de Beaune and powerful Reds from Gevrey, all marked by precision and finesse. The Domaine is renowned for its Charmes-Chambertin, Mazoyères-, Mazis-, and the ultra-rare Chambertin Grand Crus—of which less than one barrel is made each year. This thrilling offering spans Whites and Reds from 1995 to 2022, highlighted by a jeroboam of 2019 Corton-Charlemagne, a magnum of Montrachet (produced only once!), rehoboams of 2005 and 2009 Mazis- and Mazoyères-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes, and a majestic Methuselah of 2009 Chambertin Vieilles Vignes. Incroyable!!! This rare offering captures nearly three decades of enduring greatness, direct from the Domaine! Merci Loïc!!!

The Crown Jewel Cellar, lots 1693–1933, comes from an astute collector who is in constant pursuit of perfection, and, lucky for us, that extends to the finest and rarest wines in the world!! His eye for beauty is discerning and his taste, uncompromising. From vintage automobiles to contemporary art to timepieces of remarkable rarity, his life's passions are united by an abiding respect for the exceptional. That same sensibility shaped the creation of his wine cellar, a collection of vinous gems that shines bright with the Crown Jewels of Burgundy and Bordeaux. Nearly two hundred fifty selections make up this magnificent offering, one of the true centerpieces of the Birthday Auction. Bordeaux spans more than a century, with treasures such as a magnum of 1950 **La Mission**, twelve bottles of 1959 **Latour** in OWC, 1961 **La Mission**, 1982 **Mouton**, 1982 **Pétrus** and **Cheval Blanc**, 1989 **Haut-Brion** magnum OWC, 1989 **Lafleur**, and 1990 **Margaux** and **Lafleur**, crowned by 1921, 1948, and 1949 **d'Yquem**. **Burgundy** takes center stage with one hundred forty-eight lots, including twenty-six from **Domaine de la Romanée-Conti**, among them 1995 and 1996 assortments, and 1959, 1971, and 1980 La Tâche in both bottle and magnum. Other great names include **Leroy**, **Roumier**, **Jayer**, **Mugnier**, **Ponsot**, and **Engel**. **White Burgundy** shines with **Coche-Dury**, **D'Auvenay**, **DRC**, **Leflaive**, and **Ramonet**. Beyond Burgundy and Bordeaux, highlights include 1990 **Chave** Hermitage, magnums of 1990 **Rayas**, 1988 **Dom Pérignon P3**, 1995 **Krug Clos d'Ambonnay**, 2002 **Conterno** Monfortino, 1971 **Quintarelli** Amarone, and **Harlan Estate** from California. This is a rare trove of vinous gems, and the first offering from The Crown Jewel Cellar, which is definitely fit for the king in all of us!!

A Spectacular Offering of Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, lots 1934–2022, serves as our grand finale, and what a finale it is. Eighty-nine extraordinary lots are devoted entirely to **Domaine de la Romanée-Conti**, the single most revered name in the world of fine and rare wine. This globe-trotting oenophile and successful international businessman is known for his discerning taste and uncompromising pursuit of excellence, and here, his focus is absolute: **DRC**, and nothing less. This phenomenal offering spans nearly two decades, featuring Corton 2009–2017, Echézeaux and Grands Echézeaux 2008–2017, and stellar runs of La Tâche, Richebourg, and Romanée-Saint-Vivant from 2008 through 2013. The centerpiece, Romanée-Conti itself, extends from 2007 to 2017 in both bottles and magnums, accompanied by Vosne-Romanée Cuvée Duvault-Bloch and Montrachet from 2007 through 2015. All wines were purchased on release and professionally stored with meticulous care, an extraordinary portrait of Burgundy's most coveted estate!!



Join us on Friday and Saturday, November 21 and 22, for this celebratory auction of the world's finest wines. Cheers to your health and to great wine!

In Vino Veritas,

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