



Dear Client,

La Paulée is back! Join us **Thursday through Saturday, March 26–28**, for our blockbuster three-day **La Paulée auction** featuring more than **3,700 stunning lots** and an estimated **\$22+ million** of the finest and rarest wine in the world! The action begins Thursday at noon, followed by all-day sessions on Friday and Saturday starting at 9am ET. The La Paulée celebration always brings some of Burgundy's most revered producers to New York City thanks to Daniel Johnnes and his entire La Paulee team. Most events are sold out already, but we can usually squeeze in some extra friends and family to the gala, which is one of the best wine parties of the year! Contact us or go to [www.lapaulee.com](http://www.lapaulee.com) for more details!!!



This year we are thrilled to present offerings direct from **fifteen of Burgundy's finest Domaines!** And that is just the beginning!! This remarkable sale also features several standout collections that demand your utmost attention, including **One of the Greatest Offerings Ever of DRC, The Crown Jewel Cellar, The Immaculate Collection, The Golden Bull Rides Again, French Classics of an Extraordinary Gentleman, and Dreaming of a White Christmas.** The excitement will build throughout the week with an extraordinary lineup of events hosted by both **La Paulée and Acker**, including bidding parties in New York City! We hope to see you at the auction(s) and the gala, and if you do not yet have tickets for the **La Paulée Gala Dinner** on Saturday evening, March 28, what are you waiting for?!? We also have a few seats left for an event with one of our 15 featured Domaines, Domaine Hubert Lignier, where we will be joined by Laurent Lignier for an incredible vertical of ex-Domaine Clos de la Roche back to 1976! Email [david@ackerwines.com](mailto:david@ackerwines.com) to join us on March 25!

On the final Saturday of the sale, in **lots 3109–3203**, we bring to you **One of the Greatest Offerings Ever of DRC!** This is one of America's great collections, and we are thrilled to present seventy-two selections of breathtaking Burgundy and Champagne spanning historic vintages and modern legends! This iconic New York collector has spent the past thirty years drinking the very best of the best, often in the company of friends around the world where the wine, food, and company are always extraordinary. Over a lifetime he has built a cellar sourced only from trusted collectors, leading merchants, and the world's top auction houses, with every bottle carefully maintained in professional storage. **Domaine de la Romanée-Conti** takes top billing with thirty remarkable lots, highlighted by a breathtaking range of La Tâche with the legendary 1971 leading the way in bottle, magnum, and a monumental Methuselah in OWC, alongside the celebrated 1999 in a full suite of formats!!! Romanée-Conti itself stretches from 1943 through 1999, with the spotlight firmly on single bottles of the legendary **1943 and 1945 vintages originally from the personal cellars of Robert Drouhin!** And don't forget the bottle of 1923 La Tâche, which isn't DRC at all—it is actually **Liger-Belair**, and we compared this bottle to an empty one at the Château de Vosne-Romanée itself. Suffice it to say, we were pleased with the results! **Rousseau** adds an extraordinary lineup of Chambertin across the decades, including multiple magnums highlighted by a rare 1969 Clos de Beze and six 1999 Chambertin, while Champagne provides a dazzling counterpart led by an exceptional lineup of **Krug** reaching back to the rare 1929 Private Cuvée Extra Sec, with Krug Collection vintages from 1949



in original cases, plus a magnum of 1961 **Dom Pérignon** Royal Wedding Cuvée for a fitting historic flourish to this truly remarkable offering and one of the greatest collections of DRC ever!!!

Day three also presents **The Crown Jewel Cellar** in lots 3204–3663. We are honored to present the this magnificent cellar of this accomplished New Yorker and friend of the house. An astute and extraordinarily successful businessman, he knows his way around luxury and, luckily for us, that discerning eye extends to the finest and rarest wines in the world! Sourced from leading purveyors of fine wine in Europe and America, as well as their most respected auction houses, this cellar has consistently delivered dazzling results, with provenance always paramount. A significant selection of this offering hails from a remarkable English country cellar, where naturally cool, damp underground conditions and vibration-free storage provided ideal long-term aging. Although some labels bear the marks of that humid environment, what lies within the bottles is nothing short of fabulous!! And this is one example of how **The Crown Jewel Cellar** came to life; it offers a tour de force of fine and rare wine with more than four hundred lots to choose from, led by legendary Bordeaux from **Lafite, Latour, Mouton, Margaux, Haut-Brion**, and Right Bank icons including **Pétrus, Lafleur, Le Pin, and d'Yquem** back to 1927. Nearly two hundred lots of Red Burgundy follow, highlighted by full cases of 1990 and 2002 **Rousseau**, mighty Methuselahs of **Domaine de la Romanée-Conti**, alongside 10 bottles of 1988 **Roumier Amoureuses**, 1985 **Dujac Bonnes Mares**, 1990 **Mugnier Musigny and Amoureuses**, and 1976 & 1978 **Jayer Richebourgs!!!** We need 007 to guard these Crown Jewels!!! More than one hundred lots of White Burgundy add further brilliance with forty-four jewels from **Coche-Dury** alongside **d'Auvenay, Leflaive, Leroy, Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey, and Ramonet**, featuring 1985, 1989 and 1992 Montrachets!!! Champagne and Rhône legends, including **Dom Pérignon Cœnothèque, Salon, Rayas, Guigal La Mouline and La Landonne, and Jaboulet La Chapelle** (yes, including a gorgeous bottle of 1961!), round out this extraordinary offering, with additional treasures from **Giacosa, Gaja, Mascarello, Quintarelli, Trimbach**, and more, confirming that this is a rare trove of vinous gems, and a collection truly fit for the king in all of us!!!

We coronate day one of the La Paulée auction with its biggest and most important collection, one that imparts two hundred seventy-five lots of the world's greatest Red and White Burgundies!! This collection was painstakingly put together from only the most reputable sources by a most discerning gentleman, one where every bottle was audited and confirmed. This is a collection so pristine and so precise that it could only be called one thing: **The Immaculate Collection!!!** We are thrilled to offer it to you in lots 997–1274! Its owner is fanatical about Burgundy and meticulous about provenance, keeping extensive records for every bottle purchased over more than two decades of collecting, amassing more than 40,000 bottles at its peak! His collecting strategy is profoundly simple and immensely successful: buy the best producers in the best vintages from the best cellars, with a singular focus on his favorite region of them all—Burgundy. I have drunk numerous great examples of **DRCs, Leroy, Jayers, Liger-Belairs...you name it!** This collection has always delivered immaculate results and heavenly experiences! Nearly fifty selections from **Domaine de la Romanée-Conti** form the heart of the cellar, going back to 1971 La Tâche and including celebrated vintages such as 1990, 2005, and 2010, alongside multiple three-bottle cases of Romanée-Conti (including 1999) and six-bottle lots of Richebourg from 1999, 2005, 2008, 2010, 2014 and 2017!!!! Burgundy legends continue with **Rousseau** such as magnums of 1991 Chambertin, seven vintages of **Comte Liger-Belair La Romanee**, 2015 **Dujac Chambertins**, 2017 & 2018 **Roumier Musingys**, and prized bottles of 1990, 1996 & 1999 **Jayer Cros Parantoux**, while White Burgundy is equally dazzling, led by **Coche-Dury** (six-packs of 2010, 2013 &



2014 CC!) and **DRC** Montrachet (3-packs of 2010, 2011, 2014 & 2017!), and stellar names such as **d'Auvenay**, **Raveneau**, and **Roulot!!!** Champagne icons including **Dom Pérignon P3**, **Krug Clos du Mesnil**, **Salon**, and Jacques **Selosse** invite further celebration, while a formidable Italian finale arrives with **Giacomo Conterno** Monfortino. Ladies and gentlemen, we proudly present **The Immaculate Collection!!!**

Although it may be the Year of the Horse, The Bull is back—and he would never sit out the grand La Paulée auction! We are honored to showcase over four hundred forty lots from his legendary cellar to inaugurate day one of the La Paulée sale. **The Golden Bull Rides Again in lots 1–444!!!** This remains one of the greatest collections we have had the privilege of bringing to auction, a veritable Fort Knox of fine wine that brims with treasures worth their weight in gold. Over more than two decades, The Golden Bull has assembled an extraordinary cellar, sourcing exclusively from reputable merchants and storing every bottle in the legendary Octavian cellars in England. Most wines remain in their original packaging, and all are in outstanding condition. The Bull charges out of the gate with great Bordeaux before unveiling breathtaking depth in Burgundy spanning three decades, from mature gems of the 1990s and early 2000s to recent great vintages of the 2010s and beyond. Standout Domaines include **Leroy**, **Liger-Belair**, **Rousseau**, **Dugat-Py**, **Méo-Camuzet**, **Roumier**, **Mugnier**, **Dujac**, and **Domaine de la Romanée-Conti**, with particularly strong runs from several of these stars. Grand Cru White Burgundy from **Leflaive**, **Ramonet**, **Drouhin**, and **Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey** reinforces the depth, many from the celebrated vintages of the late 2000s and early 2010s. A dazzling **Champagne** lineup stretches from mid-century classics of the 1940s through the 1960s alongside modern icons, while remarkable **Madeira** treasures dating to the nineteenth century round out this monumental cellar spanning nearly two centuries of greatness. Grab the bull by the horns and claim a piece of this remarkable collection!!

On day three of the sale also arrives **French Classics of an Extraordinary Gentleman** in lots **2944–3108**. There are very few collectors who have been there and done that over the past decade as much as this gregarious gentleman. With an incredible collection and the desire to share from it relentlessly, he has hosted some incredible dinners and parties we have been blessed to attend. A true bon vivant and connoisseur, we are glad that he finally realized that he has too much wine! One hundred and sixty-five exceptional lots from this well-connected collector showcase the great wines of France across multiple legendary regions. Bordeaux opens with authority, featuring **Pétrus** in half bottles alongside icons such as **Montrose**, **Cheval Blanc**, **Latour** and **Haut-Brion**. Burgundy takes over with selections from **Domaine de la Romanée-Conti** spanning 1964 through 2018, including magnums of Romanée-Conti, alongside Richebourg, Échézeaux, La Tâche, and Romanée-St-Vivant. Further Burgundy highlights include **Rousseau**, **Dujac** reaching back to 1976, and prized bottles from **Lignier**, **Truchot**, **Mugnier**, and **Engel!** White Burgundy adds brilliance with **Coche-Dury** Corton-Charlemagne, **DRC** Montrachet, and a rare 2002 **d'Auvenay** Chevalier-Montrachet, joined by **Leflaive**, **Ramonet**, and **Raveneau**. Rhône legends follow including **Rayas**, **Guigal** La Landonne, and **Chave** highlighted by 1991 Rouge and Cuvée Cathelins, while Champagne closes the show with **Dom Pérignon** and **Krug** Clos du Mesnil!!! A League of His Own, Indeed!



To kick off Friday and day two, we are **Dreaming of a White Christmas** in **lots 1275–1457**. This special selection, acquired by a passionate Burgundy lover, showcases nearly two hundred lots of top White Burgundy, all purchased on release and ideally stored ever since! This worldly gentleman travels almost every year to his favorite region to taste directly with the top Domaines and has assembled a massive cellar of only the finest producers in the Côte de Beaune. At its core lies an extraordinary concentration of **Domaine Leflaive** spanning 2004 through 2021, including Chevalier-Montrachet, Bâtard-Montrachet, and Puligny-Montraches, many in original wooden cases and impressive large formats. Further brilliance comes from **Coche-Dury**, alongside superb lots from d'Auvenay across standout vintages. Chablis shines with numerous selections of Raveneau spanning two decades, including full cases and prized magnums of Les Clos. Additional White Burgundy stars including **Dauvissat, Roulot, Boillot, and Drouhin** complete a breathtaking offering that truly lives up to its name—a collection that Christmas dreams are made of!!

Last but certainly not least, we are proud to present **Offerings Direct from Fifteen of Burgundy's Finest Domaines!!** Highlighted on day one, in **lots 813–909**, are nearly one hundred selections from **Domaines Alex Moreau, Fourrier, Dugat-Py, Hubert Lignier, Bizot, de Montille, and Méo-Camuzet**. On day three, in **lots 3664–3737**, the grand finale of the sale features more than seventy additional offerings from **Domaines Bachelet-Monnot, Henri Gouges, Jean-Marc Millot, Yvon Clerget, Château de la Tour, Duroché, Robert Groffier, and Dujac**. The lineup reads like a who's who of Burgundy, and we are absolutely delighted to present this superb assortment of the best of Burgundy—direct from their cellars to yours!!

Join us for a truly blockbuster La Paulée auction featuring three days of the finest and rarest wines, Thursday through Saturday, March 26–28!!

In Vino Veritas,

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