



Dear Client,

We're thrilled to launch the fall season with a spectacular two-day September US Auction on **Wednesday, September 9 starting at 5pm ET and continuing Thursday, September 10 at 9am ET**. The sale features nearly **1,800 lots** of the world's finest and rarest wines with estimated sales exceeding a lucky \$8 million! An exciting lineup of featured collections includes: **Ancient Bordeaux and Burgundy from the Prominent Collection of Harry Snady; Fifty Years of Meticulous Collecting: First Growths, Great Burgundy & Historic California; The Jupiter Collection; Big-Time Wines from a Prominent Real Estate Investor; and Doctor Tom Presents Three Decades of Bordeaux & California Classics.**

We open in grand fashion thanks to **lots 1-54 and Big-Time Wines from a Prominent Real Estate Investor**, a longtime Acker consignor whose fifty-four selections were meticulously acquired over many years, with younger vintages purchased on or near release and older wines sourced from top cellars only after diligent provenance research. Bordeaux opens with four full cases from three famed vintages: 1982 **Latour**, 1989 and 1990 **Haut-Brion**, and 1990 **Cheval Blanc**! Burgundy takes the stage with nine lots from **Rousseau**, beginning with five vintages of Chambertin, with full cases of 1996, 2009, and 2016 joined by six bottles each of 2005 and 2007, followed by Chambertin Clos de Bèze, Clos de la Roche, and Ruchottes-Chambertin Clos des Ruchottes! **Domaine de la Romanée-Conti** follows with ten lots, including a 2000 Assortment, 2002 Echézeaux and Grands Echézeaux, La Tâche from 2002 and 2010, 2001 Richebourg, and Romanée-St.-Vivant from 2000 and 2001. Champagne arrives in sparkling scale, with large formats taking the lead: magnum parcels of 2008 **Dom Pérignon**, three six-magnum parcels of 2009 **Cristal**, and **Taittinger Comtes de Champagne** featuring the 2006 Blanc de Blancs and Rosé in bottles and magnums! Large formats carry through to the finish with a jeroboam of 2009 **Chave** Hermitage and magnums of **Giacosa** Barolo Le Rocche del Falletto di Serralunga. A big-time collection, indeed!

Fifty Years of Meticulous Collecting: First Growths, Great Burgundy & Historic California graces us in **lots 207-398** with one hundred ninety-two selections from a West Coast collector whose life has been deeply intertwined with wine, food, and art for more than half a century! Raised in a family with a strong affinity for the arts and the pleasures of the table, he was introduced to wine early as something to be enjoyed with food and shared with family and friends. The son of a Swiss-born surgeon whose family built a new life in America after leaving Europe early in the Second World War, he is also a United States Army veteran. His perspective was shaped not only by decades of collecting but by firsthand experience within the California wine industry as a vineyard and winery owner, investor, executive, and board member in the development of several of the state's most respected wineries. His financial expertise even carried into the culinary world as CFO of a prominent James Beard award-winning restaurant. Among his favorite traditions has been hosting intimate dinners built around the wines themselves, for the pleasure was never simply in owning great bottles but in opening the right ones at the right moment and bringing people together to enjoy them.





Bordeaux is led by a stunning fifty-six selections from the five First Growths, all but a very few in OWCs and anchored by the outstanding 2000 vintage. **Lafite** leads with fourteen lots, **Mouton** follows with eleven including three lots of the 1982, and **Haut-Brion**, **Margaux**, and **Latour** complete the First Growth display! **La Mission Haut-Brion** makes a powerful showing across eight lots, while **Cheval Blanc**, **Angélus**, and a rare pairing of **Pétrus** from 1990 and 2008 answer from the Right Bank.

Burgundy brings thirty-nine lots led by eight offerings of **Clos de Tart** and a formidable run of 1990s from **Rousseau** and **Domaine Leroy**, before the Rhône delivers **Jaboulet** Hermitage La Chapelle from the back-to-back 1989 and 1990 vintages and Champagne answers with a superb quartet from the great 2008 vintage including **Dom Pérignon** and **Dom Pérignon Rosé**, **Krug**, and **Pol Roger** Cuvée Sir Winston Churchill. Most personal of all is a **Ridge** Monte Bello vertical of eleven vintages reaching from the historic inaugural 1962 through the great 1974, each impeccably cellared by a collector whose own professional involvement included **Ridge**! This is a special collection, and together these bottles reflect a lifetime of knowledge, discernment, and an abiding belief that the greatest wines are meant to be shared.

The Jupiter Collection follows in **lots 399–546** with one hundred forty-eight lots from the cellar of a passionate Jupiter, Florida collector and his wife that was built over more than two decades. A commercial real estate developer by profession, he formed genuine friendships with Napa producers that led to annual California winery visits and enviable access. He also became a regular at the New York charity auctions of baseball great and noted wine lover Rusty Staub, once describing himself as “passionately involved in the hunt” for the next great bottle! Burgundy presents **Domaine de la Romanée-Conti** across a sweep of Grands Crus, with six-bottle OWCs of 2011 and 2012 La Tâche and three-bottle OWCs of Romanée-Conti from both vintages! **Leflaive**, **Chave**, **Guigal**, and two full cases of 1996 **Salon** lead into a deep California showing that reflects those annual visits, with **Abreu**, **BOND**, **Colgin**, **Harlan Estate**, **Promontory**, and **Screaming Eagle** among the coveted names. **Hundred Acre** stretches across more than twenty lots, while **Scarecrow** reaches from 2005 through 2016, including a full case of the 2013! From the pinnacle of Burgundy to Napa’s most sought-after cult bottles, this is the thrill of the hunt!

Session two begins on Thursday the 10th at 9am, presenting **Ancient Bordeaux and Burgundy from the Prominent Collection of Harry Snady in lots 739–815**. Distinguished New York doctor and collector Harry Snady’s vinous “aha moment” came at Columbia Medical School in the early 1970s, when a roommate opened the 1975 **La Mission Haut-Brion** that would change his wine life forever! Over nearly fifty years he bought en primeur and from respected retailers from London to California, acquiring wines directly from the likes of Martine Saunier and his longtime friend Dr. Bipin Desai. A global gourmand whose friendships in the wine world span decades and continents, Harry purchased an 1870 **Mouton** Rothschild some forty years ago and entrusted it to Giorgio Pinchiorri at Florence’s famed Enoteca Pinchiorri. Three years ago, he finally decided it was time, returning to open the bottle over a special dinner created for the occasion. The wine, he recalls, was ethereal! His philosophy remains wonderfully simple: “Wine is good for one’s health, and the better the wine, the better it is for you!”



Literally built into a cliff with the rock jutting through its center, Harry's cellar yields seventy-seven lots spanning more than a century and a half of vinous history, beginning with 1900 **Ausone** and **Latour!** **Cheval Blanc** provides the 1947, **Haut-Brion** shines with two bottles of 1945 and a jeroboam of 1989, and **La Mission Haut-Brion**, the wine that started it all, fittingly appears in magnums of 1953 and 1959! **Lafite** offers a 1961 double magnum, a full OWC of 1986, and an Imperial, before a full OWC of 1982 **Pétrus** and **d'Yquem** reaching back to 1921. Burgundy is equally breathtaking, led by a magnum of 1949 **DRC** La Tâche, bottles of 1942 and 1952 Romanée-Conti, and 1993 Romanée-St.-Vivant, joined by **Rousseau**, **Comte de Vogüé**, **Bachelet**, and **Domaine Leroy**. White Burgundy brings 1990 **Coche-Dury** Corton-Charlemagne and **d'Auvenay** Meursault Chaumes des Perrières, as well as Montrachet showcasing 1992 **Lafon**, 1978 and 1990 **DRC**, and 1989 **Ramonet**. The holy journey concludes with 1990 **Rayas** and mature **Dom Pérignon**, including the superstar 1961 Royal Wedding Cuvée magnum! What is amazing about Harry's collection is that he still knows where almost every bottle came from, which we shared for the 1942 Romanee-Conti, purchased at a Butterfields auction in 1995! This cellar is a testament to a bygone era, but thanks to Harry, it isn't gone yet! Thank you, Harry, for sharing these amazing bottles!!

Doctor Tom Presents Three Decades of Bordeaux & California Classics, lots 1083-1173, features more than ninety lots from a New York physician whose relationship with Acker spans two generations. Bordeaux starts us off with First Growths and Right and Left Bank stars, as **Lafite**, **Latour**, and **Margaux** appear across multiple vintages, much of it in banded OWCs, while **La Mission Haut-Brion** adds 1982, 2000, and 2010 and **Pétrus** delivers the great 2000 and 2005! **Pichon Lalande** includes the celebrated 1982 alongside **Cos d'Estournel**, **Léoville Barton**, **Lynch-Bages**, and **Trotanoy**, and mature **d'Yquem** reaches all the way back to 1945, with six vintages through 1988 and the 1983 in Imperial! California digs deep, with **Dominus** stretching across eleven vintages from 1990 through 2016, including a 1994 double magnum, and **Shafer** Hillside Select revealing fourteen vintages from 1999 through 2016, joined by **Bryant Family**, **Harlan Estate**, and **Promontory**, plus collectible verticals of **Kenwood** Artist Series Cabernet and **Marilyn Merlot!** **Ridge** Monte Bello and **Marcassin** Chardonnay provide the finishing touches to a cellar three decades in the making!

Beyond the featured collections, the sale brims with further treasures across both sessions, none more coveted than an ultra-rare bottle of 1978 **Henri Jayer** Richebourg, purchased directly from Kermit Lynch when he first imported the wines in the early 1980s! This is just one example of all the vinous treasures that await in this sale beyond these few features.

Please join us for Acker's September US Auction, beginning **Wednesday, September 9 at 5pm ET and continuing Thursday, September 10 at 9am ET**, as we open the fall season with some of the world's finest and rarest wines!

In Vino Veritas,

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