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Dear Client,

The first quarter of 2015 was a wintry white hot one for Acker Merrall, as we once again showed the world why we are **the world's #1 wine auction firm**...by a significant margin. April is the perfect month for **'The Perfect Storm,'** as it is our first four auction month: our first 'Connoisseurs' Club' auction in Hong Kong on April 16th, two internet auctions (one in New York and one in Hong Kong), and this **April 25th auction in New York City at Marea**. Of the four, this one is the biggest and brightest.

Our first two Featured Collections offer many of California's most famous and greatest wines. If the collection inside **Lots 34-45** seems small for such a large state, look again. There are over four cases of red hot SQN and classics from Saxum, Shafer plus a great collection of mature and recent Dunn in quantity. Immediately after is a superb consignment that will keep the California juice flowing. **Lots 46-83** offer three cases of Screaming Eagle including the first ever 1992 vintage, and more OWCs of that iconic wine. There are also OWCs of Harlan and full cases of the superb Phelps Insignia from a range of vintages. These two collections are broad and deep alike in the great reds of California. Come and get'em.

A small but powerful collection of European gems from one of our favorite European clients is next. **Lots 143-160** holds magnums of Cheval Blanc, 1990 and 2005 Petrus, 2009 Liger Belair La Romanee, rare Leflaive Montrachet and superb Gaja. Every lot is wonderful, and all are from superb storage. Soon after comes yet another great European consignment thanks to **Lots 176-229**. How about 1964 Rousseau, 1971 La Tache and 1971 DRC Richebourg for starters? Plus a rare 1982 DRC Assortment, an Henri Jaye magnum, rare Engel, absolutely stellar Giascosa Riservas including magnums and equally stellar and famous Conterno Montfortino. And Soldera. Great wines from a great collector.

Collections such as these are what make our NYC auctions special and unique. It's not one region or theme that dominates. These auctions are about the greatest wines from every great region and their top winemakers. Our two most featured collections couldn't be better cases in point. **Lots 230-293** has been forty years in the making, and it leads with superb 1982 Bordeaux in case quantities, a vintage that is just starting to drink beautifully on the top level. You'll see Petrus magnums from the 1970s. There are seven Henri Jaye lots including very rare Richebourg, 1978 and 1980 La Tache, and great and rare Volnays from Pousse d'Or from 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1983. A superb collection of great German Rieslings, Harlan from the 1990s plus hard to find 1974 and 1978 Heitz Martha's round out this lifelong collection. This is a real jewel from a jewel of a man.

We keep the magic going via **Lots 294-376**, with an incredible collection from an incredible friend. The forever legendary 1989 Haut Brion in OWC is here. Magnums of 1982 Latour and Mouton (OWC) are must haves. Double magnums of the great and iconic 2003 Lafite are here as well as Petrus magnums. Two of the greatest vintages of the past decades from La Mission and three of the equally great vintages of l'Eglise Clinet are offered before we segue to Burgundy. Musignys

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from Leroy and Drouhin, Ponsot magnums, superb Pegau and 1999 Guigal La La cases expand the breadth of this already. This collection also has a wonderful selection of great California wines.

We are far from finished. Also inside are seven vintages of Romanee Conti from a long time client in **Lots 377-398**. This collection also offers Meo Camuzet Cros Parantoux, two La Tache vintages in six bottle lots, 1991 Vogue Musigny and the great 1988 Coche Dury Meursault Perrieres, both in quantity. Elusive double magnums of famed Araujo Eisele are here, too.

DRC is also at the fore of the great Burgundy collection that is the heart and soul of **Lots 399-429**. Seven OWCs of La Tache (!) are offered as are two hard to find 2002 DRC Assortments in custom OWCs, plus OWCs of DRC Romanee St. Vivant and Grands Echezeaux. That would be enough to make most Burgundy collectors excited yet here too is a tough to find magnum of the great 2005 Liger Belair La Romanee and the outstanding 2001 Rousseau CSJ in magnum. This is a great Burgundy collection in wonderful condition.

There are so many more countless great wines inside these pages. For example, 1990 Dujac, many vintages of Rousseau Chambertin and Clos de Beze, 1993 Mugnier, Vogue magnums and OWCs, 1990 DRCs, an instant collection of Roumier Amoureuuses, 2000 Mouton in double magnum, 1959 Latour, OWCs of the greatest Bordeaux vintages that no collection should be without, a great Chave collection, an imperial of Masseto, rare Soldera from the 1980s, the great 1941 Vega Sicilia Unico, far far more SQN lots beyond those already cited, over three cases of Pappy van Winkle....the list goes on and on. It's that type of auction, and one we are very proud to offer.

Drink up!

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