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Dear Client,

Summer always flies by so fast. There is never enough of it to go around! Hopefully, there were many great times for each and every one of you this summer. Something tells me that most of them involved wine. At least they did for me lol. What do they call that, projecting? The least we could do is make sure we had an incredible assortment ready to go, ready to provide so many more great times, ready to replace all those empties left behind since we've been gone. But we're back, back for a sale only fitting for the clear market leader to kick things off this September. It's **September 10th and 12th** by the way, a night/day doubleheader at **Riverpark and Marea**. Game on!



We finished the first half of 2015 as the largest wine auction firm in the world, nearly 50% larger than any other wine auction house in the world, the #1 firm in both the US and Hong Kong. And this September in NYC, we will auction almost 1500 lots and an estimated \$5 million of the best of the best. It's a wow sale, for sure. The world's finest collectors continue to choose Acker Merrall.

You'll see an amazing number of wines that would make any list of "one of the greatest ever made by....." Legends mature and recent are here in serious quantity. For example Lot 10 is a very rare twelve bottle case of 2005 Liger-Belair La Romanee.....and that is only Lot 10! One of the many highlights from Day Two is an unprecedented vertical of Coche-Dury Corton Charlemagne from 1990-2009. 20 vintages!!! Let me check myself before I can't stop and highlight a few collections while I'm at it.

Room doesn't allow for all of these in detail, yet we'll try to give you some snapshots; the videos are inside the catalog. **Lots 29-68** holds a superb Burgundy collection, full of cases of the newest releases of Roumier, Mugnier and Mugneret-Gibourg's top wines, and that is far from all inside. Immediately after is the collection held in **Lots 69-107**, another cutting-edge consignment of great new releases, this time from an award-winning restaurant. Twelve Rousseau lots are followed by over two dozen more from Liger-Belair, DRC, Dujac, Roumier and Coche-Dury. Burgundy is the new king of the wine market, and this sale is Exhibit A.

What follows these two collections are two more outstanding consignments, the first also being from an award-winning restaurant. A few of the many highlights are magnums of 1985 DRC Richebourg, bottles of 1985 and 1990 Romanee Conti, 1993 Dujac, 1996 Coche-Dury and an unprecedented collection of magnums of every vintage of Beaucastel Hommage a Jacques Perrin ever made. You'll find these rarities inside **Lots 108-141** and **Lots 142-162**.

Next are four wonderful collections that begin with **Lot 195** and end only when **Lot 387** has ended, consignments that come to us from four experienced collectors that we know very well. Remember that phrase at the beginning, "one of the greatest ever made by....."? These four collections reinforce that phrase. Amidst these almost two hundred lots are large formats of Petrus and Ramonet, mature

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cases of DRC, legendary vintages of Rousseau, Roumier, Leroy and La Romanee, rare mature Giacosa, Giacomo Conterno and Soldera in quantity, brilliant JJ Prum, and superb Bordeaux from the 1960s, 1980s and 1990s.

It is with Bordeaux that we finish the first of these two days, although Burgundy, Rhone, Italy and California all make strong showings again. Inside **Lots 420-555** is one of the most diverse and classic collections of this sale, all perfectly stored, too, of course. The Bordeaux lots are equaled by this man's love of the rest of the world, love for things like Chave, Pegau, Chapoutier and Masseto, with the top names of California offered to balance out that European geography.

So what we do we do for an encore on Day Two? **Lots 627-670** are a beautifully stored collection of top vintages of Bordeaux in OWC, matched by a roster of great California reds. There's almost thirty years of collecting experience inside this consignment. Soon after is one of the strongest Burgundy collections of these two days within **Lots 749-812**, with a lot of love for the best of the best from Champagne and Italy thrown in. You could blindfold yourself, choose any lot randomly from this collection, and be very happy with what luck has brought you and your cellar.

Before I introduce the largest Featured Collection of these two days, I want to circle back to that unequaled, unmatched - do you get the feeling I am ever so slightly excited about this one - and exceptional vertical of 1990-2009 Coche-Dury Corton Charlemagne, **Lot 985**. I know this collector very well, he has been incredibly generous in offering great white Burgundies and many bottles of Coche-Dury in many places and settings, and every bottle has been superb. He's a great guy, too.

So here we are. Enfin, as the French say, or what the hell took so long, as we New Yorkers might. **The Featured Collection of this entire sale is Lots 990-1097**, from one of America's greatest collectors. This is a cellar I know well, having drunk from it repeatedly over the last decade, including a magical evening this summer of almost a dozen aged beauties! These wines have either been kept in professional storage or his ideal, underground stone cellar with both temperature and humidity control, highly secured, of course. Over 100 lots of perfectly mature wine cover his three favorite regions admirably with an emphasis on Burgundy. Bordeaux quickly and deftly sets the stage with 1953 Cheval Blanc and Lafite, and four vintages of Petrus follow. 1985 Rousseau Chambertin tees up over a dozen, spectacular Rousseau lots. A case of 1999 Dujac Clos de la Roche and a case of 1993 Roumier Bonnes Mares are here, too, as are over two cases of Coche-Dury!!! And more than five cases of Leflaive, which begins with the legendary 1990 Chevalier Montrachet. You'll also see famous, and I do mean famous, vintages of Ramonet and Raveneau. Next the Dom, Krug, Cristal, Salon and Bollinger flows and using that earlier cited blindfold test, any lot you'd land on would be superb. True for this entire collection, which is as good as it gets. We are honored to offer it to all of you.

We go old before we go home, and Lots 1098-1208 offer an amazing array of mature wines for those that like their wines with a little wisdom. Of particular note are some old Unicos and Italians featuring a stellar selection of Rinaldi and Conterno. And it is solely because I am running out of room on these pages that I will be brief and say dig into **1209-1261** and **1262-1330**. Yes, this catalog is long but these are three great collections and sometimes, as has been said, to those who wait, comes.....I promise that you that inside these three collections you will, once again, continue to see far, far more of "one of the greatest ever made."

Don't miss September 10th and 12th with us in NYC. We had a great time creating this auction, and a

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sale like this makes it feel like the first time all over again. Come join us and feel it for yourself! If you cannot be here in NYC in person, join us live online through our web based bidding service, AckerLive, or send some absentee bids in advance via our easy-to-use iPhone and Android apps. Try it to buy it!

To those about to drink, we salute you! Let's go!!!

In Vino Veritas,

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