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Dear Client,

And we are back! 2015 was a cause for celebration as we yet again achieved the Triple Crown of the wine auction market: **Number one in New York, number one in Hong Kong and number one in the World!** There wasn't much of a Christmas break, as we have been busy making our first NYC auction of 2016. This catalog is a beauty, building off the success of 2015 with an amazing assortment fit for the best selection of fine wine on a monthly basis, a selection that we continue to provide. The Featured Collections inside this catalog contain exactly what you would expect from the world's number one wine auction firm. **February 6th at Marea in NYC** will welcome you to the beginning of 2016!



Lots 302-432 come to us from one of our very first and most experienced collectors. It has virtually everything you could hope for. **The very best names from Bordeaux, top vintages and case lots that begin with the great 1982s, 1989s and 1990s.** As you dig into the Bordeaux you'll see what are unquestionably many of the greatest Bordeaux made during those two seminal decades. The Burgundies are a dream list – **2001 and 2002 Leroy (you know how great they both are), 2009 DRC magnums and 2009 Montrachet, 2009 Fourrier Griotte.** just to name a few. **The Rhones, Champagne and Cult Californias** are very deep and absolutely their equals, which is really saying something. This is our largest Featured Collection of the day and you will be happy to own any lot from it.

Immediately after we are happy to welcome back another very longtime client via **Lots 433-538.** What a roster of older Bordeaux magic – **1949 Cheval Blanc in magnum, 1961 from Latour, Latour a Pomerol, Palmer and Petrus** are preludes to the great 1982s. **Rousseau magnums, 1985 Meo (that means Henri Jayer), 1990 Rouget (ditto), 1978, 1985 and 1999 DRC (there's another Triple Crown),** white burgundy in quantity and size alike via **six bottles of rare 1999 Coche Dury Corton Charlemagne, 2002 Leflaive Chevalier, 1986 DRC Montrachet magnum, 1992 Ramonet Montrachet in magnum plus magnums of 1982 Dom Rose and 1996 Krug Clos du Mesnil** are a preview of a great, beautifully stored collection. This is Hall of Fame stuff!

Shifting gears **SQN collectors will love what is unquestionably one of the very best SQN and Next of Kyn collections to ever come to auction, spanning 1995-2012.** Full of very rare wines and formats, **magnums and double magnums included.** You'll see **Stockholm Syndrome, Atlantis, The Inaugural, 17th Nail in My Cranium, On Your Toes, Heart Chorea, Pearl Clutcher, and The Bride plus rare Roses and a few more surprises** inside this catalog. These OWCs and bottles came direct from the source, meaning directly from SQN into this long time collector's temperature and humidity controlled cellar. **Be alert early on Saturday if you love or collect SQN. This is a great cellar in stellar condition. Lots 1-71.**

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Some collectors surprise you continuously with the depth and breadth of what their cellars hold. We have offered incredible selections of this perfectly stored London based collection in Hong Kong during 2015 and now we can do so in NYC. The over 100 lots inside **Lots 673-779** showcases what is undoubtedly on the short list of the world's most important collections. This very successful global business man's passions are Burgundy and Champagne, and the list is long from **DRC, Rousseau, Dugat-Py, Vogue, Dujac, Faiveley, Fourrier, Perrot-Minot and Ponsot, Roulot, Bouchard, Leflaive, Boillot, Latour, Sauzet, Selosse, Krug, Dom, Salon. The OWCs of Guigal** are spectacular too. Every bottle, magnum and lot is in superb condition having resided inside one of London's finest cellars, Octavian, since purchase. You'll be thrilled to own these wines, as has every client who bought from this collection during 2015.

One of the world's best known and most respected collectors, someone we have proudly called a friend and client for years, is behind **Lots 602-672. Magnums back to 1945 direct from Chateau Talbot are treasures, 1990 Giacosa Riserva magnums and 2002 Leroy Chambertin** are a small preview of what's inside these lots, including a **brilliant collection of California greats**. We're honored to have a cellar of this renowned collector with decades' long experience be a part of our first NYC auction of 2016. Buy with immense confidence from someone whose cellar contains some of the finest wines I have ever tasted.

I didn't even get to our cover shot, the **1929 DRC Richebourg Vieux Cepages**...that shows you how much there still is to learn about this sale!

As is clear from these Featured Collections, and the 1000+ lots inside these pages, we are more than ready for a great 2016 in NYC. Join us on February 6th, 2016 to kick it off together!

In Vino Veritas,

John Kapon
Chairman, Acker Merrall & Condit Companies

