



ACKER MERRALL & CONDIT
WINE MERCHANTS SINCE 1820

Dear Client,

April's New York auction saw us welcome direct consignments from four of the greatest winemakers in the world: **Roulot, d'Angerville, Chave and Comte Liger-Belair**, and the sale sizzled accordingly from beginning to end. Before we have even caught our breath, we have an even bigger sale equally as exciting on **May 18th at A Voce Madison!** It is a healthy and happy 1300 lots, a roll call of the best of the best from all over the world, so we are starting this one a little earlier than usual, at **3pm**. If you are in town, come at 2pm for a little pre-auction tasting gathering, as we like to do before our evening sales. We will go late into the New York night and early into the Asia morning, and of course, you can bid real time regardless of where you live. Put May 18, 2016 on your calendar as it is a truly special sale!!!



First, I want to introduce our two largest Featured Collections, collections that come to us from two very experienced collectors whose cellars are among the finest in the world. **Lots 641-789** and **Lots 790-860**.

The first collection begins - begins! – with 1969 and 1979 Rousseau Chambertin, bottles that come us from a cold European cellar, one of the best I know. I visited the cellars myself recently for this sale, and I drank an embarrassment of riches...the 1959 DRC Grands Echezeaux and 1952 Rousseau Chambertin were unforgettable!!! There is more Rousseau, rare and mature Lafarge Volnay Clos des Chenes, 2002 Meo-Camuzet Richebourg, more Richebourgs from Mongeard-Mugneret, treasures such as 1983 Henri Mayer and 1989 Rene Engel...just to give you a taste of the Red Burgundies...the whites begin with an exciting large format collection of Sauzet in jeroboams and magnums plus 2000, 2002 and 2005 Leflaives that are perfect for the summer ahead. 1983, 1985 and 1990 Guigal set the table for a stellar collection of Chave red and white that begin with 1979, 1981, 1982 and 1983, all of which precede 1998 and 1999 Rostaing. I haven't mentioned the one dozen+ vintages of Trimbach Clos Ste. Hune or stellar Champagnes that follow. The signature of this particular offering from the cellar is the unforgettable Giacosa collection that starts with 1964, and continues with 1967, 1970, 1971, 1978, 1982, 1985...this could be one of the greatest, older Giacosa offerings I have ever seen. Italy continues in strong fashion with Aldo Conterno bottles and magnums from the 1970s and 1980s, 1979 and 1985 Sassicaia in quantity, and Spain joins the party with some 1960s Vega Sicilia. This is an amazing collection, from a true wine lover and collector, someone I have known for a very long time. **Do not miss Lots 641-789!**

The second of these two great collections, **Lots 790-860**, is a tale of two offerings. The initial 50 lots are almost all Petrus, Rousseau, Liger-Belair La Romanee (magnums too), DRC, Leroy, Roumier Bonnes Mares magnums, Coche-Dury Corton Charlemagne and Lafon Montrachet...like whoa! As if that weren't enough, what follows is one of the great Japanese whiskey offerings I have seen – twenty lots of Ichiro's Malt, rarest Karuizawa, Nikka, Hibiki and Yamazaki. Simply reading the preceding sentences communicates a great deal about the sophistication of this collector. This offering is a brilliant series of cases and bottles, from both France and Japan, two of the great connoisseur nations. And these wines and whiskeys belong in the cellar of any great connoisseur.

Beyond this powerful duo, there are a number of Featured Collections that are well worth your time. I will begin that brief tour with a wonderful selection of Burgundy led by an extensive collection of Fourrier, Grivot, de Montille, d'Angerville and Leflaive. Plus this gentleman, being the savvy pan-European collector that he is, has included superb bottles from Donhoff, Keller, Giacosa, Dal Forno, Voerzio and Vega Sicilia. You know it's an Acker Merrall NYC auction when you see a collection like this one. All the cases and bottles in **Lots 62-127** come to us from professional storage in London.

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Look closely at the collection of mature Bordeaux, Burgundy and California in **Lots 184-235**. This collection was built by a gourmet husband and wife duo over decades, a couple which began their love of food and wine in the 1960s. Famed for hosting dinner parties that lasted late into Southern nights, they bought cases of famous Bordeaux, Burgundy and California reds and stored them over the decades in their temperature-controlled home cellar. We've tasted wines from this collection from the 1960s and 1970s, and they were in excellent condition. There are cases of DRC, Rousseau, Lafite, Margaux, Mouton, Haut Brion, Ausone, Ducru, the Pichons, Lynch Bages and many more from Bordeaux, older Guigal, Jaboulet, and famous California reds of decades past, too.

While we are discussing great Bordeaux, a case of the legendary 1989 Petrus takes center stage, as do cases of 1982 and 2003 Latour, 2000 Ausone and a beautiful lot of 1971 Lafleur within **Lots 377-413**. Included in the conversation whenever the word "great" is used should be 1990 and 2009 DRCs, and this collection has both! It also has two six bottle lots of one of the most acclaimed and famous Cabernets ever made - the 1985 Sassicaia - and also a case of the rightly famous 1990 Jaboulet Hermitage La Chapelle. These are just a few of the many gems inside the collection that comes to us from a long time client, a very experienced collector whose cellar has few equals for depth, breadth and quality of storage and care.

There is not a single lot among the thirty-eight in **Lots 602-640** that will fail to excite Burgundy, Rhone or California collectors. Another long time client has brought us over two dozen DRC, Domaine Leroy, Dujac, Rouget and Grivot lots, from vintages and vineyards we all love. There are Mugnier Musigny magnums, too, 1990 Chave Hermitage magnums as well plus the famous 1985 and 1989 vintages from Guigal. We finish this jewel box of a consignment with a very selective offering of SQN that begins with the 1996 Against the Wall. This is a spectacular collection and consignment!

Fans and collectors of Burgundy that is both cutting edge and traditional alike will love **Lots 914-1064**. Cases of reds from Fourier, Mugnier, Groffier, Faiveley, d'Angerville align perfectly with the cases of young white Burgundies from Bouchard, Sauzet, Faiveley, Leflaive, Fontaine-Gagnard, Henri Boillot plus the classic Chablis made by Vincent Dauvissat and Fevre. This collection also has more large formats of Burgundy than any collection we can remember in a long time. This experienced collector is just as insightful with Champagne – here are ten lots from 2006, 2008, 2009 and 2010 from the great Cedric Bouchard, all in OWC or OCB. Round-ing out this offering are magnums of Trimbach Clos Ste. Hune and JJ Prum Gold Capsule, as well as Giacosa, Roagna and Gaja, also in OWCs and OCBs. This collection comes to us from a true connoisseur, and all wines were removed from professional storage in London.

Enjoy this catalog. We had fun over long days and nights putting it together. Catalogs like this are truly a labor of love, because there are so many great wines in this book to love. And we love to offer more of the world's greatest wines month after month, sale after sale, as only Acker Merrall can do. We hope to see you May 18, 2016 in NYC!

In Vino Veritas,

John Kapon
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