

親愛的客户:

「L」是個份量十足的字眼,就像「生命」(life)、「愛」(love)和社交媒體最重視的「讚好」(like)。但對Acker Asia而言,「L」還別具珍貴意義,就是羅馬數字「L」,也就是**我們第五十場拍賣會**!實在難以想像我們已不經不覺走到這重大的里程碑,對我們來說,更是一個堅實如鐵的實據,見證着我們的遍佈亞洲的顧客,即是您們從不動搖的支持、愛戴和對珍釀美酒的熱忱。

2016年11月5日,我們重臨香港,並帶着超過1000個來自全世界最偉大的葡萄園、酒莊和釀酒商的批號,舉行另一個Acker Merrall經典拍賣會。要配得上這個重要的拍賣會,我們特意呈獻兩批特色窖藏。主角之一是重磅的「唯美窖藏」,它主攻極好狀態的原裝木箱波爾多名釀,而且大部份都是從酒商直送的期酒。簡直是至高無上的唯美典藏!我們也感到萬分欣喜,可再次邀請到來自布根地其中一個最源遠流長和備受尊崇的葡萄園Clos Vougeot Chateau de La Tour的老朋友François Labet。精彩!

讓我們以剛才提到的「唯美窖藏」打嚮頭炮。這批海量窖藏大得我們要將之分成五個篇章拍賣:**批號1-88、批號325-406、批號482-556、批號686-714**和**批號871-975**。略懂行情的收藏家都應該知道在過去十來廿年,在波爾多掀起其中一個最觸目的革命,就是以整體數量而言,超級二級酒莊竟然戲劇性地追趕到一級酒莊。有見及此,我們就於**批號1-88**注入超級二級酒莊和大量相同水準的名釀。您會在此看到所有超級二級酒莊中最顯赫的大名,而且極大部份都是原裝木箱。這實在是任何波爾多愛好者的窖藏基石。我們真想要一飲而下!**批號325-406**秦出完美序曲,帶着這位收藏家可追溯到80年代、華美深刻的一級酒莊窖藏上場,當中的年份更包括可即時享受和適合長期收藏的經典藏酒。一級酒莊在波爾多的美酒市場中的重要性,完全在這批產於過去30年的組合窖藏中展露無遺。我們進而越到河的右邊,深探**批號482-556**中的傑出St. Emilions和Pomerols。另一波爾多亮點就是Angelus、Ausone和Cheval Blanc,還有12個批號的波爾多最奢侈的名釀Chateau Petrus。確實是貴得有原因!聽過超級二級酒莊在**批號686-714**中演奏的序曲,是時候以**批號871-975**總結這批環球窖藏,也就是唯一一個讓我們呈獻波爾多以外醇酒的窖藏。藏酒包括羅納河、香檳區,和大量最知名和受歡迎的加州原裝木箱佳釀……對,正就是Screaming Eagle!當然,我們還得以波爾多完結這篇章,有甚麼比得上以甜美韻味作結?一批波爾多乾白酒已準備就緒。這些更是我最愛的美酒之一一它們仍然是我的秘密武器!!!不信的話您自己試試!!這批窖藏出自完好貯存,您投得的任何佳釀都會是即時享受或長期收藏的好選擇。**我們實在引以爲傲,可爲您呈獻這批「唯美窖藏」**。

我們的好友兼布根地其中一個最重要和具影響力的釀酒師,來自**Chateau de la Tour的Francois Labet**,再次爲我們帶來從他**酒窖直送的窖藏**。當中的佳釀更一如既往,與他過去在香港呈獻過的窖藏同樣華美驚艷。這批直送窖藏中,**批號430-453**蘊藏極其珍罕的標準裝和1.5公升裝Clos Vougeot,包括1949年、1952年、1976年、1978年、1992年、1999年、2002年、2003年、2005年、2009年和2010年,還有出品極少的Hommage a Jean Morin。所有佳釀在拍賣會前更從未離開過酒窖!可以再次邀請到Francois Labet來港分享他的巨大窖藏,實在榮幸至極!

批號89-163中的佳釀,每瓶都是會讓我們愛不釋手的窖藏。在眾多耀眼名釀之中,其中亮點有3瓶一批號的2007年Romanee Conti、近20全箱裝Domaine Dujac、原裝木箱的珍罕Haut Brion Blanc、原裝木箱的1990年Cheval Blanc、原裝木箱的2000年一級酒莊和深遠著名的Quintarelli,也就是您不會時常有機會品嚐的極品意大利名釀。一旦您仔細研究這批窖藏,您就會很快理解到這位收藏家的熱忱和對這批酒的熟悉。



批號191-280中充滿經典波爾多和適合您酒窖的佳釀,包括很多我最愛年份的一級酒莊和Petrus,還有遠至30年代的陳釀。我已認識這位收藏家多年,他總會分享波爾多處於最好狀態的頂級佳釀,今次也不會令我們失望!

如您是布根地和DRC的忠實粉絲,**切勿錯過批號164-190或批號281-324**! 先上場的有超過20個批號無可挑剔的DRC。這批來自一位學識淵博的美國收藏家的窖藏,帶來兩批原裝木箱2002年DRC組合系列、7個年份的Romanee Conti、著名(而且買少見少的)的2005年La Tache,以及2009年和2010年DRC。11月5日上午,這25個批號將會迅速被投去,進駐新的酒窖。稍往後移,批號281-324會吸引布根地的愛好者,特別是當他們看到6瓶1.5公升裝成一批號的1983年DRC Grands Echezeaux、1996年和1999年DRC組合系列、箱裝1999年和2002年DRC和3個出眾年份的La Tache - 1995年、2001年和2005年-還有4箱DRC Romanee St. Vivant!! 在這出現之前,您還會發現20個批號的頂尖波爾多醇釀。真是要反覆呼籲-切勿錯過!!!

我們最愛的法國收藏家夫婦,在**批號454-481**中再次爲我們帶來一批一絲不苟的珍罕陳釀。內中有波爾多的偉大熟成藏酒,包括1919年、1928年、1945年和更多偉大年份!今個月這對有見識的夫婦主打的是3批垂直系列的香檳,其中兩批是Dom Perignon(包括一批1.5公升裝)和一批Taittinger Comtes de Champagne!這實在是一批極好的窖藏,以迎接香港之後的悠長假期,更是香檳愛好者不容錯過的必買窖藏!

我會以**批號557-685**中的絕色窖藏完結這封信。而我只需要輕輕帶過當中的亮點,就足以吸引您深探目錄尋根究底 - 1.5公升裝Rousseau和La Tache、1.5公升裝1985年和2002年Dujac,以及第一個釀造年份的珍罕巨星2005年Dujac Romanee St. Vivant,更是3公升裝呢!兩瓶傳奇性的1985年Ponsot Clos de la Roche和1995年Roumier Amoureuses陸續有來,加上兩款大量的1.5公升裝1990年Bruno Giacosa Barolo Falleto Riserva和Barbaresco Santo Stefano di Nieve Riserva,實在是每人生必試的佳釀…還有部份Gaja和Giacomo Conterno。介紹布根地的亮點後,是時候回到波爾多的大本營,一睹4個年份完好保存的Petrus、4.5公升裝Chateau Latour和數個年份的Haut Brion Blanc的風采。這批世界級的窖藏中,每瓶藏酒均出自完好的專業酒窖,絕對稱得上是獨特窖藏中的獨特醇釀!

如此精彩絕倫的內容實在是我們第50個拍賣會的最佳慶祝!「L」可解作50,更代表愛(「love」),也就是我們對您們和對分享世界各地美酒的熱忱。**來與我們一同慶祝吧!**

酒後吐真言

John Kapon

Acker Merrall & Condit Companies主席



Dear Client,

L is a powerful letter. Life, Love and in the world of social media, the all important "Likes." But for Acker Asia, L means something else, as in the Roman Numeral "L" and **our 50**th **auction!** It is hard to believe that we are here already at this significant milestone, which is more a testament to all of you, the great clients we have, your unwavering support, and the love and passion for fine and rare wine all across Asia.

On **November 5, 2016** we return to Hong Kong with another classic Acker Merrall auction, which means **over 1000 lots** from the world's greatest Domaines, Chateaux and Winemakers. It is only appropriate that we lead this auction with two very special collections, one being **"The Immaculate Collection,"** focused on mostly pristine OWCs of Bordeaux, the majority of which are all direct from Negociants en primeur. Immaculate stock indeed! We are also ecstatic to be welcoming back our dear friend **Francois Labet from Chateau de La Tour** in Clos Vougeot, one of Burgundy's most longstanding and respected Domaines. Exciting stuff!



We begin with the aforementioned "Immaculate Collection," a collection so large that we are offering it in FIVE parts: Lots 1-88, Lots 325-406, Lots 482-556, Lots 686-714 and Lots 871-975. Collectors in the know recognize that one of the revolutions in Bordeaux over the past decade or two is that the Super Seconds have dramatically narrowed the gap with the First Growths in terms of overall quality. And so we lead with a selection of Super Seconds and qualitative equals in **Lots 1-88**. Every great name among the Super Seconds is represented here and almost all if not all in OWC. These are the perfect building blocks for any Bordeaux drinker's cellar. We do need to drink these things after all! These lots are the perfect prelude to this collector's beautiful and deep collection of First Growths, **Lots 325-406**, that extends back into the 1980s with vintages that are drinking beautifully now, as well as perfectly stored more recent classics. The First Growths' overall importance to the Bordeaux market is on full display in this assortment from the past 30 years. We travel over to the Right Bank in our next section and Lots 482-556, featuring a stellar selection of St. Emilions and Pomerols. The 'other' Bordeaux is led by Angelus, Ausone and Cheval Blanc before we dive deep into 12 lots of Bordeaux's most expensive wine, Chateau Petrus. There is a reason it is so! After a small interlude of the "Seconds of the Firsts" in Lots 686-714, we conclude with the final piece of this world class collection is in **Lots 871-975.** It is within this part of the collection that we see this collection branch out beyond Bordeaux. There is a strong selection of Rhone and Champagne and plenty of the most famous and most sought after world wide California red in OWC...that's Screaming Eagle, in case you were wondering! Of course, we had to come back to Bordeaux to finish off this collection, and what better place than ending on a sweet note, and a collection of White Bordeaux that also covers all things dry. These dry whites are some of my favorite wines – they are still secrets!!! Try for yourself!!! This collection comes to us from perfect storage and anything you buy from it will give you immense pleasure now and in the decades ahead. We are proud to present to you "The Immaculate Collection."

Our great friend and one of the most important and influential winemakers in Burgundy, **Francois Labet of Chateau de la Tour,** has graced us again with a **direct consignment from his cellars.** These are magnificent wines as many of you have discovered through his past generosity in Hong Kong. Within this direct consignment, **Lots 430-453**, are extremely rare bottles and magnums of Clos Vougeot 1949, 1952, 1976, 1978, 1992, 1999, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2009 and 2010, including the truly tiny production Hommage a Jean Morin. All wines have never before moved until this auction! It is an honor to welcome Francois Labet back to Hong Kong for another tremendous selection from his cellar!

Lots 89-163 is a collection that holds wines that any of us would feel fortunate to have or have more of in our cellars. Among the many that will catch your eye are a three bottle lot of 2007 Romanee Conti, almost twenty full case lots of the incomparable Domaine Dujac, OWCs of rare Haut Brion Blanc, the great 1990 Cheval Blanc in OWC, the unquestionably great 2000 First Growths in OWCs plus a deep selection for passionate collectors of the iconic and world famous Quintarelli, an Italian red you cannot drink too often. Once you look closer at this collection inside these pages, you will recognize quickly the sophistication of this collector and these wines.



Lots 191-280 is stuffed with classic Bordeaux and the best of the best for your cellars, including many of my personal favorite vintages of all The First Growths and Petrus, with some bottles as old as the 1930s. I have known this collector for a very long time, and he always brings the best of Bordeaux to the table with bottles in great condition!

If you love Burgundy and DRC, you cannot miss Lots 164-190 or Lots 281-324! The first is an impeccable twenty plus lots of DRC that comes to us from a very, very knowledgeable American collector and his perfect storage. There are two 2002 DRC Assortments in OWC, seven vintages of Romanee Conti, the famous (and you cannot own too much of it) 2005 La Tache, a statement that should also be made about any of the 2009 and 2010 DRCs offered from this superb collection. These twenty five lots will go quickly into new cellars when we offer them during the morning of November 5th. A little bit later, within Lots 281-324, Burgundy lovers will note a six magnum lot of the quietly great 1983 DRC Grands Echezeaux, 1996 and 1999 DRC Assortments, 1999 and 2002 DRC case lots plus three cases of three superb vintages of La Tache - 1995, 2001 and 2005 - and four case lots of DRC Romanee St. Vivant!!! You will also find a beautiful selection of twenty lots of top Bordeaux wines before all these DRCs. These are two outstanding collections, and it's worth repeating – don't miss these two!!!

We welcome back another meticulous assortment of rare, old bottles from our favorite French collecting couple in **Lots 454-481.** There are some great bottles of Bordeaux from ancient vintages including 1919, 1928, 1945 and more! This month's features from this savvy couple are three incredible verticals of Champagne, two from Dom Perignon (one in magnum) and another from Taittinger Comtes de Champagne! These are the perfect lots to welcome in the long holiday season in Hong Kong, and a must for any Champagne lover!!

I will finish this letter with a remarkable collection held within **Lots 557-685**. I will touch briefly on it and these alone should make you want to dive into its pages inside – there are magnums of Rousseau and La Tache, magnums too of 1985 and 2002 Dujac, the first vintage ever of the the now world famous and incredibly hard to find 2005 Dujac Romanee St. Vivant- in jeroboam no less! Two legendary wines that end in the number 5, 1985 Ponsot Clos de la Roche and 1995 Roumier Amoureuses plus a serious quantity of magnums of two wines that everyone should drink at some time in their lives, 1990 Bruno Giacosa Barolo Falleto Riserva and Barbaresco Santo Stefano di Nieve Riserva...plus some Gaja and Giacomo Conterno, too. It is time to come back to Bordeaux after all these Burgundy highlights, and four vintages of beautifully stored Petrus, jeroboams of Chateau Latour, and Haut Brion Blanc vintages are here, too. This cellar is world class and every bottle comes to us from ideal professional storage. These are special wines from a special collection!

This is an amazing auction to help celebrate our 50th auction! L stands for 50, but it also stands for love, the love we have for all of you, and the love we share for the world's greatest wines. **Come celebrate with us!**

In Vino Veritas,

John Kapon

Chairman, Acker Merrall & Condit Companies