

WORLD'S LEADING WINE AUCTIONEERS



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Dear Client,

We are back, and big time, with almost 1500 lots that we will offer across two days in New York City, September 8th and 10th, with one evening session and one daytime one. The inaptly named summer break saw me visiting over a dozen countries and four continents, and the results of that travel (and bottles consumed) are inside this catalog, and what a sale it is!

As collectors, you want to know where to best spend your time inside these pages. Burgundy commands over 500 lots, there over 350 lots of Bordeaux back to the legendary 1945 Mouton, and beautifully mature OWCs and case lots of wonderful Bordeaux vintages to drink now and cellar long term alike. There are over 240 Champagne lots including what will likely be seen at the end of 2016 as the greatest collection of Champagne offered, back to Krug 1938 (yes, you read that year correctly, and it is one step removed from the Domaine itself). Rhone has twin headlines with 1990 Rayas and 1990 Chave Hermitage and 100+ lots, and California is rich as always with hundreds of lots that range from two cases of the famous 1974 Mondavi Reserve Cabernet through to a near vertical collection of Screaming Eagle OWCs from 1998-2009 and what will unquestionably be the deepest and finest Sine Qua Non offerings of this year. Mama mia, I almost forgot! Italy is as strong as always in our NYC auctions with 170 lots of wine amore back to the 1950s. Dive in!



Let's talk about our three Featured Collections. I will begin at the top, with three back to back outstanding collectors and cellars: Lots 800-846, Lots 847-927 and Lots 928-1086. The first of these is the Champagne collection I referred to a moment ago, Lots 800-846. The Krug begins with 1938, the Dom Perignon the 1949, Dom Ruinart 1964, Philipponnat Clos des Goisses 1959, Taittinger Comtes de Champagne 1955, and many of these one step removed from the Domaines themselves! Read the description inside these pages, have fun doing so, note how shrewdly and wisely this collector bought over a decade ago, and you'll understand why we are excited!

The eighty lots that comprise the collection offered in Lots 847-927 is a who's who of many of the greatest Bordeaux and Burgundy of the past 30+ years with 1989 Haut Brion and 1982 Latour in OWC as the headline acts. There are also perfect OWCs of Yquem from their most famous vintages beginning with 1975 and finishing with 1990 and 2001. A near twenty DRC lots whose start is 1990 DRC La Tache and includes their rightly famous 1999 and 2002 vintages is strong. So too are Rousseau and the jeroboams of 1993 Meo Richebourg and Cros Parantoux plus the famed Guigal big three from 1985 and 1989. There are five vintages of Penfold's Grange and 1968 Vega Sicilia Unico. I've left much out from this outstanding collection, all of which comes to us from a magnificent cellar. This is a true connoisseur's collection.

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Next comes the finale of these three world-class collections. This beautiful collection of almost 150 lots, Lots 928-1086, and a collection that crosses party lines, so to speak. The Bordeaux begins with two legends at these chateaux, 1989 Haut Brion and 1989 Angelus both in OWC. 1990 Leroy follows, as does two very famous 1990 Rhones from Rayas and Chave, both in quantity. A dozen wonderful Champagne lots, whose 1961s from Krug and Dom Perignon are simply the start, are here for the celebrations just ahead. 1985 and 1989 Giacosa Riserva shine and come just ahead of a very deep and impressive series of classic California red lots. Virtually every name that matters in California cult reds is present, including that near vertical of Screaming Eagle OWCs I've mentioned, plus what I believe is the clear winner for the 2016 crown as the greatest Sine Qua Non collection offered. There are many large and super rare large format SQNs here. Let's not forget the incredibly comprehensive collection of Harlan Estate. This collection has been beautifully and professionally stored, and we are excited and privileged to offer it.

Enjoy this kickoff to what already has all the signs of a great 2016 auction season ahead. It's open season again, so join us at 'The Acker Open.'

Bottoms up!

In Vino Veritas,

John Kapon
Chairman, Acker Merrall & Condit Companies

