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WINE MERCHANTS SINCE 1820

Dear Client,

The 2017 auction season started off with lots of sizzle and lots of steak as Hong Kong produced a most successful January auction, with over US\$5.5 Million sold! It is now New York's turn to answer the 2017 bell, and **February 11<sup>th</sup> is the date**, and **Marea is the location** for our first New York City auction of 2017. This is a classic NYC auction from Acker Merrall!



If you are constantly on the hunt for beautifully stored mature wines from Burgundy, Bordeaux, the Rhone, Champagne, German Riesling and Champagne that you can drink now, plus the young greats, then the two back to back Featured Collections in **Lots 207-323** and **Lots 324-430** are definitely for you. These are two of the largest collections of the day and it's obvious that they are the work of men who were wine lovers, who wanted bottles with the beauty and complexity of maturity as well as of planning for the future with cases of young, future greats tucked away. There's DRC stretching back into the 1980s, many more famous Burgundies red and white spanning the three decades of the 1980s, 1990s and this past decade's great vintages; Bordeaux from the wonderful vintages of the 1980s and 1990s that are perfect to drink now or that will age longer effortlessly; some very special Rhones from decades past; German Rieslings from famous estates back to the 1970s; the best of the best from Champagne including Krug Clos du Mesnil; and a very deep selection of the top winemakers in Italy. You are sure to find something to drink or cellar. Have fun looking at the options inside those pages. Both collections come to us from very experienced collectors whose cellar conditions are ideal. You will love whatever you buy from either or both of these collections.

A bit later in the catalog is another Featured Collection where diversity is the theme, and therefore your options are once again many. Clearly the collector behind **Lots 684-770** loves the great reds of France, Italy and California. Famous vintages of the First Growths kick it off, followed by highly rated vintages of Harlan, Bryant, Colgin, Dalla Valle Maya, Hundred Acre and thirty lots (!) of the compelling reds and whites made by Sine Qua Non. SQN collectors will see many hard to find, rarely seen wines from that iconic estate. It has something for every lover of the great reds of Bordeaux and California, and we are honored to offer it. As a slight aside, and as seemingly always true in our NYC auctions, there are many, many rarely seen wines from California inside these pages. Some of the literal all time greatest from the "old school" classic estates as well as those who gained fame in recent decades are here. Ditto for lovers of the great reds of Italy and this auction. You know which school you belong in so choose accordingly ☺

Before I finish this introduction, I also want to suggest a few Featured Collections that emphasize case lots. Specifically the case lots of Rousseau that headline a beautiful Burgundy collection in **Lots 476-499**, which also includes rare 1978 Henri Jaye plus DRC and Meo Richebourg. There are eight perfect OWCs of Screaming Eagle immediately after amidst **Lots 527-550** in addition to multiple vintages of DRC La Tache. And in **Lots 551-585** the case lots of Petrus, Haut Brion, Lafite, Latour, Mouton, Margaux, Leoville Las Cases are perfect for Bordeaux connoisseurs.

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That's it for now. With over 1000 Lots inside these pages, you have some fun reading ahead of you. Here's to a great 2017 to each and every one of you!

In Vino Veritas,

John Kapon  
Chairman, Acker Merrall & Condit Companies

