



Dear Client,

It's great to be back with another fabulous Fall auction season - albeit a virtual one! We may be at home, but we've got wine in hand, and we are thrilled to bring you back-to-back evening auction sessions "live online" **Thursday, September 10th and Friday, September 11th**. Despite 2020 keeping us in the bubble, we're "Playing On" with another spectacular sale loaded with over 1500 lots and potentially \$6 Million in sales! This catalog is sure to keep you well stocked no matter how long we remain at home. With six featured collections spread over two special days, there's nothing that makes us want to play on more than the top lots from this sale, single Jeroboams of **Comte Liger-Belair La Romanee**, from 2005 through 2010! These behemoths, in original wood cases, can be found in **Lots 1427-1432**, and five of the six vintages have never been commercially offered as individual lots—this is an historic buying opportunity!



Making this auction all the more meaningful is our announcement of an important partnership and season-long initiative. We've partnered with **Citymeals on Wheels**, a long-respected New York-based charitable organization whose mission since 1981 has been delivering weekend, holiday, and emergency meals to one of the city's most vulnerable populations, its homebound elderly. These people need help more than ever before, and it is our pleasure to tip off this auction with an exciting pre-auction event, cooking alongside Co-President of the Board of Directors for Citymeals on Wheels, **Chef Daniel Boulud**, at **5pm ET** on Thursday, September 10th on **Zoom**. We will head straight from this virtual event right into the auction room as the sale starts off with a great consignment benefitting a great cause. Representing a lifetime of thoughtful collecting, a portion of the consignor's and Acker's proceeds from the sale of **Lots 1-168** will benefit Citymeals On Wheels in support of Acker's goal to **donate 10,000 meals** to the organization before the end of 2020. This effort will be supplemented by an Acker retail initiative in which a meal will be donated for each bottle purchased of wines from this very same collection, which came to us from a significant benefactor of Citymeals. From 1982 **Lafite** and 1996 **Lafleur**, to 1993 **La Romanee**, 1999 **Roulot Perrieres**, multiple vintages of **Harlan**, and so many more treats; there is a wine for everyone here and even more reason to buy big in support of this most worthy cause. If you want to be a bigger benefactor of Citymeals yourself, please go to [www.citymeals.org](http://www.citymeals.org)

It is our privilege to represent an encore performance from the "Collector's Collector," in **Lots 412-567**, a sterling selection teeming with Burgundy and Champagne. Certain collectors hold a place of honor and regard among their collector contemporaries. This gentleman has built that reputation for forty years as he established an expertise, palate, and collection with considerable depth and breadth. With **Rousseau** back to 1991 beginning the Burgundy



offering, the bar is immediately set high, and the hits keep on coming with fifteen lots of **DRC**, 1990 **Dujac** Clos de la Roche, a swath of Roumier Les Amoureuses, and multiple magnums of **Mugnier** Musigny to make us marvel, to name a few. There is a glorious bounty of bubbles as bottles from **Bollinger**, **Krug**, **Pierre Peters**, **Taittinger** and more abound. Zealous in maintaining temperature and humidity-controlled conditions in all of his cellars, these wines are from one of America's greatest collections! We are proud to present to you once again "The Collector's Collector!"

Day two of this stellar sale turns up the heat early with a killer collection from a King of Cabernet in **Lots 859-987**. This longtime client and friend has been with Acker since the beginning, buying primarily Bordeaux and Cali Cabs either on release or from our auctions since the early 2000s. He brings us a most complete collection beginning with some Bordeaux bravado including 1982s from **Cheval Blanc**, **Haut Brion**, **La Mission**, **Lafite**, and **Las Cases**, with a few other Left Bank lovelies like **1961 Latour**, **1986 Mouton** and **1989 Haut Brion**. A Burgundy interlude occurs with a few generous gems from the likes of **Leroy**, **Meo-Camuzet**, and **Coche-Dury**, before mature Champagnes and German Rieslings pave the way for California coming through with all the concentration it can muster. We find a payload of Cali gold as **Bryant**, **Colgin**, **Dana**, **Dominus**, **Harlan**, **Heitz**, **Opus**, **Screaming Eagle**, **Shafer** and others offer up a treasure trove to any Cabernet lover. This is Napa Valley at its finest!

The next feature comes from a real estate scion who, after his first foray into consigning at our Bicentennial auction, has come back with a return investment, in **Lots 1165-1206**. You can definitely take these wines to the bank with a bevy of investment grade OWCs of 1998 Cheval Blanc, 2005 Mouton, 2009 Petrus and other considerable compatriots. Blue chip Burgundies abound with 2005 **La Tache**, 2001 and 2006 **Romanee Conti** in OWCs, and recent releases of Dujac, Mugnier, and more majestically awaiting your bids. The collection comes to a close with 2001 **Monfortino** and several cases of old school **Giuseppe Rinaldi** inviting all Italian lovers to the dance floor! These wines are ready for the next century or more of drinking and collecting pleasure cellar so stock up accordingly!

We can always rely upon this influential New Yorker and his amazing cellar to sweeten things up, bringing the thunder in **Lots 1207-1341**. Here we have another comprehensive consignment focusing on the most sought-after Burgundy producers in super drinkable sweet spots! This collector has been buying for decades in quantity including numerous wines bought on release, with other wines carefully purchased from reliable auction consignments. The gauntlet is thrown as magnums of 1996 La Tache in OWC, rambling selections of Roumier Bonnes Mares, delicious Dujac, and many more marvelous bottles materialize. Crowning the collection are magnums from the dean of Burgundy, **Henri Jaye**, with 1980 and 1990 Echezeaux and 1980 and 1986 Cros Parantoux ready for the taking. A few bottles of white wine are around to whet your whistle such as a little ol' Methuselah of 2001 **DRC Montrachet**, stands alongside a few choice bottles of **Domaine Leflaive** and **Raveneau**. It is a delight to have such a scintillating selection from this generous gentleman on offer once again!



Safe to say that many of us wouldn't mind turning back the clock given this year, and this conscientious consignor and true Burgundian is trying to bring us back to the Y2K era in **Lots 1342-1426** with an exciting array of Bordeaux and Burgundy. There is a flurry of First Growth excitement to get us going with 1990 Lafite and 2000 Latour in large format. Burgundy beguiles with a 2000 DRC Assortment, a luxurious list of **Leroy, 2002 Fourrier Griottes**, vintages of Coche-Dury, and full cases of 2004 Roulot Charmes and Perrieres. Tomorrow's legends are lined up here today, and what a time to go back, just a few years earlier, to scoop up the bottles you might have missed! This is the collection of a true Burgundian at heart with many more gems from the market's favorite region inside!

The great wines of the world and the people that love them just cannot be stopped, and we look forward to bringing all of you more of the finest wines and spirits you want on Thursday and Friday, September 10th and 11th. Whether you join us live over the internet or via traditional absentee bidding, we look forward to toasting everyone's collective good health! Let's raise a glass and toast life as we love it.

In Vino Veritas,

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