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CHRISTIE'S AMERICAS SPRING SEASON OF WINE SALES TO CULMINATE IN SPECIAL HAMPTONS WINE SALE ON JUNE 6

RARE 1929 MAGNUM OF MOËT & CHANDON AUTOGRAPHED BY HUGH JACKMAN, TINA FEY, ROBERT DOWNEY, JR. AND MATTHEW BRODERICK TO BE AUCTIONED FOR CHARITY







New York – Following the excellent results of its season-opening wine sale on March 28, Christie's New York is delighted to announce three more sales of Fine and Rare wines this Spring: on Saturday April 25; Tuesday, May 19; and Saturday, June 6. For the season-ending sale on June 6, Christie's will host a special sale and fundraiser on the grounds of the historic Atwater Estate in Westhampton Beach, NY. The star lot of the sale will be an extremely rare magnum of Moët & Chandon Grand Vintage 1929 champagne released this year to commemorate the 81st anniversary of the Academy Awards ceremony and Moët & Chandon's first year as the exclusive champagne of the Oscars®. The bottle's wooden case has been autographed by Hollywood celebrities and Oscars® attendees Tina Fey, Robert Downey, Jr., Matthew Broderick, and host Hugh Jackman, among others.

Proceeds from the sale of this lot will benefit the Motion Picture & Television Fund (MPTF), a leading Hollywood charity that provides health and social services to the entertainment community.

Charles Curtis, Head of Wine Sales, Christie's Americas, comments: "We have been pleased to see a renewed energy in the wine market this Spring, starting with our season-opening sale, which achieved a 95% sell-through rate. Our next three sales promise to keep that momentum growing as we offer connoisseurs and collectors excellent opportunities to compete for the best wines from highly-respected private cellars. And what better way to transition into summer than with a special sale in the Hamptons and a unique opportunity to purchase a memento of both film and wine history — a signed 1929 magnum of Moët & Chandon. Christie's is honored to play an important role in raising funds for the MPTF, a most worthy charitable organization."

Fine and Rare Wines Saturday, April 25, Christie's New York

This sale of over 600 lots opens with selections from one of the great private cellars in New York. Among the 200 lots culled from this beautifully curated cellar are multiple cases of magnificent 1990 Dom Pérignon, highly-coveted 1982 Bordeaux vintages including Latour, Mouton-Rothschild, and Cheval Blanc, and 1990's vintages of Masseto, Sassicaia, and Tignanello, among others. Individual highlights include 13 vintages of Pétrus in case lots and magnums, the top *grand crus* from Domaine Romanée-Conti and Roumier, and California standouts from Colgin, Bryant Family and Marcassin. Of special note is a bottle of 1865 Marquis de Montesquiou Armagnac, one of only four remaining bottles of



this vintage. This rare 143-year-old Armagnac, packaged in a collector's box featuring a solid silver signature designed by the acclaimed Parisian jeweler Arthus-Bertrand, has been generously donated direct from the cellars of La Maison Montesquiou, which traces its history to the 11th century. Proceeds from the sale of this special lot will be directed to GoodPlanet, a non-profit organization dedicated to raising public awareness of environmental protection.

An Evening Sale: The Premier Cellar Tuesday, March 14, Christie's New York

The Spring Evening sale presents the best of Bordeaux from a celebrated and flawlessly organized private cellar. All five first-growths are presented here in solid case lots and with great quantity. All wines were purchased soon after commercial release from highly-reputable wine retailers, brokers and importers. Individual highlights include the coveted 1989 and 1990 vintages of Pétrus, as well as plentiful quantities of 1996 Château Margaux, in impériales and standard bottles, all presented in the original wooden cases.

The Hamptons Sale

Saturday, June 6, Westhampton, NY

For the first time ever, Christie's Wine Department will head to Westhampton Beach to host a special sale of fine and rare wines. This unique auction will be held on the grounds of the historic Atwater Estate, a grand residence built between 1900 and 1903 for coal baron William C. Atwater. Offered for sale by Christie's Great Estates, the 16,000 square-foot main residence stretches across more than 1,000 feet of Quantuck Bay. As befitting such



a regal estate, the sale will offer the top lots of Burgundy, including large-format Domaine de la Romanée-Conti as well as smaller lots from boutique domaines on the Côte d'Or. Event co-host Newton Vineyard of Napa Valley, CA will contribute two impériales from its library of celebrated vintages and pour its acclaimed "Unfiltered" wines during the event.



The star lot of the sale is the autographed 1929 magnum of Moët & Chandon. The 1929 Magnum was first unveiled at the MPTF's Night Before Fundraiser at the Beverly Hills Hotel on the eve of this year's Academy Awards ceremony. Hollywood celebrities and leading supporters of the MPTF signed the bottle's wooden case, lending greater value to this unique auction item. The Grand Vintage 1929 was recently disgorged at Moët & Chandon's cellars in Epernay, France by Chef de Cave Benoit Gouez who tasted the champagne before it was sealed. As Mr. Gouez commented: "This sublime, magnificent champagne is a fitting tribute to the stature and grandeur of the Academy Awards. The 1929 Vintage is a great work of art that pairs beautifully with the level of artistic achievement celebrated at the Oscars® over the past 81 years."

About Moët & Chandon

Moët & Chandon, exclusive champagne of the Oscars®, is the champagne of choice for celebration in Hollywood and around the world. Recognized for its quality and prestige, the venerable Champagne house has captured the attention of Hollywood's brightest stars since the birth of the film industry. Generations of legendary actors, actresses, producers and directors have celebrated achievements with Moët & Chandon at Hollywood's most significant and exclusive events, including past Oscars® celebrations, the Golden Globes, film premieres and previews. Proprietors of the most extensive vineyard estate in Champagne, Moët & Chandon is imported, sold and marketed in the United States by Moët Hennessy, a division of French luxury group LVMH.

About the Motion Picture & Television Fund

The Motion Picture & Television Fund (MPTF), a nonprofit organization headquartered in Woodland Hills, CA, was founded in 1921 to provide "relief" for those in the film industry who had fallen on hard times. Today, MPTF is a major service provider to the entertainment community, providing health care, childcare, retirement living, and social/charitable services with compassion and respect for the dignity of the whole person.

About Christie's

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