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**CHRISTIE'S AMERICAS TO HOST SALE OF FINE & RARE WINES AT  
HISTORIC HAMPTONS ESTATE ON JUNE 6**

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



*The Atwater Estate, Westhampton Beach, NY*

**New York** – Christie's is pleased to announce further details of its first-ever Hamptons Sale, an early summer auction of Fine & Rare wines hosted at an historic waterfront estate in Westhampton Beach, NY on June 6, 2009. As befitting such a regal estate, the sale will offer a broad selection of blue-chip wines including the best of recent vintages suitable for laying down, and older classics that have aged to perfection and are ready for drinking this summer. Of particular note are selections from three private collections that include well-priced, top-quality wines from Burgundy, the Rhône

Valley, Champagne, Alsace, Spain, Italy, Germany, California, Portugal, Australia, and Austria. A total of 793 lots are included in the sale.

Charles Curtis, Head of Wine Sales, Christie's Americas, comments: *"We are delighted to invite clients and new collectors to this special sale on the magnificent grounds of the historic Atwater Estate. For devotees of fine wines, this sale presents a wide selection of exceptional wines from all over the world, in prices ranging from \$100 up to \$17,000. Great summer drinking wines, including white Burgundy and California wines, will be in amply supply, making this a perfect opportunity to come and stock up the wine cellar for the summer."*

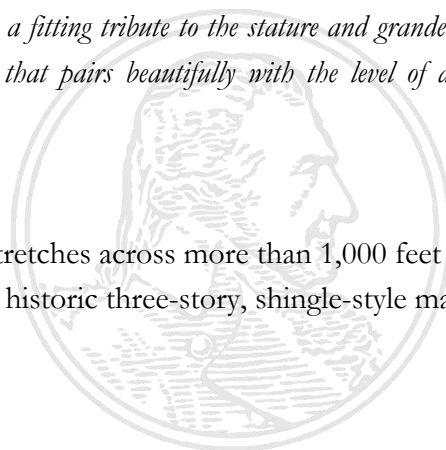
The star lot of the sale is an extremely rare magnum of Moët & Chandon Grand Vintage 1929 champagne released this year to commemorate the 81<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Academy Awards ceremony and Moët & Chandon's first year as the exclusive champagne of the Oscars®. The bottle's wooden case has been autographed by Hollywood celebrities and Oscars® attendees Tina Fey, Robert Downey, Jr., Matthew Broderick, among others. Proceeds from the sale of this lot (estimate: \$6,000-10,000) will benefit the Motion Picture & Television Fund (MPTF), a leading Hollywood charity that provides health and social services to the entertainment community.



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."*

### **The Atwater Estate, Westhampton, NY**

The Atwater Estate is a majestic residence that stretches across more than 1,000 feet of coastline on Quantuck Bay in Westhampton Beach, NY. The historic three-story, shingle-style manor was



originally built for coal baron William C. Atwater between 1900 and 1903. He commissioned the celebrated Beaux Arts architect Henry Bacon of McKim, Mead & White, best known for his design of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington to conceive the estate's inspired design. The wine sale will take place at the estate's Carriage House, which offers breathtaking views of the bay and the estate's lawn and gardens. During the sale, registered bidders will enjoy an outdoor reception sponsored by Newton Vineyards of Napa Valley, CA, which will pour its acclaimed "Unfiltered" wines during the event. Bidders may also tour the main house, which is being offered at \$29 million by Brown Harris Stevens with premier international marketing provided by Christie's Great Estates.

Among the many excellent wines featured in the sale will be two impériales (6 liter bottles) of Newton Epic Merlot and Newton Puzzle Cabernet from the legendary 1997 Napa Valley vintage. In addition, an artist-designed wine tasting bar recently commissioned by Newton and created from 100% reclaimed materials will be on display and available for purchase via silent bid. Proceeds from the sale of the custom piece and the Newton auction lots will benefit Global Green USA.

**Auction:** Saturday, June 6, 2009 at 11:00 am (lots 1-793)

The Atwater Estate, [66 Seafield Lane, Westhampton Beach, NY 11978](#)

*E-catalogue available:*

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*Images available upon request*

### **About Moët & Chandon**

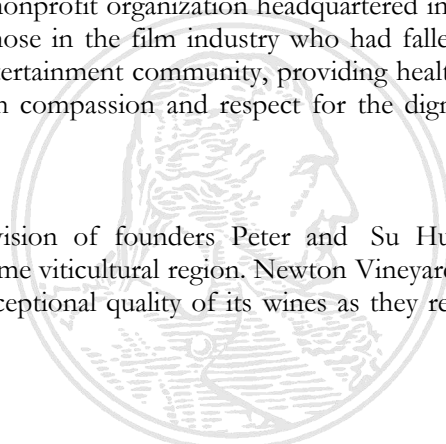
Moët & Chandon, exclusive champagne of the Oscars®, is the champagne of choice for celebration in Hollywood and around the world. Recognized for its quality and prestige, the venerable Champagne house has captured the attention of Hollywood's brightest stars since the birth of the film industry. Generations 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 Newton Vineyard**

Newton Vineyard was established in 1977, the vision of founders Peter and Su Hua Newton, who recognized the potential of Spring Mountain as a prime viticultural region. Newton Vineyard is acclaimed for both its pioneering spirit and for the purity and exceptional quality of its wines as they reflect the region's



terroir. Newton Vineyard's "Nature by Design" philosophy is reflected in all aspects of Newton Vineyard, from the terraced vineyards and organic winery design to the sustainable farming techniques and meticulous winemaking practice.

### **About Christie's Great Estates**

Christie's Great Estates is the largest international network of real estate companies dedicated to the sale and marketing of luxury homes and is a subsidiary of Christie's, the world's leading art business. The global network spans more than 40 countries with 900 real estate offices and approximately 36,000 brokers. Committed to the auction house's two-century-old tradition of combined sales in excess of \$128 billion. Admittance to the Christie's Great Estates network is offered by invitation only to those real estate companies with proven records of success in high-value home sales and who exemplify Christie's traditional value of service. Once awarded affiliate status, brokers may then display the coveted Christie's brand and use the proprietary marketing services of Christie's Great Estates, which has successfully marketed high-value real estate around the globe for more than 20 years. Exceptionally skilled local real estate specialists, a client-focused approach, and strategic global marketing to a qualified audience of proven luxury consumers are the hallmarks of Christie's Great Estates.

### **About Christie's**

Christie's, the world's leading art business had global auction and private sales in 2008 that totaled £2.8 billion/\$5.1 billion. Christie's is a name and place that speaks of extraordinary art, unparalleled service and expertise, as well as international glamour. Founded in 1766 by James Christie, Christie's conducted the greatest auctions of the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, and today remains a popular showcase for the unique and the beautiful. Christie's offers over 600 sales annually in over 80 categories, including all areas of fine and decorative arts, jewellery, photographs, collectibles, wine, and more. Prices range from \$200 to over \$80 million. Christie's has 70 offices in 30 countries and 10 salerooms around the world including in London, New York, Paris, Geneva, Milan, Amsterdam, Dubai and Hong Kong. More recently, Christie's has led the market with expanded initiatives in emerging and new markets such as Russia, China, India and the United Arab Emirates, with successful sales and exhibitions in Beijing, Mumbai and Dubai.

\* Estimates do not include buyer's premium

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