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**EXCEPTIONAL SINGLE-OWNER OFFERING OF BORDEAUX 2000 AT
CHRISTIE'S IN LONDON AN AUCTION FIRST**



**Highlights from the Superlative Millennium Vintage: An Unprecedented Offering from a
Private Collection**

Monday, September 15 & Thursday, September 18

London – This September Christie's International Wine Department will present an unprecedented auction of over 40,000 bottles of the superb Bordeaux 2000 vintage, providing a unique opportunity to purchase millennium claret sourced with an exceptional single-owner provenance. It is the first wine auction ever devoted to a single bottled vintage.

The bottles have all been maintained in-bond at Octavian in the UK under perfect storage conditions since shipment directly from the châteaux after having been purchased *en primeur*.

The owner of this extraordinary and extensive collection is a private European collector. The wines are set to go under the hammer at two major sales: the first, at Christie's South Kensington, will include around 1,400 12-bottle cases from 50 different châteaux; the second, larger auction, is to be held at King Street. Across the two sales over 3,000 cases from more than 70 châteaux will be auctioned, ranging from ready-to-drink wines, through a gamut of classed growths, to exceptional *premier cru classé châteaux* promising a long-lasting life ahead. At each sale a Superlot of one case of each of the châteaux listed will be offered (estimate: £45,000-55,000 each). Both sales combined are expected to fetch in excess of £1.27 million.

First-growth estimates, all in 12-bottle case format, include Lafite (£7,000-9,000); Latour (£6,000-8,000); Mouton-Rothschild (£3,500-4,000); and Haut-Brion (£3,000-4,000).

Michael Broadbent MW, Senior Consultant to Christie's International Wine Department, says: "Over the last few centuries, connoisseurs have been intrigued by the challenging variations in quality and style of claret vintages that are affected by Bordeaux's maritime climate and the unpredictability of weather conditions. The year 2000 was no exception and the châteaux proprietors were filled with foreboding. However, due to a miraculous spell of warm weather from August to September, vineyards basked in almost unbroken sunshine, resulting in fine ripening conditions. The excellent quality of the vintage was undeniably confirmed by tastings in the spring.

This unprecedented single-owner sale is a unique opportunity to purchase claret of unimpeachable provenance which has been maintained in-bond under perfect storage conditions since shipment directly from the châteaux. An occasion not to be missed by any serious collector or enthusiast of fine Bordeaux."

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Auction:	Part I, South Kensington, London, 15 September	3pm
	Part II, King Street, London, 18 September	10:30am

In celebration of the sale, there will be three public ticketed tastings with the four Christie's MW figures:

- 8 September: Christie's Paris with Fiona Morrison MW
- 10 September: Christie's South Kensington with Michael Broadbent MW and Anthony Hanson MW
- 13 September: Christie's New York, hosted by the new Head of Christie's Americas Wine Department, Charles Curtis MW



About Christie's

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*Estimates do not include buyer's premium

