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## CHRISTIE'S HONG KONG PRESENTS FINEST & RAREST WINES TO ASIA'S WINE COLLECTORS & CONNOISSEURS THIS FALL SEASON



- **November 28<sup>th</sup> auction features the most elite selection of rare wines offered by any auction house in Hong Kong this season**
- **Presenting only carefully-selected choice wines with pristine provenance, this sale stands apart on the Fall calendar**

**Hong Kong** – Following the successes of Christie's Hong Kong wine sales in November 2008 and May 2009, Christie's will once again offer an outstanding range of superb wines from the world's classic wine-producing regions with *Finest & Rarest Wines* on November 28 at the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre.

As the international leader of fine wine at auction, the November 28 sale of *Finest & Rarest Wines* will offer collectors some of the very best wines currently available on the market - a selection that stands apart from offerings at other auction houses this season with its focus on quality and condition. The sale will cater to Asia's elite wine connoisseurs with its extensive range of superb Bordeaux from such landmark vintages as 1982, 1989, 1990, 2000 and 2005 and a substantial collection of Domaine de la Romanée-Conti and Henri Jayer wines. The sale will also feature very rare full case lots from two pristine European private collections – a rarity on the auction market in Asia and an opportunity that new and established collectors will not want to miss. Complementing these offerings will be other rare Bordeaux, Burgundy, and finest quality vintage Champagnes, sourced from 'one-owner' collections, offering the Asian market a rare opportunity to acquire the finest wines with superlative provenance.

Since the Hong Kong government's abolishment of wine duty in 2008, Hong Kong has risen to become an important centre on the world stage for the sale of the finest wines at auction. Collectors from throughout Asia have become a major force not only in wine auctions in Hong Kong, but also in international auctions outside of the region, and today stand as an important

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buying group in each of Christie's sales in New York and London. Indeed, Asian buyers accounted for more value in Christie's Spring 2009 global sales of wine than any other buying demographic, accounting for 61% of the season's total global sales value, compared to just 7% in the Spring 2005 season.

## A SINGULAR OPPORTUNITY: VINTAGE 1949 WITH PERFECT PROVENANCE



It's not very often that one has the opportunity to acquire 60 year old wines that have remained in single ownership and in pristine condition since the time they were made. Of particular note in this season's *Finest & Rarest Wines* sale are three 1949 vintage wines, including an extremely rare and possibly unique Jeroboam of Lafite-Rothschild, that have been in the storage of the perfect Bordeaux cellars of a very well-known Négociant House. The only time these wines have been moved in almost six decades was in 1998 when they were returned to their respective Châteaux for re-corking and re-labelling. Hence these bottles promise perfection - both in taste and appearance. With estimates ranging from HK\$75,000 to HK\$240,000 (US\$9,600 to US\$30,800), these outstanding wines offer an enticing opportunity for those celebrating a 60th Diamond Jubilee or birthday - or indeed the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

## AN EXTRAORDINARY COLLECTION OF FINEST GRAND CRU BURGUNDY FROM THE 1999 VINTAGE

Once every decade, if we are fortunate, the vintage conditions in Burgundy are such that it is possible to produce the most exceptional red wines of beguiling aromas, great depth and extraordinary concentration. These are the wines of legend - wines that can live for many decades, developing unique characteristics that will only ever be found in fine red Burgundy of a Classic Vintage. The year of 1999 was such a vintage, and this season Christie's Hong Kong is pleased to present a stunning range from the finest and rarest Domaines to tempt the palates of the world's most discerning Burgundy lovers. Among the 1999 offerings are those from **Domaine de la Romanée-Conti**, **Domaine Comte Georges de Vogüé**, **Domaine Ponsot**, **Domaine Armand Rousseau**, **Domaine George Roumier** and **Domaine Henri Jayer**. With estimates ranging from HK\$15,000 to HK\$400,000 (US\$2,000 to US\$51,000), collectors of all levels looking for the very best will have the opportunity to acquire a superb Grand Cru Burgundy from this historic and legendary vintage.



## A CAREFULLY-SELECTED 36-BOTTLE VERTICAL COLLECTION FROM CHATEAU MOUTON-ROTHSCHILD

This season, Christie's Hong Kong will present Vertical Collections of all five Bordeaux Left Bank First Growths - **Château Lafite Rothschild**, **Château Haut-Brion**, **Château Margaux**, **Château Latour**, and **Château Mouton-Rothschild** - offering a rare opportunity for a new collector to find 12 vintages from some of the world's finest wine makers, all in great condition, in one single auction.

Among the highlights is a carefully-selected 36-bottle Vertical Collection from celebrated Pauillac First Growth, **Château Mouton-Rothschild** (estimate: HK\$110,000-160,000/US\$14,100-20,500). Including not only the great classics of the 20th century -



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1982 and 1986 - but also more elegant and mature years such as 1976 and 1981, as well as a wide range of Mouton from the successful decade of the 90's such as 1990, 1995 and 1996, this lot will be among the most highly sought-after offerings this season. The buyer of this rare lot will receive 3 bottles of each of 12 vintages - a total of 36 pristine and perfect bottles, each displaying the appropriate distinctive Artist Label, different in every year and unique to the wines of Mouton-Rothschild.

## FURTHER SALE HIGHLIGHTS: ELITE WINES FOR TODAY'S FINE WINE COLLECTORS

*Additional sale highlights include:*

<p><b>Case of Château Pétrus --Vintage 1990</b>  <b>In its original wooden case</b>                  Estimate: HK\$280,000-380,000 (US\$35,900-48,700)                  per case of 12 bottles</p>	<p>One of the greatest wines produced in Pomerol in the legendary 1990 vintage. Rated a perfect 100 point score by Robert Parker.</p>
<p><b>Château Latour - Vintage 2000</b>                  Estimate: HK\$ 120,000 - 180,000 (US\$15,400-23,100)                  per case of 12 bottles</p>	<p>Legendary wine and legendary vintage – Pauillac's finest first growth.</p>
<p><b>Château Lafite Rothschild – Vintage 1990</b>                  Estimate HK\$70,000 - 80,000 (US\$9,000-10,300) offered in bottles and magnums</p>	<p>Eight perfect cases of Château Lafite 1990, all in pristine condition and offered in original wooden cases.</p>
<p><b>Domaine de la Romanée-Conti – Vintage 2005</b>                  Estimate: HK\$ 250,000 - 350,000 (US\$32,000-44,900)                  for 16 bottles</p>	<p>A mixed lot of 16 bottles from the stellar 2005 vintage, including one bottle of Romanée-Conti Grand Cru, and three bottles each of La Tâche, Grands-Echézeaux, Echézeaux, Richebourg and Romanée Saint-Vivant.</p>
<p><i>From an Important Private Fine Wine Collection, stored long-term under perfect conditions in the UK</i></p> <p><b>Five cases of Château Lafite-Rothschild 1982 in original wooden cases</b>                  Estimate: HK\$200,000-250,000 (US\$25,640-32,000)                  per case of 12 bottles</p>	<p>One of the greatest and most consistently rated wines of the 20th century, these wines have never moved since their original purchase and are in their original wooden cases.</p>
<p><i>From an Important Private Fine Wine Collection, stored long-term under perfect conditions in the UK</i></p> <p><b>Château Le Pin – Vintage 1990</b>  <b>A unique 6 litre 'IMPERIALE'</b>                  Estimate: HK\$400,000-600,000 (US\$51,300-76,900)</p>	<p>Le Pin 1990 is a legendary wine that was produced in very small quantities - only around 800 cases to satisfy a truly global demand. This rare 6 litre bottle is one of only a handful produced by Le Pin in 1990.</p>

*\*Images Available Upon Request\**

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**Auction:**

*Finest & Rarest Wines*

Grand Hall, Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre

**Saturday, 28 November**

3:00pm

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