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AN EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY TO TRY BEFORE YOU BUY AT CHRISTIE'S KING STREET



London –Christie's is proud to offer wine enthusiasts and collectors a very special Wine Masterclass on 1 December hosted by Château Pichon-Lalande's Technical Director, Thomas Dô Chi Nam *pictured above left*. A limited number of sixty places are available for this one-off event where wine aficionados can taste and compare no fewer than eight vintages from the Pichon-Lalande estate dating from 1991-2005. Guests will also be able to gain valuable insight from the wine-maker himself, and ask questions about the estate, the growing conditions and the various vintages. In June 2009 Christie's sold 24 bottles from Château Pichon-Lalande's 2001 Vintage for £1,087, and 24 bottles from the 2003 Vintage for £1,489. Tickets for this rare chance to taste and enjoy some of the finest examples and vintages of recent years in the expert company of the man who created them are available for only £70.00 each.

Should any individual vintage particularly tantalize your taste-buds, Christie's *Fine & Rare Wines Including Historic Vintages from the Cellars of Château Pichon-Lalande* auction on 10 December will include a selection of 36 lots directly from the reserve cellars of Château Pichon-Lalande. Highlights include rare Marie-Jeanne's (2.25 litres) of the 1953 and 1962 vintage, Jeroboams of 1970, 1976, 1989, 1990, 1995 and 2000 vintages, Impérials of 1985, 1988, 1990, 2000 and 2005 and bottles of the stellar 1982 vintage. With impeccable provenance, all wines offered in their original wooden cases. This is an absolute must for any serious Claret enthusiast.

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Christie's London, 8 King Street, St. James's, London, SW1Y 6QT
Wine Masterclass date: Tuesday, 1 December 2009 at 6.30pm

Sale date: *Fine & Rare Wines Including Historic Vintages from the Cellars of Château Pichon-Lalande* - Thursday 10 December 2009 at 10.30am

Château Pichon-Longueville, Comtesse de Lalande

"the most consistently brilliant wine of Pauillac" – Robert Parker, Bordeaux; The Definitive Guide



Vines were first planted on an area now encompassed with the Pichon estate in the late 17th century. In subsequent years the estate has grown with new plantings, land purchases, and even exchanges with their neighbours Château Latour. In 1850, after the death of Baron Joseph de Pichon-Longueville, the estate was divided with three-fifths for the three daughters (becoming 'Lalande'), and the remainder for the two sons (becoming 'Baron'). In 1925 the Château was bought by the Mialhes family, and was run by Edouard Mialhe until 1959 when his daughter, Madame May-Elaine de Lencquesaing, assumed majority control. Implementing exacting controls and numerous improvements, Pichon-Lalande was reborn, and welcomed

the modern era. During the 1990s Pichon-Lalande witnessed many changes, including the arrival of Thomas Dô Chi Nam as their winemaker in 1992. In 2007 the property was sold to Champagne Louis Roederer, who have retained the superb wine-making team and management, led by Thomas Dô Chi Nam as Technical Director and Gildas d'Ollone as General Director.

Thomas Dô Chi Nam

Thomas Dô Chi Nam is a Franco-Vietnamese Oenologist, who has worked at Château Pichon-Lalande for 17 years. He has been responsible for creating a succession of sublime and outstanding wines – wines that together define Pichon-Lalande's reputation as one of the greatest Bordeaux Châteaux in the world today. Previously Thomas has worked in Burgundy, Champagne and the Loire Valley.

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