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**FINE AND RARE CHAMPAGNE, BORDEAUX AND
BURGUNDY TO WELCOME THE NEW YEAR**

**CHRISTIE'S PRESENTS FIRST GLOBAL WINE SALE
OF 2010 IN NEW YORK ON FEBRUARY 27**



New York - Following a robust Fall season for wine auctions, Christie's is pleased to announce its first sale of fine and rare wines of 2010 will take place on Saturday, February 27 at Christie's Rockefeller Center salerooms. With over 660 lots, the backbone of the sale is a broad selection of investment-worthy Burgundy, Bordeaux, and Champagne in an array of highly-coveted vintages and formats, accompanied by a strong selection of fine wines from the Rhone Valley, Tuscany, Piedmont, and California. The sale is expected to achieve in excess of \$1.4 million.

Charles Curtis, MW, Head of North American Wines Sales at Christie's, comments: *"The strong results and rebounding prices we witnessed during the last quarter of 2009 have convinced consignors to come forward, and the result is the great variety and depth of wine you will see offered at Christie's this spring season. Each sale is a truly global event for wine collectors and investors, with Internet, phone, absentee, and in-person bidding available at all our sales worldwide. With client interest in Asia reaching new peaks in the market, we expect a strong start to the new year for fine and rare wines."*

CHAMPAGNE

For collectors who find their supply of fine Champagne depleted after recent year-end festivities, the upcoming sale is an excellent opportunity to restock, and then some. Sourced from a prestigious private collection, the Champagnes to be offered have been meticulously curated from the Grand Marques and aged for decades in optimal conditions. Highlights include a two-magnum lot of the exceptional 1988 Krug Clos du Mesnil in original wooden case (estimate: \$4,500-6,000), a case of 1996 Bollinger Vieilles Vignes Françaises Blanc de Noirs (estimate: \$7,500-10,000), and a treasure



trove of 1990 Dom Pérignon Rosé in six-magnum lots, all in individual coffrets (estimate: \$4,000-6,000). Additional highlights include:

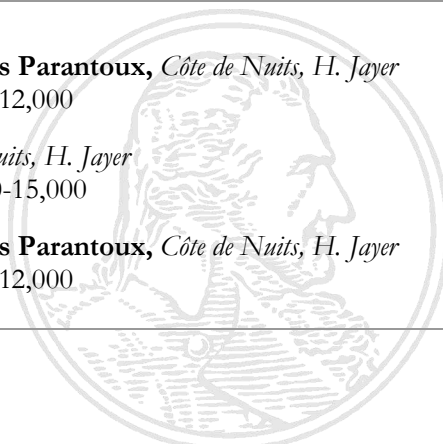
	<p>1988 Cristal, Reims 3 magnums, estimate: \$2,400-3,500</p> <p>1996 Cristal, Reims 6 magnums, estimate: \$3,000-5,000 3 magnums, estimate: \$1,500-2,200</p>
	<p>A RARE METHUSELAH OF 1955 DRY IMPERIAL 1955 Moët & Chandon, Dry Imperial, Epermay 1 methuselah, in original carton Estimate: \$3,500-5,000</p>

FINE BURGUNDY

As the global base of wine buyers expanded in recent years and become increasingly sophisticated, demand for top red burgundy continues to increase, often outpacing supply. This month, Christie's is pleased to offer a selection of exceptional vintages of the most sought-after wines of this rich region – including Romanée-Conti, La Tâche, Montrachet, Comtes George de Vögué, and Henri Jayer. Stand-outs include an exceedingly rare jeroboam of 1996 Romanée-Conti in its original wooden case (estimate: \$20,000-30,000), a four-bottle lot of 1990 Romanée-Conti (estimate: \$40,000-60,000), and a magnum of the same vintage (estimate: \$20,000-26,000).

Additional highlights include:

	<p>1990 La Tâche, Côte de Nuits, Domaine de la Romanée-Conti 1 dozen bottles Estimate: \$30,000-50,000</p> <p>Also available in multiple vintages from 1969 - 2006 (sizes vary; estimates range: \$400-8,000)</p>
	<p>1978 Vosne-Romanée, Cros Parantoux, Côte de Nuits, H. Jayer 1 magnum, estimate: \$8,000-12,000</p> <p>1985 Richebourg, Côte de Nuits, H. Jayer 1 magnum, estimate: \$10,000-15,000</p> <p>1985 Vosne-Romanée, Cros Parantoux, Côte de Nuits, H. Jayer 1 magnum, estimate: \$8,000-12,000</p>






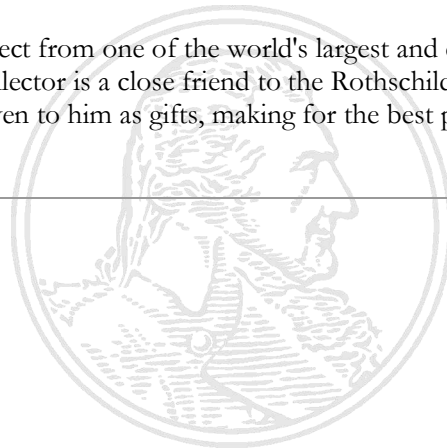
BLUE-CHIP BORDEAUX

Bordeaux remains the gold standard for wine collectors and investors in the current market. Although prices are rebounding quickly, young vintages of the first-growth wines and their peers – Latour, Lafite-Rothschild, Margaux, Mouton-Rothschild, Haut-Brion, Pétrus, Ausone, Cheval Blanc, Lafleur, and Le Pin - remain a great value, particularly the 1995, 1996 and 2000 vintages, which will continue to appreciate in years to come. The upcoming sale features ample quantities of each of these top wines, including 1996 Lafite-Rothschild in its original wooden case (estimate: \$10,000-15,000), 2000 Château Margaux in its original wooden case (estimate: \$9,000-12,000), and a rarely-seen three-magnum case of 2005 Le Pin (estimate: \$17,000-22,000).

Mature Vintages

For the collector seeking mature vintages ready for drinking or holding, stand-outs of the upcoming sale include a case of 1959 Château La Mission Haut-Brion (estimate: \$26,000-32,000) as well as these great rarities:

	<p>1961 Château Haut-Brion, Pessac-Léognan, 1^{er} cru classé 4 magnums, estimate: \$16,000-20,000</p> <p>Also available in 1966, '86, '89, '95, '96 and 2003 vintages (sizes vary; estimates range: \$800-4,500)</p>
	<p>1966 Pétrus, <i>Pomerol, cru exceptionnel</i> 6 magnums Estimate: \$15,000-20,000</p> <p>Additional vintages of Pétrus include 11 bottles of '71 (estimate: \$13,000-15,000) and impériales of '79, '81, '86 and '88 (estimates range: \$4,000-8,000)</p>
	<p>1982 Château Lafite-Rothschild, <i>Pauillac, 1er cru classé</i> 1 dozen bottles Estimate: \$26,000-35,000 (2 lots offered)</p> <p>This consignment comes direct from one of the world's largest and deepest collections of Lafite. The collector is a close friend to the Rothschild family and many of these cases were given to him as gifts, making for the best possible provenance.</p>



THE CHRISTIE'S SALEROOM EXPERIENCE

As with every wine auction Christie's has hosted since 2007, collectors from anywhere in the world can bid on any item in the upcoming sale in real time, via Christie's LIVE online bidding platform. Bids will also be accepted by phone, by absentee bid, or in person in the saleroom.

For registered bidders who attend the sale in person, Christie's is pleased to announce it has expanded its popular brunch buffet and wine tasting, which will be served throughout the course of the sale day. On the menu is a selection of brunch favorites, including smoked salmon crepe roulades, savory profiteroles, pepper-crusted tenderloin tortillas, and an assortment of tropical fruits and baked goods. Five hand-selected wines are included in the tasting: 1952 Clos Vougeot, 1961 Château Calon Segur, 1989 Puligny Montrachet, and 1989 Grands Echézeaux, and 1990 Mazis Chambertin.

*The brunch menu and complete e-catalogue for this sale is viewable online at
<http://www.christies.com/eCatalogues/index.aspx?saleid=22697>
and via the Christie's free app for iPhone and iTouch devices*

Auction: *Fine and Rare Wines*

Saturday, February 27, 2010 at 10am

About Christie's

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*Estimates do not include buyer's premium

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