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**FINE & RARE WINES AT CHRISTIE'S NEW YORK MAY 7 & 8:
FEATURING A SPECIAL EVENING SESSION
OF THE WORLD'S FINEST WINES**

**TOP-QUALITY BORDEAUX, BURGUNDY, AND CULT CALIFORNIA
WINES TO LEAD A BLOCKBUSTER 2-DAY SALE OF NEARLY 600 LOTS**



*Pictured above: Lots 35 & 36, two lots of 1990 Romanée-Conti
Six bottles per lot, estimate: \$90,000-120,000*

New York – As a fitting complement to the upcoming May *Evening Sales* of Impressionist & Modern and Post-War and Contemporary Art, Christie's New York is pleased to announce it will host a special Evening Session of the world's finest wines on Friday, May 7, followed by a full Day session on Saturday, May 8. In total, nearly 600 individual lots of fine and rare wines will be offered, led by exceptional selections from Bordeaux, Burgundy, and California. The two-day sale is expected to achieve in excess of \$1.5 million.

Charles Curtis, MW, Head of North American Wines Sales at Christie's, comments: *"For our special Evening Session on May 7 at 6:00pm, our team of specialists has curated a selection of 50 of the finest and rarest wines available on the auction market today. These truly spectacular wines represent the greatest accomplishments in*

wine-making from the world's top producers and promise to spark the interest of collectors from every corner of the globe. Just as we have witnessed in our most recent sales in New York and London, competition for these top wines remains keen, with bidders from Asia, Europe and the U.S. all vying to acquire these rare gems for their collections."

THE EVENING SESSION – MAY 7 AT 6:00pm

With just 50 lots total, the Evening Session distills the world's most desirable wines into a compact sale that collectors will not want to miss. Christie's is pleased to once again offer the very rare **1990 Romanée Conti** in two lots of 6 bottles each (pictured page one; estimate: \$90,000-120,000). This same wine was the top-selling lot at Christie's February 27 sale in New York, where a four-bottle lot achieved \$78,000. Only a few hundred cases of this wine were produced, and even in a global marketplace that grows with each year, six-bottle lots of this vintage come to market only rarely. Both lots were consigned from one of the world's finest private home cellars, where they have been maintained in pristine conditions for the last 10 years.

Also among the top lots of the Evening Session are cases of the **1982 Château Lafite-Rothschild** – the "five-star vintage" (estimate: \$26,000-35,000). Purchased shortly after release, these wines have never been traded, and have been left undisturbed in impeccable storage conditions since their purchase.

Additional highlights of the Evening Session include:



CHÂTEAU LATOUR
 Vintage 1929
 6 bottles, estimate: \$20,000-30,000
 Provenance:
 The Extraordinary Private Cellar of
 Doris Duke, sold
 NYWinesChristie's, June 2004



PÉTRUS
 Vintage 1990, in original wooden
 case
 1 dozen bottles, estimate: \$28,000-
 35,000



SCREAMING EAGLE
 Vintage 1992 – the first vintage
 1 magnum
 Estimate : \$16,000-24,000

 Vintage 2004 – 500 cases produced
 6 magnums, est: \$24,000-30,000
 3 magnums, est: \$12,000-15,000



HARLAN ESTATE
 Vintage 1994 – a 100-point wine
 1 dozen bottles
 Estimate: \$9,000-12,000

 Vintages 1993 through 2005
 Rare magnums, in original wooden
 cases (estimates range: \$600-4,800)



DRC MONTRACHET
 Vintage 1995 – purchased on release
 3 bottles
 Estimate: \$7,000-10,000
 '86, '89, '90, and '96 vintages also
 available (estimates vary)



RARE D'YQUEM
 From the Lur-Saluces era
 Single-bottle lots from the 1921, '37,
 '45' and '47 vintages
 Estimate ranges: \$1,600-3,200 per
 bottle



THE DAY SESSION – MAY 8 AT 10:00am

Following the Friday Evening session is a blockbuster Saturday sale of over 500 fine and rare wines consigned from prominent private collections. These offerings encompass the very best of Bordeaux, Burgundy, and California, in a variety of vintages both mature and young, and in formats ranging from half-bottles to impériales. All of the wines featured in the sale have been inspected with great care by Christie's specialists with attention to condition, temperature, and humidity control. In the case of one sizable East Coast collection, Christie's experts were the very first to open the original wooden cases the wines were packed in.

Blue-Chip Bordeaux

Leading the day session is a deep selection of first-growth Bordeaux from the epic 1982 vintage:

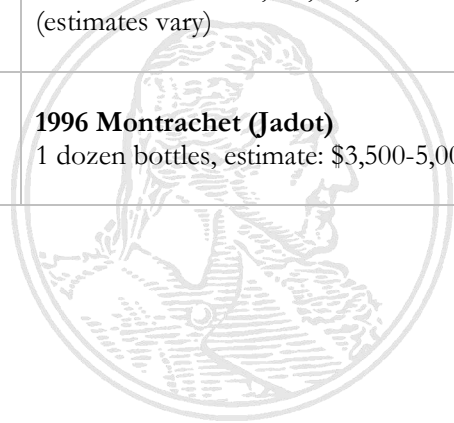
<p>1982 Château Lafite-Rothschild 1 dozen bottles, estimate: \$26,000-35,000 6 bottles per lot, estimate: \$13,000-18,000 Also available in '29, '61, '75, '83, '85, '86, '98, and 2000 vintages and an 8-bottle vertical lot (estimates vary)</p>	<p>1982 Château Latour 1 dozen bottles, estimate: \$18,000-26,000 Also available in '29, '83, '90, '95, and '96 vintages and a 10-bottle vertical lot (estimates vary)</p>
<p>1982 Château Margaux 1 dozen bottles, estimate: \$8,000-11,000 Also available in '78, '83, '88, '89, '90, '96, '98, '99, and 2003 vintages (estimates vary)</p>	<p>1982 Cheval-Blanc 1 dozen bottles, estimate: \$8,000-12,000 Also available in '75, and '99 vintages</p>

Not to be overlooked among the blue-chip Bordeaux is a superb offering of **Chateau Pétrus**, in vintages suitable for drinking now or laying down. Highlights include a 10-bottle lot of 1975 (estimate: \$8,000-16,000), an 11-bottle lot of the 1983 vintage (estimate: \$6,500-9,000), and a rare double-magnum of 1989 Pétrus (\$9,000-12,000). More recent vintage include 6-bottle lots of the 2001 and 2003 vintages (estimates range: \$3,500-9,000).

Fine and Rare Burgundy

Always a top-seller at Christie's wine auctions, the Day session features a wealth of top-quality red and white burgundy. Highlights include:

<p>1959 Romanee-Conti 1 magnum, estimate: \$15,000-20,000 Also available in '57, '69, '72, '85, '90, 2000 and 2004 vintages (estimates vary)</p>	<p>1996 La Tâche 11 bottles, estimate: \$10,000-15,000 Also available in '90, '95, '99, 2003 and 2004 vintages (estimates vary)</p>
<p>1996 Bonnes-Mares (G. Roumier) 1 dozen bottles, estimate: \$7,000-10,000</p>	<p>1996 Montrachet (Jadot) 1 dozen bottles, estimate: \$3,500-5,000</p>



California Cults

The goal of Harlan Estate throughout the past quarter century has remained constant – to create an American first growth. The Day session feature additional lots of this exceptional wine, as well as these limited-production Napa Valley stand-outs:

2001 Harlan Estate 6 bottles, in original wooden case Estimate: \$3,500-4,500 Also available in '95, '97, '98, '99, and 2001-2005 vintages (estimates vary)	Colgin, Herb Lamb Vineyard Cabernet Vertical of vintages 1992-1997 in OWC 6 bottles, estimate: \$2,200-3,000 Also available in '00, '02, '03 vintages (estimates vary) as well as Tychson Hill, Cariad, IX Estate Red
1994 Maya (Dalla Valle) 1 dozen bottles, estimate: \$4,500-6,000 Also available in 1996-2002 vintages (large-formats included; estimates vary)	1983 Diamond Creek, Volcanic Hill Cabernet 1 double magnum, estimate: \$450-600 Also featured is a rare imperial of 1991 Diamond Creek CS, Lake Vineyard (Evening Sale, lot 19)

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 Evening Session in person, Christie's is pleased to present a tasting of fine wines, cheese and Champagne – a perfect start to a Friday evening in Manhattan. On Saturday, Christie's ever-popular brunch buffet and wine tasting returns with an exciting spring menu. Seven hand-selected wines are included in the tasting, including several of the wines featured in the day's sale: 1988 Château Lafite-Rothschild, 1990 Vieux Château Certan, and 2000 Le Secret de Lafon Rochet.

The brunch menu and complete e-catalogue for this sale is viewable online at

<http://www.christies.com/eCatalogues/index.aspx?id=E653636756E30CEB852576F1006EF268>

and via the Christie's free app for iPhone and iTouch

Auction:

Fine and Rare Wines featuring an Evening Session of the World's Finest May 7 & 8, 2010 at 6pm & 10am

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*Estimates do not include buyer's premium

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