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IF IT'S MARCH IT MUST BE WINE...

NYWinesChristie's to organize major wine events on both Coasts including an exclusive Masterclass orchestrated by Jean-Nicolas Méo of Domaine Méo-Camuzet.

“On ne va pas se laisser abattre, va donc me chercher un vin Méo.”

Charles de Gaulle

New York – March, a lingering month between winter and spring, will be bursting with activity and not-to-be-missed events at Christie's. Both the New York and Los Angeles locations will offer exceptional sales and related events, presenting the wine lover and connoisseur not only with superb occasions to buy fine wines but also with unique opportunities to meet some of the wine world's fascinating personalities.

Los Angeles ~ March 7

Masterclass with Jean-Nicolas Méo and Anthony Hanson, MW

Domaine Méo-Camuzet was founded at the start of the 20th century when Etienne Camuzet began to select vineyards in the Côte d'Or region. A century later, the Domaine is producing some of the most inspiring and exquisite Burgundies under the invigorating leadership of Jean-Nicolas Méo. Crus belonging to the Méo-Camuzet offer include Clos Vougeot, Richebourg, Echézeaux, Vosne Romanée aux Cros Parantoux and Vosne Romanée, Les Brûlées.

During the Masterclass, Jean-Nicolas Méo and Anthony Hanson, MW, Senior Consultant to Christie's International Wine department and author of the book "Burgundy", will enlighten the audience about the exceptional qualities and characteristics of Burgundy wines in general and of the Domaine Méo-Camuzet wines in particular. Selected vintages of Nuits-Saints-Georges, Les Murgers; Clos Vougeot and Richebourg will be tasted.

Los Angeles ~ March 15 ~ Fine and Rare Wines – Focus on Burgundy

On Saturday March 15, Christie's Los Angeles will host a formidable wine auction featuring several private cellars of top-quality. The sale will mainly be devoted to Burgundy growths and boasts among its offer wines from the collection of Bouchard Père & Fils and wines directly consigned from Domaine Méo-Camuzet. Also included is the Cellar of a Connoisseur, presenting exceptional mature vintages such as La Tâche 1945 (estimate: \$2,400–3,200 for 2 bottles and \$3,500–4,800 for 3 bottles) and the historical Romanée Conti 1952 (estimate: \$5,000–7,000 for 2 bottles), the first vintage to appear after the complete standstill caused by World War II and the replanting of the vineyard onto phylloxera resistant root-stocks. As part of the California section, a complete vertical of Opus One – the famous vineyard under joint ownership of Mouton Rothschild and Mondavi – will come up, starting with the 1979 vintage and going all the way to 1998. A selection of wines will be available for tasting on March 14.

New York ~ March 19 ~ Finest and Rarest Wines

Christie's New York will take over with a two-session sale, a 'primeur', featuring the first ever evening sale devoted to wines at Rockefeller Center. The evening will be remembered for an array of absolutely fantastic and delightfully rare wines, offering collectors the chance of a lifetime to acquire icons of winemaking. The wines come from one private collection that was assembled over the years following the adagios of patience and passion and many of them quite simply are the material wine history is made of. Among the highlights are Romanée Conti vintages 1934 and 1937; rare bottlings of Pétrus 1947; La Fleur 1949 and an unprecedented offering of mature Burgundy from the 1920's to the 1960's.

The afternoon session of the same day puts forward several small private cellars and features a variety of much coveted Bordeaux and Burgundy. Star lots are a dozen bottles of Montrachet 1978 in the original wooden case (estimate: \$24,000–35,000) and eight vintages of Domaine de la Romanée Conti.

Christie's Los Angeles:

- Friday March 7 at 6 pm – Masterclass with Jean-Nicolas Méo and Anthony Hanson

Tickets: \$100

- Friday March 14 at 6 pm – Tasting for Fine and Rare Wines – Focus on Burgundy

Tickets: \$60

- Saturday March 15 at 10 am and 2 pm – Auction Fine and Rare Wines – Focus on Burgundy

Christie's Los Angeles, 360 North Camden Drive, Beverly Hills

Christie's New York:

- Monday March 19 at 2 pm and 5 pm – Auction Finest and Rarest Wines

Christie's New York, 20 Rockefeller Center