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**CHRISTIE'S AMERICAS KICKS OFF 2009 SALES SEASON  
OF FINE AND RARE WINES MARCH 28 IN NEW YORK**

**COVETED VINTAGES OF BORDEAUX AND BURGUNDY FROM PRIVATE  
COLLECTIONS AND A RENOWNED RESTAURANT CELLAR**



1995 Château Pétrus  
*Three impériales* (6 litres)  
Estimate: \$7,000-10,000 *per lot*  
Standard bottle sizes also available



1994 Domaine de la Romanée-Conti  
*Assorted vineyards, one dozen bottles*  
Estimate: \$3,000-5,000 *per lot*  
1993 assorted case also available



1988 Château Lafite-Rothschild  
*10 case lots, all in original wooden cases*  
Estimate: \$2,800-4,000 *per lot*  
Other vintages and sizes available

**New York**— Christie's International Wine Department is pleased to announce details and sale dates for its Spring 2009 auction season, beginning with an exceptional sale of fine and rare wines on Saturday, March 28. To kick off the season, Christie's will host the first in a new series of complimentary Champagne brunch events for registered bidders at its Rockefeller Center salesrooms.

Charles Curtis, MW, Head of North American Wine Sales at Christie's commented: "For our March 28 sale, we have assembled a diverse selection of over 800 lots derived from several prominent cellars. All of the first-growths from Bordeaux are here, in full cases and from the most coveted

vintages. Super seconds are represented as well, in all the best vintages from 1988-2000, and with very reasonable and realistic estimates. Gems from Burgundy and Rhône round out the French offerings, and are well complemented by great consignments from the top producers of Napa Valley, including Opus One and Harlan Estate.”

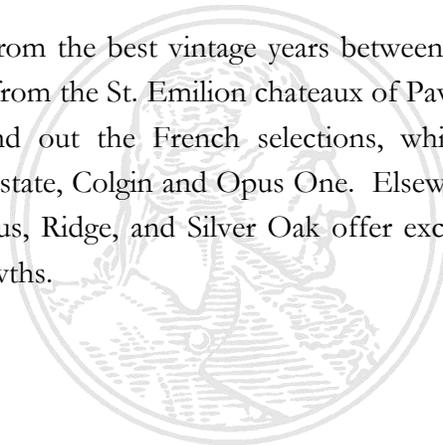
Among the highlights of the Bordeaux offerings is an impressive selection of mid-90’s vintages from Latour, Lafite, Margaux, Mouton, and Haut-Brion as well as the right bank stars of Ausone, Pavie, and Cheval Blanc. The stand-out 1995 vintage – an exceptional year that yielded rich wines with high levels of tannin and sugar but soft acidity – is represented in abundance, in standard as well as large format sizes. Individual highlights from the 1995 vintage include impériales (six liter bottles) of all five premiers crus as well as the lesser-known gems of Palmer, Vieux-Château-Certain, Trotanoy and Angélu; salmanazars (9 liter bottles) of 1995 Cos d’Estournel and Léoville-Barton; and balthazars and nebuchadnezzars (12 and 15 liter bottles, respectively) of 1995 Château Palmer and Le Bon Pasteur.

This excellent selection is complemented by a treasure trove of fine Burgundy from an exemplary private collection. Highlights include a dozen bottles of 1996 Vosne-Romanée, Cros Parantoux, six bottles of 1995 Chambertin from Rousseau, and cases of 1996 white burgundies from Dauvissant, Domaine Leflaive, and others. Elsewhere in the sale, Domaine de la Romanée Conti – the standard-bearer of great red Burgundy – is represented by case lots of assorted DRC wines from the 1993 and 1994 vintages and individual bottles of Echézeaux in 1996 and 2003 vintages, and La Tâche in collector-friendly 1953, 1961, and 1973 vintages.

### **Selections from L’Orangerie Restaurant Cellar**

Christie’s is also pleased to present an extensive collection from the famed Los Angeles restaurant L’Orangerie, a bastion of French haute cuisine that counted Hollywood royalty, international celebrities, and even late President Ronald Reagan among its clientele. Before the restaurant’s closure in late 2006, sommelier Emmanuel Faure built a well-manicured list of intelligent selections for connoisseur and novice alike. Virtually all of the wines selected for this sale were purchased upon release and in large quantities, and have been superbly maintained over the years.

Case lots of premiers crus and super seconds from the best vintage years between 1982 and 2003 form the core of the collection, alongside gems from the St. Emilion chateaux of Pavie and Angelus. Burgundies, Sauternes and Rhone wines round out the French selections, while California is represented by excellent vintages from Harlan Estate, Colgin and Opus One. Elsewhere in the sale, vertical lots of early 90’s vintages from Dominus, Ridge, and Silver Oak offer excellent collecting opportunity for devotees of California’s top growths.



With salesrooms in three continents, Christie's hosts auctions of fine and rare wines and spirits in our New York, London, Hong Kong, Paris, Geneva, and Amsterdam salerooms. Last year, Christie's was the international leader in the fine wine market, with over \$50.6 million in sales. Christie's consistently offers the most sought-after wines, and holds the world auction record for the most expensive case of wine ever sold, achieved in 2006 with the sale of a case of Mouton-Rothschild 1945 for \$345,000.

## **Christie's New York Wine Calendar Spring 2008**

### **Fine and Rare Wines**

28 March at 10am– Christie's New York

### **Fine Wines and Spirits**

25 April – Christie's New York

### **Fine and Rare Wines**

19 May – Christie's New York

### **Fine and Rare Wines**

6 June – Hamptons, New York

### **About Christie's**

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\*Estimates do not include buyer's premium

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More information about Christie's sale of fine and rare wines can be found on [www.christies.com](http://www.christies.com). All lots from the sale can be viewed online along with full catalogue descriptions on Lotfinder®, which also allows clients to leave absentee bids. [www.christies.com](http://www.christies.com) provides information on more than 80 sale categories, buying and selling at auction, complete auction results, and Christie's international auction calendar.

