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**CHRISTIE'S NEW YORK TO OFFER SATURDAY WINE SALES TO SOOTHE,
SMOTHER AND SATISFY THE SENSES**

**Regular Pre-Sale Tastings And All Auctions Now Held On Saturdays, With
Exclusive Sit-Down Lunches Prepared By Leading International Chefs**

New York - Christie's International Wine Department revolutionizes its New York wine sale schedule, starting this Spring. All New York wine sales now move to Saturdays and will include a pre-sale tasting and a sit-down lunch prepared by a leading international chef.

Thomas Keller, world renowned chef and founder of *The French Laundry* in Napa and *Per Se* in New York, exclusively joins forces with Christie's at Rockefeller Plaza to launch this exciting new series, starting on Saturday April 9 and Saturday June 4.

Wine lovers, established collectors and connoisseurs alike are invited to join the world's leading wine auctioneer on Saturdays to further learn about and explore the wonderful world of fine and rare wine – and to cajole the senses with some of the most sumptuous cuisine in America.

This exclusive pre-sale tasting and lunch invitation is ticketed, and is offered on a strictly first-come, first-served basis. Lunch guests are invited to bring their own favorite wines along to enjoy, share and savour with fellow attendees.

“Saturday sale days mean easier access for our buyers and a glorious new potential for wine lovers to pursue their passion for fine wines and food at our auctions. We are absolutely delighted that Thomas Keller joins us at the birth of this great food and wine adventure,” says Richard Brierley, Head of the Wine Department, Christie's Americas. “To have such a

leading light join us on Saturdays to provide wonderful food to accompany our fine wine will take the New York wine auction experience to new heights. Christie's will provide an enthralling forum for clients both new and old to taste, savor, share and buy wine whilst surrounded by the perfect gastronomic accompaniment."

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New Saturday Schedule:

9am: pre-sale wine tasting featuring sample bottles from the day's auction

10am: Part I of the wine auction

12.30pm: Boardroom Lunch with guests invited to bring bottles from their own cellar to enjoy and share with fellow connoisseurs

2pm: Part II of the wine auction

Price: \$125/person – to include access to the morning tasting and a seat at the lunch table – contact Lisa Bottomley at 212 636 2097, or lbottomley@christies.com to reserve tickets

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More information about Christie's International wine sales can be found on www.christies.com. Lots from sales in seven sale locations across two continents can be viewed online along with full catalogue descriptions on Lotfinder®, which also allows clients to leave absentee bids. 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.

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