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**EXCEPTIONAL CHATEAU LATOUR SALES AT CHRISTIE'S LONDON,
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*Fine and Rare Wines, including Historic Vintages from the Cellars of Château Latour
Thursday 22 May 2003*

London & New York – Christie's International Wine Department is delighted to announce the sale of the finest single consignment of estate-sourced Château Latour ever to appear at auction. To be offered throughout 2003 in three different sale locations – London, Los Angeles and New York – the collection features classic vintage highlights beginning with the magnificent 1863 and ending with the youthful 1996. All bottles are in immaculate condition and this seminal event is set to hold the attention of collectors, private investors, wine aficionados and trade buyers across the globe.

The first instalment of this majestic three-part sale takes place in London on Thursday 22 May, with the Los Angeles sale scheduled to take place on 31 October & 1 November and the New York sale on the 20 & 21 November. The London sale features 190 lots of Grand Vin de Château Latour including the following outstanding, venerable vintages: 1863, 1865, 1899, 1900, 1929, 1945, 1959, 1961 and 1966. Highlights from the younger vintage stable include the magnificent 1982, 1985, 1988, 1989, 1990 and 1996.

Anthony Hanson MW, Senior Consultant, Christie's International Wine Department, says, "This is an unprecedented event in the wine auction world and we're delighted it's happening here at Christie's. With our unparalleled sales network, we are able to offer these wines across all major wine auction centres, bringing our unrivalled expertise closer to potential buyers, whether based in Europe, the Americas or Asia. A not to be missed opportunity for any serious fine wine lover, it promises to be a fantastic event, offering the very finest that the prestigious Latour cellars have to offer."

Frédéric Engerer, Président of Château Latour says, "Château Latour has always wanted to keep a certain quantity of each vintage in its cellars and we often feel like librarians with a collection of books that can be read only once. Realizing that we very seldom open vintages from the 1950s and earlier, we have been considering a major international opening of our cellar 'library' to Latour lovers around the world for some considerable time. We offer this fantastic consignment whilst remaining in the enviable position of being able to do so without affecting the Estate's permanent collection. Due to the offering's depth and breadth, the sale will pay tribute to the generations of winemakers and vineyard managers who have ensured, through their own individual courage and dedication, that Latour remains at the forefront of fine wine production."

A Masterclass to be held in London at 6.30pm on Tuesday 13 May at Christie's King Street heralds the beginning of this 2003 Latour odyssey; this will feature great vintages from the last two decades, back to, and including, the opulent 1982. Hosted by Anthony Hanson MW, Michael Broadbent MW and Frédéric Engerer, Président of Château Latour, wine enthusiasts can reserve a place by calling Magda Ramadan on 020 7752 3101 with tickets priced at £85. Wines to be tasted are: Les Forts de Latour - 2000, 1996 & 1990 and Grand Vin de Château Latour - 1999, 1989, 1988, 1985 & 1982.

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