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A BUMPER CROP OF VINTAGE WINE SALES AND EVENTS THIS FALL AT CHRISTIE'S AMERICAS

Five Auctions Including Two Evening Sales, Two Immaculate Private Cellars

First Wine Sale To Offer Christie's LIVE[®], Allowing Real-Time Online Bidding

Wine Events To Include A Leroy Master Class With Mme. Lalou Bize-Leroy

New York - Christie's, the world's leading wine auctioneers, announces full details of an alluring season of sales in North America. For the first time in Wine Department history, real-time, multi-media online bidding will be available using the recently-launched Christie's LIVE[®] technology during the New York Evening Sale on November 2; on Sept 16 New York anticipates its largest single-owner sale ever offered – and September 28 sees the inaugural wine Evening Sale take place in Los Angeles.

In total, five sales set across Manhattan and Beverly Hills this Fall will offer over 3,000 lots of the finest and most desirable wines to an international client base. On October 14 in New York, the multi-vendor sale will offer an excellent selection of current drinking wines with estimates across a broad range of price points, and on December 9, New York's Finest and Rarest sale will include an exceptional 150-lot North Californian private cellar. In its entirety, the Fall season in the United States is expected to realize in excess of \$10 million.

Five world-class tasting and dinner events will help frame the sublime Fall offering, including a Leroy Master Class and Dinner with Mme. Lalou Bize-Leroy on November 1 at the St.Regis Hotel in New York. Other events will include wine tastings from Château Ausone, Château Palmer,

Châteauneuf-du-Pape – and a Hospices de Beaune Master Class in preparation for the auction, to held in Burgundy on November 19.

Richard Brierley, Head of Wine Sales at Christie's Americas, says: "Building on the exceptional success of the Evening Sale last March in New York, we are delighted to further expand the concept to the West Coast this season, and we very much look forward to offering Christie's LIVE to our international client base at our Evening Sale in New York. For the first time in Wine Department history, wine bidders will be able to experience the sights and sounds of the saleroom from the comfort of their own home and bid in real-time, enjoying the excitement of our Evening Sale, even if they can not attend the event. Coupled with our packed event calendar, Christie's continues to offer wine lovers the best in world-class service and expertise, as well as redefining the auction experience itself. Nothing compares to a Christie's Evening Sale platform to sell the finest wines in the world."

Evening Sale and Single Owner Cellar Highlights:

Saturday September 16, 2006 - Christie's Rockefeller Plaza, New York

Finest and Rarest Wines: An Extraordinary Private Collection

Anticipated to be Christie's largest single-owner sale ever offered in New York, with all bottles removed by Christie's specialists from three, impeccably maintained, temperature and humidity controlled cellars and shipped under ideal conditions. The auction is valued in the region of \$4.5 million and represents only one quarter of this wonderful private collection.

Vintages range from 1865 to 2000, offering something for every collector and connoisseur. Many wines are offered in their original wooden cases, with smaller quantities assembled for buyers at all interest levels.

Bordeaux highlights include 26 vintages of Pétrus and 12 vintages of Le Pin, 23 vintages of Château Mouton Rothschild as well as a vertical from 1945-1996, Pre-War vintages of Lafite, Latour, Margaux and Haut Brion – and more than 20 vintages of Château d'Yquem. Burgundy highlights include an incredible array of wines from Domaine de la Romanée-Conti including 10 vintages of Montrachet.

Large formats include an outstanding array of over 200 large format bottles; double-magnums, jeroboams, imperials and even larger. Champagne, a true passion of the collector, is well represented with stunning parcels of Krug, Salon, Dom Pérignon and Dom Pérignon Rosé, Cristal and Taittinger Collection, exceedingly rare large format bottles of Pol Roger, Bollinger 75, Pommery 59 and Mumm, Cordon Rouge 55.

Thursday September 28, 2006 - Christie's Los Angeles, Beverly Hills

The Evening Sale: Finest and Rarest Wines

After the outstanding success of the March Evening Sale in New York, the Department will hold the first-ever wine Evening Sale to be held on the West Coast, featuring 115 lots of the world's best wines – highlights include a three-liter jeroboam of Domaine de la Romanée-Conti 1985 (estimate: \$26,000-40,000); six magnums of Château Mouton Rothschild 1945 (estimate: \$80,000-120,000); an original three-jeroboam wooden case of La Tâche 1990 (estimate: \$26,000-35,000); and a 24 five-liter bottle vertical of Dunn Howell Mountain 1979-2002 (estimate: \$20,000-30,000).

Thursday November 2, 2006 - Christie's Rockefeller Plaza, New York

The Evening Sale: Finest and Rarest Wines

To be offered the week before the flagship Christie's New York Impressionist and Modern Art Evening Sale on November 8, the second wine Evening Sale of the season brings together 150 of the world's most revered wines. Highlights include a unique lot of nine imperials of 1982 Lafite-Rothschild, Latour, Mouton Rothschild, Margaux, Haut Brion, Cheval Blanc, Ausone, Pétrus and Château d'Yquem (estimate on request); six magnums of Dom Pérignon 1969; a double-magnum Château Lafite 1959 (estimate: \$14,000-20,000); five large formats of Le Pin including a 1990 double-magnum (estimate: \$7,500-10,000); three jeroboams of 1978 Romanée-Conti in original wooden case (estimate on request); an original 12-bottle wooden case of 1978 Montrachet, Domaine de la Romanée-Conti (estimate: \$50,000-80,000); and an original six-magnum wooden case of Mouton-Rothschild 1945 (estimate on request).

Fall Wine Events:

Chateau Ausone Dinner

October 5th 6:30pm, \$595, St. Regis Hotel New York

Vintages: 1949, 1950, 1959, 1961, 1971, 1976, 1982, 1983, 1989, 1990, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2000, and 2002

Wines will be served during a multi-course dinner.

Chateau Palmer Tasting

October 26th 6:30pm, \$95, St. Regis Hotel New York

Six vintages Grand Vin: 1995, 1996, 1998, 2002, and 2004

Three vintages Alter Ego: 1999, 2001, and 2003

Bernard de Laage de Meux, Director of Development, will be on hand in a master class format to introduce and discuss a selection of recent successful vintages from both Chateau Palmer and its second wine: Alter Ego de Chateau Palmer.

Leroy Master Class and Dinner - An Evening with Mme. Lalou Bize-Leroy

November 1st 6:00pm, \$1595, St. Regis Hotel New York

Christie's is tremendously honored and privileged to host Mme. Lalou Bize-Leroy for an insightful Master Class going back to her first vintage: the legendary 1955. Seventeen wines brought over directly from Leroy will be tasted: Maison Leroy Chambertin 1955, 1959, 1961, Corton 1955, 1959, 1961, Domaine Leroy Chambertin 1993, 1999, 2003, Corton-Renardes 1993, 1999, 2003 and Romanée St Vivant 1992, 1993, 1996, 1999, 2003. Introducing Mme. Bize-Leroy and co-hosting the tasting will be Anthony Hanson MW, Christie's Senior Consultant and Burgundy expert. A dinner with further Leroy wines will follow the Master Class tasting.

Hospices de Beaune Master Class

November 2nd 4:00pm, \$25, Christie's 20 Rockefeller Plaza

Renowned Burgundy expert and Christie's Senior Consultant Anthony Hanson MW will discuss the history, vineyards and wines of the legendary Hospices de Beaune. The process of how to buy wines from the 2006 vintage in barrel, as well as the tending and bottling with a Burgundy Negociant, will also be explained.

A range of finished Hospices de Beaune wines will be tasted from the great whites of Meursault and Corton-Charlemagne and reds from Beaune, to Volnay and Pommard, and up to Mazis-Chambertin, over 5 vintages 1999-2003. All samples come from the Réserve Particulière des Hospices de Beaune, were bottled by the Domaine, and have been shipped directly from its cellars for this tasting.

WHITE WINES : Bâtard-Montrachet Dames De Flandres 2000, Meursault-Genevrières, Philippe Le Bon 2001, Corton-Charlemagne, François De Salins 2003, Meursault-Charmes Albert Grivault 2004.

RED WINES : Corton Charlotte Dumay 1999, Pommard Billardet 1999, Beaune 1er Cru Guigone De Salins 2000, Monthelie 1er Cru Lebelin 2000, Pommard Dames De La Charité 2001, Corton Charlotte Dumay 2001, Savigny-Lès-Beaune 1er Cru Forneret 2002, Clos De La Roche Georges Ritter 2002, Beaune 1er Cru Guigone De Salins 2002, Volnay 1er Cru Blondeau 2003, Mazis-Chambertin Madeleine Collignon 2003.

Historic Chateauf-neuf-du-Pape Dinner

December 7th 6:30pm, \$395, St. Regis Hotel New York

Wines: 1981 Pegau, 1979 Rayas, 1978 Beaucastel, 1978 Vieux Telegraph, 1978 La Gardine, 1978 La Bernadine, 1969 Clos des Papes, 1966 Grappes de Papes, 1962 Clos des Celestins, 1961 Cabrieres, 1955 Clos de l'Oratoire, 1966, 1961, 1957 Mont Redon, 1959 Les Cailloux, 1949 Guigal, and 1947 Deydier.

This event provides the opportunity to taste the wines which help establish and solidify the reputation of the appellation. Wines will be served during a multi-course dinner.

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For the fourth year in succession, Christie's International Wine Department claimed pole position in the global fine wine auction market in 2005, with an annual sales total of £22,442,905/\$41,968,232. With an unrivalled network stretching across four European nations to both coasts of the United States, Christie's continues to offer collectors the widest and most regular international auction schedule.

43 sales were conducted across nine sale locations – in New York, Los Angeles, London King Street, London South Kensington, Paris, Bordeaux, Burgundy, Geneva and Amsterdam. Uniquely, Christie's remains the only wine auctioneer dedicated to maintaining and expanding such a comprehensive international auction base.