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**A LANDMARK EVENT FOR COLLECTORS OF FINE SPIRITS:  
THE 1964 BOWMORE® TRILOGY TO BE OFFERED FOR THE  
FIRST TIME EVER IN THE UNITED STATES**



CHRISTIE'S NOVEMBER 14 AUCTION OF *FINE WINES AND SPIRITS* IN NEW YORK  
TO FEATURE A CAREFULLY-CURATED SELECTION OF WHISKY, COGNAC,  
BOURBON, ARMAGNAC, RUM AND MORE

**New York** – With the winter season fast approaching, Christie's is delighted to announce its November 14 sale of *Fine Wines and Spirits*, with a special selection of spirits that are sure to ward off the chill of cold days to come. Over 40 lots of carefully-curated whisky, bourbon, cognac, armagnac, and rum will be offered from prominent sources, including the Park Avenue Liquor Shop, one of the most respected spirits retailers in the country. In addition, Christie's is honored to have been selected as the first U.S. sales site to offer the exceedingly rare 1964 Bowmore® Trilogy (pictured above) direct from the Bowmore distillery in Scotland. An exceptional selection of fine

and rare wines rounds out the sale, with recent and mature vintages of Bordeaux and Burgundy in great supply, along with collector favorites from California, Italy, the Rhône Valley, and Champagne (*separate press release available*). The total sale of wine and spirits includes over 800 lots and is expected to realize in excess of \$2.1 million.

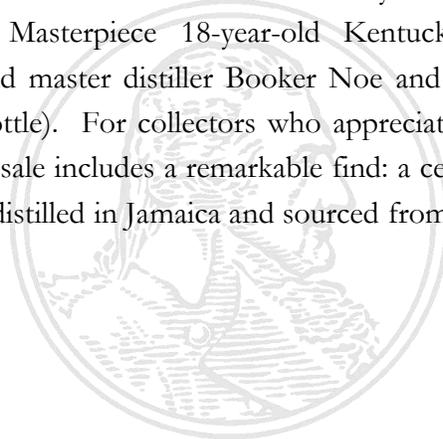
### **The 1964 Bowmore Trilogy**

Certain to become one of the most-coveted items on the wish list of every devoted whisky collector this season, the 1964 Bowmore Trilogy (estimate: \$18,000-24,000) is a three-bottle lot that includes the newly-released Gold Bowmore, White Bowmore (released in 2008) and Black Bowmore (released in 2007). As one of the oldest distilleries in Scotland, and the first distillery to be established on the island of Islay, Bowmore is regarded by many as the best balanced single malt Scotch whisky in the world, characterized by wonderfully rich and complex flavors. Located on Islay's shores of Loch Indaal, the distillery's close proximity to the sea and its adherence to traditional production methods are vital factors in creating its warm, smoky character. Like the previously-released whiskies in the Trilogy, Gold Bowmore matured below sea level in the distillery's celebrated Number 1 vault. Over 44 years, it developed a rich, gold color and a complex balance of aromas and flavors reminiscent of exotic fruit, vanilla, and gentle peat smoke.

### **Park Avenue Liquor Shop**

With a cellar bursting with the very best offerings from spirits producers across the globe, the Park Avenue Liquor Shop is known for its exceptional selection of single malt scotches, including Ardbeg, Glenfarclas, Macallan, and Bowmore, among others. Christie's is pleased to offer a number of choice lots from the shop's cellars, including 55-year-old Macallan in a specially-designed Lalique crystal decanter (estimate: \$11,000-15,000), as well as a rare Glenfarclas 50-year-old, bottled from a 1955 distilled single cask (estimate: \$4,800-6,000). Ardbeg Double Barrel, a two-bottle lot sourced from two 1974 barrels, comes ready-made for gift giving in a leather presentation guncase with eight solid silver cups, a title plate, two books, a pen and cleaning kits (estimate: \$15,000-20,000).

Among other highlights from Park Avenue Liquor Shop is a limited-edition Hardy Perfection Cognac in an engraved Daum crystal decanter (\$5,500-7,000); a millennium bottling of Armagnac from leading producer Baron de Sigognac that was allowed to mature for nearly a century (estimate: \$2,000-3,000); and three lots of Distiller's Masterpiece 18-year-old Kentucky Bourbon, a collaboration between Jim Beam's grandson and master distiller Booker Noe and master Cognac blender Alain Royer (estimate: \$500-800 per bottle). For collectors who appreciate a bit of naval history with their spirits, the rum section of the sale includes a remarkable find: a ceramic demijohn (1 imperial gallon) of British Imperial Rum pot-distilled in Jamaica and sourced from the final stores of the Royal Navy (estimate: \$4,500-6,000).



## **Wine Auction Calendar – Christie’s New York:**

*Fine Wines and Spirits*

November 14, 2009 at 10:00am

*Fine and Rare Wines*

December 9, 2009 at 6:00pm

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