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***CHRISTIE'S EUROPEAN WINE DEPARTMENT OFFERS A FANTASTIC
AUTUMNAL SELECTION IN LONDON, GENEVA, PARIS & AMSTERDAM***

London – Christie's, the world's leading wine auctioneer, announces full sale details for European wine sales taking place this Autumn. With four sales already conducted, excellent results have been achieved in London and Amsterdam; the season in its entirety will total 13 sales taking place across five auction rooms in Britain, France, Switzerland and the Netherlands.

With half-year sales for European wine sales in 2003 totalling £5,212,750, Christie's remains at the forefront of the wine auction market in Europe, and looks forward to offering the finest selection of wines across the broadest wine sales network in Europe this Autumn.

Season Highlights:

October 23 – Claret, Fine Wines and Vintage Port – London

A substantial offering of top quality Bordeaux and Burgundy including a remarkable collection of the 1982, 1985 and 1990 vintages is a highlight of this sale. Rare stocks from U.K. country house cellars include old Bordeaux and vintage champagne.

October 30 – Fine Wine from Two Continental Cellars – London

The first cellar features the remaining wines from the collection of a celebrated connoisseur, including an excellent collection of Bordeaux dating back to the 19th century (vintage range: 1874–1998), a superb collection of White Bordeaux (vintage range: 1896–1995) and impressive stocks of Burgundy, principally from Domaine de la Romanée-Conti (vintage range: 1928–1995). The second cellar focuses on Bordeaux wines from the 1980s and features a particularly wide selection of over 30

châteaux from the 1988 vintage, providing the perfect opportunity for private buyers to replenish and purchase current-drinking claret stock.

November 13 – Fine and Rare Wines featuring Burgundy and Vintage Cigars – London

Throwing a spotlight on the fine wines of Burgundy, the auction offers lots consigned directly from the cellars of over 40 different domaines – including vintages from the last half-century – combined with superb private stocks from the 1960s–1990s. Also, the vintage cigar section in the evening features an excellent selection of cigars, including a fine collection of pre-embargo boxes.

16 November – Fine Wines and Cigars – Geneva

The sale features an enticing array of Bordeaux, Burgundy and cigars, including a rare collection of 1978 Vosne-Romanée, Richebourg and Echezeaux made by the legendary Burgundy producer Henri Jayer. A fine selection of Château d'Yquem is also offered, along with an attractive range of top-quality recent vintage claret.

25 November – Fine and Rare Wines – Paris

Various private collections of Bordeaux from Latour 1869 to the mid-1940s together with a collection of Pétrus in full cases is set to whet European wine-lovers' appetites. A selection of top-quality recent vintage claret also features, along with a section of rare vintage brandy from 1800–1900.

27 November – Fine and Rare Wines – Amsterdam

This auction includes excellent private collections of Bordeaux from the 1980s and 1990s, fine red and white Burgundy, as well as top-growth wines from the Rhône Valley, Italy and Germany. A notable collection from the cellars of a renowned German Michelin-starred restaurant forms an exciting sale addition.

December 4 – Finest and Rarest Wines – London

The Finest and Rarest sale offers the perfect festive opportunity to purchase fantastic stock for the Christmas period, including 100 vintages of Yquem, rare Hock from the 1940s and 1950s, two centuries of Cognac and Armagnac (from 1802 onwards) and Madeira stock from the 1790s to 1950s. No Finest and Rarest sale would be complete without Port, and this sale makes no exception, offering a wide range of Port from the best vintages of the 20th century.

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