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FINE WINES AND SPIRITS

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Geneva - Christie's is pleased to announce its next Vintage wine sale in Geneva on Tuesday, 18 November 2008 which will take place at the Hotel des Bergues.

The sale of 710 lots will offer old and rare collections as well as wines from recent vintages such as 2000. Among the star lots of the auction features an exceptional 12 bottle case of Mouton-Rothschild from the legendary 1945 vintage (estimate SFr. 55.000 - 75.000), and among the more recent vintages an impressive case, Carré D'As, (Maison Duclot) of 8 magnums including **Château Latour, Margaux, Haut Brion** and **Petrus** (estimate SFr. 30.000 – 40.000 for 8 Magnums).

Château Mouton Rothschild's aim has always been to combine art and wine; every year since the 1945 vintage the label has been designed by a different artist - including artists such as, Georges Braque, Andy Warhol, Marc Chagall, Joan Miro, Vassili Kandinsky. An exceptional lot which will appeal to both wine and art lovers is an incredible ensemble featuring vintages from 1940 to 2005 (estimate SFr. 55.000 - 75.000), all in all, 66 vintages out of 68 bottles. In fact, two vintages featured in this lot will show two different labels: The 1978 vintage label was designed by the Canadian painter Jean-Paul Riopelle who submitted to many good drawings so that the Château decided to produce two labels which were equally used. The 1993 vintage also used two different labels, illustrated by Balthus – he used one of his typical sketches of a young naked girl with an absent look. Due to the controversy caused by this image in the United States, Philippine Baroness de Rothschild decided to create a new, more neutral label for the American market.

The sale will also offer a beautiful selection of Burgundy, including a collection of wines from Domaine Leroy, vintages from 1985 to 2002, notably: 12 bottles of **Charmes Chambertin Grand cru** 1985 (estimate Sfr. 4.000 - 5.000 for 12 bottles), 12 bottles of **Richebourg Grand cru** 2001 (estimate Sfr. 6.000 - 7.000 for 12 bottles) and 6 bottles of **Romanée Saint-Vivant Grand cru** 2002 (estimate Sfr. 8.500 - 9.500 for 6 bottles).

Among the other highlights, the sale also boasts many complete 12 bottle cases of the superb **Montrose** 1990 (Estimate Sfr. 5.000 - 7.000 for 12 bottles), 8 bottles of the fabulous **Petrus** 1970 (estimate Sfr. 11.000 - 14.000 for 8 bottles), 6 bottles of the rare **Haut Brion** 1989 (estimate Sfr. 7.500 - 8.500 for 6 bottles), 12 bottles of the youthful **Lafite Rothschild** 2000 (estimate Sfr.

16.000 - 20.000 for 12 bottles), 3 bottles of **La Mouline** 1985 from **Guigal** (estimate Sfr. 2.200 - 2.600 for 3 bottles).

To finish the Geneva season, Christie's will offer a comprehensive selection of fine Champagne highlighted by a rare magnum of **Dom Pérignon** 1964 (estimate Sfr. 1.400 - 1.800 for 1 magnum), several bottles of **Krug Clos du Mesnil 1990** (estimate Sfr. 1.000 - 1.400 for 1 bottle) and several cases of the rare Taittinger Collection comprising vintages from 1978 to 1992 (estimate Sfr. 3.000 - 4.000 for 12 bottles of vintages 1978).

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*Estimates do not include buyer's premium