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CHRISTIE'S HONG KONG NOVEMBER 2012 WINE AUCTIONS

PRESENTING THREE DAYS OF OVER 1800 LOTS, VALUED IN EXCESS OF HK\$100m/US\$12.8m

HIGHLIGHTING A DIVERSE SELECTION OF VINOUS TREASURES TO SUIT EVERY PALATE

***GIVING COLLECTORS THE OPPORTUNITY
TO REPLENISH THEIR CELLARS IN TIME FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON***

| **Finest and Rarest Wines from a Famous Private Cellar, November 23, 6:00pm, Sale 2953** |

| **Fine and Rare Wines: Vintage Burgundy Treasures from Europe, November 24, 10:30am, Sale 2970** |

| **Fine and Rare Wines, November 25, 11:30am, Sale 2952** |



Hong Kong – This autumn, Christie's Hong Kong will present three days of wine sales from November 23 to 25, 2012 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. Offering over 1800 lots, the sales are estimated to realize in excess of HK\$100 million/US\$12.8 million. The sales this season bring together a refined selection of mature Bordeaux from renowned châteaux, rare Burgundies from celebrated Domaines, Grower Champagne and superlative Rhône Valley Crus. This sale series presents buyers with an opportunity to acquire some of the finest treasures from throughout the world of wine. Autumn is the season in which collectors around the world traditionally replenish their wine cellars ahead of the holiday entertaining and gift-giving season, and between the three sales, there is a wealth of choices on offer to suit a variety of collecting tastes. The level of quality and extensive variety on offer this season consolidates Hong Kong's position as a global wine centre.

FINEST AND RAREST WINES FROM A FAMOUS PRIVATE CELLAR NOVEMBER 23, 2012, 6:00PM, SALE 2953

Leading the sales this autumn is the private collection of an internationally respected European connoisseur. Comprising over 240 lots, the sale will present collectors with a diverse selection of mature Bordeaux from 28 of the leading châteaux, as well as an assemblage of excellent Rhône. The sale offers an extensive assortment of classic vintages, starting with 2009 and dating as far back as 1799 (*Lot 3201*), with nearly every other decade in between represented.

Beyond the celebrated First Growths, household names in the collection include Château Léoville Las Cases, L'Evangile, Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande, Montrose, and Palmer, with a number of wines ready to be enjoyed now. Also included in the collection are classic vintages in large formats for long-term cellaring. The mature vintages from the last two hundred years are in pristine condition.

Sale highlights include:

	<p>Lot 3205 Château Lafite Rothschild--Vintage 1870 <i>Pauillac, 1er cru classé</i> Tasting Note: One of the all-time greats and, at its best, a powerhouse. In fact, such a powerful and tannic wine that it was virtually undrinkable for half a century. Nevertheless, bottlings varied and, as always, provenance plays a part. Tasted on 18 occasions. The most magnificent were (and still can be) the Coningham-bottled magnums from Glamis Castle. Most recently, a magnum, deep, brown-rimmed but alive; spicy, eucalyptus yet not very exciting bouquet; excessively tannic and austere but improved in the glass. Last tasted August 2005. At best ***** (6 stars) M.B.</p> <p>1 double-magnum Estimate per lot: HK\$300,000-400,000</p>
	<p>Lot 3268 Château Mouton Rothschild--Vintage 1947 <i>Pauillac, 1er cru classé</i> Tasting Note: In 2001: exquisite, recorked, Nicolas-bottled. Most recently (April 2005): deep, rich; re and distinctive, spicy, dramatic, eucalyptus bouquet and flavour. Five months later, despite good level, rich but volatile, overripe. Last tasted September 2005. At best ***** M.B.</p> <p>6 magnums Estimate per lot: HK\$500,000-650,000</p>





FINE AND RARE WINES: VINTAGE BURGUNDY TREASURES FROM EUROPE

NOVEMBER 24, 2012, 10:30AM, SALE 2970

On November 24, Christie's Hong Kong will present a single-owner European collection consisting of the most comprehensive assortment of rare Burgundies and Rhône valley wines ever offered in Hong Kong. Comprising over 730 lots, the sale features renowned names rarely seen in Hong Kong, as well as an extensive variety of top cuvées.

Assembled over several decades by a passionate connoisseur, these Burgundy rarities span 60 vintages, ranging from 1959 to 2010. On offer are bottles from leading winemakers, including Henri Jayer, Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, Domaine Leroy, Coche-Dury, Armand Rousseau, and Georges Roumier. The sale also features Rhône masters such as, Château Rayas, Jean-Louis Chave, Clos des Papes and Domaine de Pegau. The wines have been cellared since release in a cellar in Europe located just a two-hour drive away from Burgundy. The bottles will only be shipped to Hong Kong after the sale to protect their pristine condition.

Sale highlights include:

	<p>Lot 3918 Richebourg — Vintage 1959 <i>Côte de Nuits, Henri Jayer</i></p> <p>1 bottle Estimate per lot: HK\$ 350,000 - 400,000</p>
	<p>Lot 3929 Chambolle-Musigny Les Amoureuses— Vintage 1969 <i>Côte de Nuits, J. Drouhin</i></p> <p>1 magnum Estimate per lot: HK\$4,500 - 5,500</p>
	<p>Lot 4206 Châteauneuf du Pape Cuvée Inspiration — Vintage 2003 <i>Rhône, Domaine de Pegau</i> In original wooden case</p> <p>1 magnum Estimate per lot: HK\$12,000 - 14,000</p>
	<p>Lot 4157 Bienvenue-Batard-Montrachet — Vintage 2005 <i>Côte de Beaune, Ramonet</i></p> <p>6 bottles Estimate per lot: HK\$10,000 - 12,000</p>





FINE AND RARE WINES

NOVEMBER 25, 2012, 11:30AM, SALE 2952

Offering over 850 lots, the various owners sale on November 25 concludes the three days of sales with a selection of top-flight wines. Highlighting the sale is a First Growth Vertical Lot (*Lot 4693*). The lot consists of 60 cases made up of 12 vintages (in total 720 bottles), from each of the following châteaux: Latour, Lafite, Margaux, Mouton Rothschild and Haut Brion, ranging from the year 1991 to 2002. The sale also features an ex-cellar consignment from one of the top winemakers of the Rhône Valley, Maison M. Chapoutier. Other vinous treasures include a selection of mature Bordeaux, DRC, Leroy and Tuscans.

Christie's is pleased to announce its collaboration with Decanter magazine in a charity wine sale. On offer are 200 cases of wine donated by Decanter magazine and the Decanter Asia Wine Awards (DWWA). All proceeds will go to the newly formed Decanter Asia Wine Scholarship Programme, an educational initiative in support of Asia's future wine professionals. The charity sale comprises a number of mixed 12 bottle cases from Bordeaux, Burgundy, Champagne, Italy, Australia, New Zealand and the USA. With low estimates starting from HK\$9,000 per 48 bottles of Champagne, and HK\$10,000 per 96 bottles of red Bordeaux, the wines presented in this sale provide a perfect entry point for new collectors.

Sale highlights include:

	<p>Lot 4614 Ermitage "Le Pavillon"—Vintage 2006 Rhône, M. Chapoutier</p> <p>12 bottles Estimate per lot: HK\$13,000 – 17,000</p>
	<p>Lot 4421 Yattarna-Vintage 1998 Australia, Penfolds</p> <p>18 bottles Estimate per lot: HK\$9,500 – 12,000</p>
	<p>Lot 4476 Sassicaia Assortment – Sassicaia 1995 (5) – Sassicaia 1997 (3) – Sassicaia 2000 (1)</p> <p>9 bottles Estimate per lot: HK\$13,000 – 16,000</p>
	<p>Lot 4304 – 4306 Decanter Asia Wine Awards 2012 Bordeaux A selection of Red Bordeaux and Sauternes from some of the finest areas including: Medoc, Saint-Estephe, Saint-Julien, Margaux, Graves, Pessac-Leognan, Pauillac and Saint Emilion</p> <p>96 bottles Estimate per lot: HK\$8,000 – 10,000</p>

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