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CHRISTIE'S HONG KONG WINE SPRING 2013 SALE HIGHLIGHTS WITH EXPERT PAIRING RECOMMENDATIONS MATCHING FINE WINE WITH ASIAN CUISINE

| Fine & Rare Wines, Woods Room, May 25, 11:00am & 2:30pm, Sale 3202 |

Hong Kong – On May 25, 2013, Christie's Hong Kong will stage a two-part wine sale as part of its Hong Kong 2013 Spring auctions. Comprising over 590 lots valued in excess of HK\$35 million, the sale offers a diverse range of vintage wines by producers from all around the globe; classic regions such as Bordeaux, Burgundy, Champagne, Rhône and Napa Valley, to countries including Italy, Spain and Australia. Two important private collections from Europe will also be featured in the auction. In addition, to promote the harmonious match of wine with Asian food culture, Christie's specialist team present 'Perfect Pairings', a series of recommended pairings of wine with Asian cuisine.

TOP BURGUNDY AND BORDEAUX WINES TAKE SALE SPOTLIGHT

A collection of DRC 1983 in methuselah (Lot 5119, 4 methuselchs, Estimate per lot: HK\$900,000-1,200,000) tops the sale. From the most revered Burgundy Domaine, this lot comprises four methuselchs (6 litre bottles), each from a different Grand Cru vineyard. The collection arose due to the initiative of Peter Thustrup, a Parisian wine company owner in the 1980's. Thustrup contacted DRC and with their agreement created three collections from the 1983 Vintage, each with one methuselah of Romanée-Conti, La Tâche, Richebourg and Montrachet. The collection offered at the sale is the third. While a 3.5 to 4cm ullage is considered excellent for a 30-year-old Burgundy, the ullages of the four methuselchs are between 2 to 4cm. DRC also agreed to the production of a small book, titled 'La Collection de Romanée-Conti,' which comes with this lot. The book is signed by Mme Bize-Leroy and M. Aubert de Villaine, who were the owners of DRC at that time.

Two lots of Château Mouton Rothschild (Lot 5106, Vintage 1959, 6 magnums, Estimate per lot: HK\$240,000-300,000; Lot 5107, Vintage 1961, 12 bottles, Estimate per lot: HK\$240,000-300,000) also take a pair of premium spots in the auction. In 1987, the Château reconditioned all the magnums and bottles, refilling them with the same wine from the same Vintage and affixing new labels and capsules. The lots are offered in original wooden cases, which further indicates their exceptional quality and provenance.

Another highlight is 12 bottles of Château Palmer - Vintage 1961 (Lot 5488, 12 bottles, Estimate per lot: HK\$300,000-450,000). Super ripe and intensely fragrant with a perfect balance of richness and acidity, these bottles are among the greatest of the 1961's, a superlative vintage for Palmer when the château produced some of the best Médoc wines of the century. One of the most recognisable of all clarets, the '61 is a legendary Palmer and a truly magnificent wine.

The sale will also present eight lots of Pétrus - Vintage 1982 (Lot 5097 to 5104, 12 bottles per lot, Estimate per lot: HK\$280,000-350,000). Regarded as the ultimate expression of Merlot, Pétrus consistently proves the grape's potential to show elegance, longevity and multifaceted complexity. With all their levels into neck, indicating minimum ullage, the lots on offer are in exceptionally good condition.

TWO PRIVATE COLLECTIONS BRING RARE AND FINE GEMS

The auction will present two important private collections, both from European collectors. The first collection comprises lots 5001 to 5073, and the wines have been stored in a wine cellar in a very old manor house on the European continent prior to being shipped to Hong Kong specifically for the spring sale. Highlights include rare gems from Cheval Blanc, L'Évangile, Latour, Le Gay, Vieux Château Certan, Lafleur, La Fleur Pétrus, Pétrus, Cheval Blanc and Châteauneuf-du-Pape from Rayas. There is also a selection of white and red Burgundy, including rare magnums of La Tâche 2005 and a very rare Jeroboam of Musigny 1952 from de Vogüé. A selection of 2005 vintage Bordeaux, including two lots of Château Pavie (Lot 5029, 3 magnums, Estimate per lot: HK\$12,000-15,000; Lot 5030, 12 bottles, Estimate per lot: HK\$24,000-30,000), all bought on release from the various Châteaux, completes the collection.

The second collection, consisting of lots 5164 to 5223, includes finest Bordeaux Vintages of the last few decades such as 1986, 1989, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2003 and 2005. It also shines a light on less famed Vintages that can provide current drinking pleasure such as 1999, 2001, 2002, and 2006. Outstanding vintages from Château Mouton Rothschild, Margaux, Latour, Léoville Las Cases, Pichon Lalande, Montrose and 24 bottles of Château Lascombes Vintage 2000 (Lot 5207, 24 bottles, Estimate per lot: HK\$14,000-18,000) stand out in this collection.

PERFECT PAIRINGS CREATES FINE WINE AND DINE MATCHES

Pushing the 'East Meets West' concept to a new dimension, Christie's specialist team introduces 'Perfect Pairings' in the upcoming auction. By providing pairing recommendations that match a broad range of fine wine to various Asian cuisine styles, 'Perfect Pairings' aims to promote Asian dining culture as well as to encourage wine collectors and connoisseurs to explore drinking pleasure matched with food as well as buying and collecting. Primary pairing examples in this sale include Pan-fried Bun (Shanghai cuisine) with Château Angéus 1998 (Lot 5404 to 5405, 12 bottles per lot, Estimate per lot: HK\$20,000-26,000) and Long Jing Prawns (Southern Chinese cuisine) with Montrachet 1994 from Ramonet (Lot 5567, 6 bottles, Estimate per lot: HK\$160,000-260,000). The former delicately incorporates the silky texture of Château Angéus with the lingering finish of the soup in bun, while the latter pairing balances perfectly the delicate prawns with the richness and complexity of Montrachet.

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Lot 5119

Collection of DRC 1983 in Methuselah

1983 Romanée-Conti	methuselah (1)
1983 La Tâche	methuselah (1)
1983 Richebourg	methuselah (1)
1983 Montrachet	methuselah (1)

Also included is a book titled "La Collection de Romanée-Conti" signed by Mme Bize-Leroy and M. Aubert de Villaine

Above 4 methuselah

Estimate per lot: HK \$ 900,000-1,200,000

We are delighted to be able to offer for sale an extremely rare collection of four methuselah from Domaine de la Romanée-Conti. This lot contains one methuselah from each of the following Grand Crus: Romanée-Conti, La Tâche, Richebourg and Montrachet; all from the 1983 vintage.

The collection arose due to the initiative of Peter Thustrup, who was running his wine company, Vins Rares Peter Thustrup in Paris in the 1980's. Peter Thustrup contacted DRC and with their agreement created three collections of the 1983 vintage, each with one methuselah of Romanée-Conti, La Tâche, Richebourg and Montrachet; numbered 1, 2 and 3. In this lot we are offering the third collection and all the methuselah are numbered 3. DRC also agreed to the production of a small book, titled "La Collection de Romanée-Conti": which is also offered with this lot. The book is signed by Mme Bize-Leroy and M. Aubert de Villaine. The collection was sold to the vendor in 1987 and has been stored in a temperature and humidity-controlled cellar since purchase, prior to shipment to Hong Kong specifically for this sale.



Lot 5106

Château Mouton Rothschild — Vintage 1959

Pauillac, 1er Cru Classé.

6 magnums

Estimate per lot: HK \$ 240,000-300,000

Lot 5488

Château Palmer — Vintage 1961

Margaux, 3me Cru Classé.

12 bottles

Estimate per lot: HK \$ 300,000-450,000

Tasting Note: One of the greatest of the '61s and, unquestionably, the best-ever Palmer. A super-ripe wine with perfect balance of richness and acidity. Over 2 dozen notes from the early 1970s and not one less than magnificent. Indeed, after Mouton '45 one of the most recognisable of all clarets, its hallmark, richness of colour, luscious fragrance, ripeness, intensity, length and finish. Two almost identical recent notes. In June 2004: fairly deep, now with 'warm' mature rim; (tasted blind) super-fragrant bouquet, sweet, lovely fruit; sweet on the palate, soft fruit, lovely flavour, perfect tannin and acidity. Most recently, its perfume hardly waiting for the cork to be drawn and astonishingly nose-filling when being decanted. Sweet, sublimely rich, exotic mulberry-ripe, lingering bouquet; very rich, very distinctive flavour, fleshy, full of fruit, great length. Magnificent.

Lot 5493

Château Palmer — Vintage 1982

Margaux, 3me Cru Classé.

12 bottles

Estimate per lot: HK \$ 18,000-26,000

Tasting Note: In 2003: harmonious, attractive bouquet', smooth, mature Margaux texture. Good flavour. Dry finish. Most recently (cork pulled 5.15 pm, decanted and tasted 5.30 pm, served at 8.45 pm): good nose; sweet, delicious flavour, touch of astringency.

*Last tasted Dec 2004 **** M. B.*

The above lots 5488 and 5493 were originally in the Christie's Hong Kong sale in November 2010 and had been removed from the cellars of Mähler-Besse and transported to Hong Kong specifically for that sale. The wines have lain in professional temperature and humidity-controlled storage in Hong Kong since that sale.



Lot 5097 to 5104

Pétrus — Vintage 1982

Pomerol.

12 bottles per lot

Estimate per lot: HK \$ 280,000-350,000

TWO PRIVATE COLLECTIONS BRING RARE AND FINE GEMS

Lot 5029

Château Pavie — Vintage 2005

Saint-Emilion, 1er Grand Cru Classé (A).

3 magnums

Estimate per lot: HK \$ 12,000-15,000

Lot 5030

Château Pavie — Vintage 2005

Saint-Emilion, 1er Grand Cru Classé (A).

12 bottles

Estimate per lot: HK \$ 24,000-30,000

Lot 5207

Château Lascombes — Vintage 2000

Margaux, 2me Cru Classé.

In original wooden cases

24 bottles

Estimate per lot: HK \$ 14,000-18,000

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Lot 5404 to 5405

Château Angélus — Vintage 1998

Saint-Emilion, 1er Grand Cru Classé (A).

Excellent appearance. In original wooden cases

12 bottles per lot

Estimate per lot: HK \$ 20,000-26,000

Perfect Parings: Pan-fried Bun is a specialty for the traditional Shanghai breakfast, and it would be classic when paired with fried bean curd soup. Stuffed with pork and gelatin, they melt into a soup when fried, making it succulent and appetizing. Try a bottle of Château Angélus to feel the silky texture of the wine incorporated with the lingering finish of the soup in the bun. Having visited Shanghai in the film Skyfall, will James Bond try Pan-fried Bun with his favorite Angélus?

Lot 5078 to 5084

Château Margaux — Vintage 1982

Margaux, 1er Cru Classé.

12 bottles per lot

Estimate per lot: HK \$ 70,000-100,000

Tasting Note: Twice tasted in cask, first in May (1983) and just before bottling in Sept 1984, and on each occasion dazzled and beguiled, as so often by its fabulous aroma and mouth filling ripeness. At 10 years of age, its bouquet opened up gloriously in the glass; on the palate, crisp, delicious. Consistently top of the class at several major tastings in the late 1990s, occasionally alongside the outstanding '83, the '82 having more power and 31 less elegance but nevertheless superb with its very fragrant 'hot vintage' scent, sweetness, body, extract and very dry tannic finish.

*Last tasted November 2000 ****(*) M.B.*

Lot 5567

Montrachet — Vintage 1994

Côte de Beaune, Grand Cru. Domaine de la Romanée-Conti

6 bottles

Estimate per lot: HK \$ 160,000-260,000

Perfect Parings: As one of the most esteemed dishes in Southern China, Long Jing Prawns is allegedly credited to Emperor Qianlong, who loves travelling in disguise. Produced with river prawns coated with egg white and newly-picked longing tea leaves, it is very fresh with a long lingering after-taste. When paired with the pearl in the Burgundy Crown, Montrachet Grand Cru, it won't be overpowered by the strength and complexity of Montrachet, but be matched perfectly to extend the crispness and freshness into an unforgettable sensory journey.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS



Lot 5107

Château Mouton Rothschild — Vintage 1961

Pauillac, 1er Cru Classé.

12 bottles

Estimate per lot: HK \$ 240,000-300,000



Lot 5480

Château Mouton Rothschild Vertical — Vintage 1943 to 1985

Above 43 bottles

Estimate per lot: HK \$ 300,000-600,000

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