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AN EXTRAORDINARY OFFERING OF PRIVATE WINE COLLECTIONS

Featuring

**A PRIVATE COLLECTION OF RARE PORT
AND A UNIQUE BOTTLE OF WHISKEY**

AT AUCTION AT CHRISTIE'S GENEVA ON 12 & 13 NOVEMBER



Geneva - Christie's is delighted to present a two day auction of *Fine Wines*, offered in three sessions on 12 & 13 November 2013. Leading the sale is a **magnificent private Swiss collection** which features 7,000 bottles recently removed from a country house cellar in Switzerland where the bottles have lain undisturbed for many years. Highlights of the collection include Magnums of **Lafite 1947** in the original wooden case, Magnums of **Haut-Brion** and **Mission Haut-Brion 1929** (estimate: SFr.5,000-8,000; *illustrated left*).

Also on offer is one of the finest private collections of **Port and Madeira** ever to come to auction. This outstanding collection includes some of the rarest Madeira on the market and more than one hundred bottles of Port from the 19th century with the greatest vintage.

An exceptional bottle of whisky - **Royal Salute, Tribute of Honour** – is a truly rare offering. Just 21 decanters of *Tribute of Honour* have been created and less than 15 litres of this fabulous 45 year-old spirit have been hand-bottled into bejewelled flagons of the finest French porcelain.

Featuring 1196 lots the sale is expected to realise in the region of SFr.2.8 million.

Michael Ganne, Head of the Geneva Fine Wines Sale, commented: “We are incredibly proud of the quality and diversity of wines and spirits that are on offer this November. Whisky will play an important role this season and Christie's is delighted to present a superb bejeweled flaçon of *Tribute of Honour* as only 21 decanters of this spirit have ever been created. It is also an immense honour to bring to auction a rare and unique Port – a bottle of Macedo Porto, Garrafeira 1808. As provenance remains one of the key elements in our sale, we are pleased to offer an incredible Swiss collection featuring vintage Bordeaux wines. This is a unique chance to buy wines with such perfect provenance and condition.”

AN EXTRAORDINARY SWISS COLLECTION

Leading the two day sale is a magnificent private Swiss collection featuring 110 large format bottles ranging from Double magnum to Imperial and dating from 1953 to 1989. With more than 7,000 bottles recently removed from a country house cellar in Switzerland where these bottles have lain undisturbed for many years, this selection includes many of the world's greatest and longest-lived wines from Bordeaux. Highlights include a magnum of the 1929 vintage Mission Haut-Brion (estimate: SFr.5,000-8,000, *illustrated on page 1*), as well as magnums of the great 1945, 1947 and 1949 vintages. Haut-Brion is also represented in the collection with 6 Magnums of the 1955 vintage as well as a beautiful double magnum of the 1959 vintage (estimate: SFr.5,000-10,000, *illustrated right*). The Five First Growths with their best vintages from 1920 to 2007 will be included in the sale alongside 100 lots of the superb Château Palmer from 1947 to 2009.



A PRIVATE COLLECTION OF RARE PORT



Further highlights include one of the finest collections of Port and Madeira ever to come to auction. This outstanding collection includes 100 bottles of Port from the 19th century with the greatest vintages such as 1808 and 1815 - also known as the Waterloo vintage. Highlights include a bottle of Macedo Porto, Garrafeira 1808 (estimate: SFr.2,500-4,500; *illustrated left*), and a bottle of Warre's Vintage Port 1851 (estimate: SFr.1,000-1,600).

The collection also features some of the rarest Madeira on the market including 1792, 1805 and 1820 vintages. Furthermore, this session will offer the chance to acquire one of the greatest vintages of Château d'Yquem - the rare pre-phylloxera 1847 vintage (estimate: SFr.40,000-60,000).

A UNIQUE BOTTLE OF WHISKY

An exceptional bottle of Whisky: Royal Salute, *Tribute of Honour* is a highlight of the 1st session on 12 November 2013. Just 21 decanters of *Tribute to Honour* have been created. Less than 15 litres of this fabulous 45 year old spirit have been hand-bottled into bejewelled flagons of the finest French porcelain. French master-porcelain makers Revol sourced the finest volcanic clay from New Zealand, only 21 flawless examples have been selected for *Tribute of Honour*, with all the remaining decanters being destroyed. Garrard have dressed Tribute to Honour with no fewer than 413 black and white diamonds, studded across the stopper, collar and sterling silver plinth of the bottle, while creating a stunning replica of the Sword of State on the front of the bottle, flanked by exquisitely-crafted golden lions (estimate: SFr.200,000-300,000; *illustrated right*).



The sale will conclude with lots offered from a variety of private vendors, all with excellent cellars – a great opportunity to find a full case of the great Haut-Brion 1989, magnums and double-magnums of the superb Petrus 1975, as well as a double-magnum of Latour 1983 among many other exceptional bottles.

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FINE WINES

Four Seasons Hotel des Bergues, Geneva

12&13 November 2013

AUCTIONS:

Tuesday 12 November 10am

Wednesday 13 November 10am & 2pm

VIEWINGS:

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About Christie's

Christie's, the world's leading art business, had global auction and private sales in the first half of 2013 that totaled £2.4 billion/ \$3.68 billion. In 2012, Christie's had global auction and private sales that totaled £3.92 billion/\$6.27 billion making it the highest annual total in Christie's history. Christie's is a name and place that speaks of extraordinary art, unparalleled service and expertise, as well as international glamour. Founded in 1766 by James Christie, Christie's has since conducted the greatest and most celebrated auctions through the centuries providing a popular showcase for the unique and the beautiful. Christie's offers over 450 auctions annually in over 80 categories, including all areas of fine and decorative arts, jewellery, photographs, collectibles, wine, and more. Prices range from \$200 to over \$100 million. Christie's also has a long and successful history conducting private sales for its clients in all categories, with emphasis on Post-War and Contemporary, Impressionist and Modern, Old Masters and Jewellery. Private sales totaled £465.2 million (\$711.8 million) in the first half of 2013, an increase of 13% on the previous year, and for the third successive year represents the highest total for the period in both company and art market history.

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