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CHRISTIE'S SALES OF FINEST & RAREST WINES IN JUNE

A COLLECTION OF LUCE DIRECT FROM THE
ESTATE



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LATE DR. ALEJANDRO ZAFFARONI



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FEATURING

- **A COLLECTION OF LUCE DIRECT FROM THE ESTATE- JUNE 18**
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- **EXCEPTIONAL CRUS OF THE CÔTE D'OR: A FOCUSED SELECTION OF BURGUNDY AND OTHER RARITIES- JUNE 19**

New York - Christie's announces the conclusion of its spring wine auction season in New York with three major auctions in June: *A Collection of Luce Direct From the Estate* on June 18- a celebration of the 20th vintage of the renowned Tuscan estate; *The Exemplary Cellar of the Late Dr. Alejandro Zaffaroni* on June 18, an evening sale of some of the most sought-after wines from the 20th century with impeccable provenance; and *Exceptional Crus Of The Côte D'or: A Focused Selection Of Burgundy And Other Rarities* on June 19, the various owner sale with a focus of exceptional Burgundy. Between the three sales, Christie's will present collectors with an opportunity to bid on more than 1,000 lots of wine, from recent releases to mature vintages, and in a variety of sizes and price points to suit any collecting budget.

A COLLECTION OF LUCE DIRECT FROM THE ESTATE

June 18 at 7:30PM

On June 18, the evening will start with a celebration of the 20th vintage of the renowned Tuscan estate- Luce. Luce started in 1993 as a partnership between iconic winemaking names Robert Mondavi and Vittorio Frescobaldi, now entrusted to their sons Tim Mondavi and Lamberto Frescobaldi, *pictured right*. Guests of the auction will have the opportunity to taste through eight Luce vintages, all from large format, following a selective 20 lots of Luce direct from the Estate to benefit the Baryshnikov Arts Center. Highlights of the sale comprise of back vintages and rare formats including a very rare Melchior of the celebrated 2012 vintage, 18 liters (estimate: \$2,400-3,200).



THE EXEMPLARY CELLAR OF THE LATE DR. ALEJANDRO ZAFFARONI

June 18 at approximately at 8PM



Château Mouton-Rothschild 1945
Pauillac, 1er cru classé
2 bottles per lot
Estimate: \$16,000 - 22,000



Comte Georges de Vogüé, Musigny Vieilles Vignes 1964
Grand Cru, Côte de Nuits
12 bottles per lot
Estimate: \$18,000 - 24,000



Moët et Chandon, Brut Imperial 1952
Epernay
2 magnums per lot
Estimate: \$1,200 - 1,500

Christie's is honored to offer The Exemplary Cellar of the Late Dr. Alejandro Zaffaroni, a remarkable collection of over 150 lots of the most sought-after wines from the 20th century with impeccable provenance, which includes original purchase receipts, detailed cellar records, and merchant correspondence.

Dr. Zaffaroni (1923-2014), *pictured right*, was one of the 20th century's most important and prolific biotechnology entrepreneurs who established a significant role in the development of the birth control pill, the nicotine patch, the DNA chip and various forms of corticosteroids. Dr. Zaffaroni, a Uruguayan-born biochemist, started multiple companies in Silicon Valley and nurtured other entrepreneurs who started businesses. In 1995, President Clinton awarded Dr. Zaffaroni a National



Medal of Technology in recognition of his contributions to the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries. He is remembered as being a gentleman as well as a multifaceted, inspirational business leader.

In the early 1960s Dr. Zaffaroni started to collect wines, working closely with luminaries of the mid-twentieth century wine trade such as Harry Waugh and Christie's Michael Broadbent M.W. With an eye for only the best, Dr. Zaffaroni amassed a superb collection of highly sought-after wines. He was extremely meticulous in his record keeping and saved receipts going back to his first substantial purchase in January 1963; not only did he buy but the best, he also took the outmost care in storing his wines under ideal conditions. The collection is expected to realize in the region of \$1 million.

EXCEPTIONAL CRUS OF THE CÔTE D'OR: A FOCUSED SELECTION OF BURGUNDY AND OTHER RARITIES

June 19 at 10:00AM

On June 19, Christie's will offer over 860 lots of some of the finest wines from across the globe from rarely seen vintages in a variety of sizes to broad price points offering something for every collector. The sale is led by stand-out collection of wines from Comte Georges de Vogüé, over five hundred bottles of wines from this legendary Domaine, including a rarely seen lot of Musigny Blanc 1993, the last vintage of this fabled white Burgundy. Of particular note is a collection of Armand Rousseau's wines, which includes vertical collections of excellent vintages of Chambertin Clos de Bèze, Chambertin and Gevrey- Chambertin Clos-St. Jacques. The sale also features DRC in a comprehensive array of vineyards and formats. Romanée-Conti comes in the form of bottles of 1990, 1985, 1993 and a previously unopened three pack of 2011, as well as Montrachet in magnum, multiple vintages of La Tâche and a full, twelve-bottle case of 1999 Richebourg. Additional highlights include pristine cases of 2000 Lafite-Rothschild in various formats, Rhône highlights from Rayas, JL Chave and the great Henri Bonneau, and finally a cache of cult Californian wines from Harlan Estate and Screaming Eagle.



Comte Georges de Vogüé, Bonnes-Mares 1996
Grand Cru, Côte de Nuits
12 bottles per lot
Estimate: \$3,000-5,000



Comte Georges de Vogüé, Musigny Blanc 1993
Grand Cru, Côte de Nuits
10 bottles per lot
Estimate: \$6,000-8,000



Chave, Hermitage Blanc 1990
Rhône
8 bottles per lot
Estimate: \$1,000-1,400

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Christie's offers around 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 & Contemporary, Impressionist & Modern, Old Masters and Jewellery. Private sales totalled £916.1 million (\$1.5 billion).

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