

MEDIA ALERT

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APRIL 13 WINE AUCTION TO RAISE FUNDS FOR DARTMOUTH COLLEGE AT CHRISTIE'S NEW YORK

WINE COLLECTOR TO DONATE RARE BURGUNDY AND BORDEAUX
FROM HIS PRIVATE CELLAR IN A UNIQUE FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT
HIS IVY LEAGUE ALMA MATER, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE



Fine Wines From a Private Cellar – Sold to Benefit Dartmouth College
Left: 2003 Corton-Charlemagne, 4 bottles (estimate: \$4,000-6,000)
Right: 1962 La Romanee, 4 bottles (estimate: \$5,500-7,500)

Auction: Friday, April 13 at 10:00am
Christie's Rockefeller Center, New York

New York – On Friday, April 13th, the sale room at Christie's New York will become Big Green territory, as the auction house presents for sale a superb selection of over 200 fine and rare wines from the private cellar of a devoted Dartmouth alumnus. The donor – a long-established collector who wishes to make his donation anonymously – will direct all proceeds from the sale back to Dartmouth College. The collection is expected to achieve in excess of \$400,000.

The selection of wines to be auctioned represents a diverse cross-section of rarities, all hand-picked from this vast East Coast collection by Christie's specialists. All of the world's greatest wine producing regions

are represented, as well as several more esoteric items perfect for creating a collection of great range and nuance. These offerings – including everything from Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, Leroy, Leflaive, Lafite, Mouton and Cheval to Gauby's famous Muntada and Clos Sainte Hune – are available at a variety of price points, ensuring that as many collectors as possible can take part in this charitable event. There are four ways to bid in every Christie's auction: in person, by absentee bid, on the phone, or online via Christie's LIVE™, the real-time online bidding platform.

The selection of wines earmarked for Dartmouth are part of Christie's major 655-lot sale of *Fine & Rare Wines*, which features the most sought-after wines on today's market, including the finest producers from the Bordeaux and Burgundy regions. In addition to the selection of wines noted above, the sale will feature a large swath of rare Burgundies from the private collection of an internationally renowned celebrity chef. The total sale is expected to realize more than \$1.6 million.

Highlights of the cellar selections sold to benefit Dartmouth College include:



2002 Romanée-Conti

3 bottles, in banded original wooden case

Estimate: \$24,000-30,000

(pictured at left)

1962 La Romanée

Côte de Nuits, Maison Leroy

4 bottles

Estimate: \$5,500-7,500

2005 Château La Mission Haut-Brion

Pessac-Leógnan

1 dozen bottles, in two 6-bottle original wooden cases

Estimate: \$4,500-5,500

Harlan magnums – recent vintages

Vintage 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, and 1999

5 magnums total

Estimate: \$2,600-3,000

In celebration of this special collection and fundraiser, Christie's will host a fine wine tasting and champagne brunch in the saleroom during the auction on April 13 for Dartmouth alumni and registered bidders. Among the wines to be tasted are: 1961 Château Calon-Ségur; 1961 Château Branaire-Durcu; 1963 Quinta do Noval; 1975 Château Lynch-Bages; 1975 Château Climens; 1982 Château Malescot-St-Exupéry; 1982 Château Curé Bon, La Madeleine; 1985 Château Gruaud-Larose; 1995 Chapelle-Chambertin, Damoy; and 1995 Richebourg, Mugneret, among others.

For collectors and Dartmouth supporters unable to attend in person, bidding may be done by phone, by absentee bid, or online in real-time via Christie's LIVE online bidding platform. For more information and to register to bid, visit: <http://www.christies.com/salelanding/index.aspx?intSaleID=23525> or contact Christie's wine department at 212 636-2437.

*The complete e-catalogue for the Fine & Rare Wines sale is available online
and via Christie's free app for iPhone and iPad*
<http://www.christies.com/eCatalogues/index.aspx?id=48FE7A5347BB34DE85257957007E4CD0>

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About Christie's

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