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CHRISTIE'S NEW YORK TO OFFER ***THE MAGNIFICENT CELLAR OF CHARLIE TROTTER'S*** THIS NOVEMBER

**SPECIAL TWO-PART SALE OF OVER 1,000 BOTTLES FROM THE WINE CELLAR
OF CHICAGO'S MOST LEGENDARY DINING DESTINATION**

- **LIVE SALEROOM AUCTION:** November 16, 2012 at 2pm (356 lots)
- **COMPANION ONLINE-ONLY AUCTION:** November 20 through December 4 (447 lots)



Pictured above: Lot 629, 4 bottles of 1986 Richebourg, H. Jayer, (estimate: \$20,000-24,000); Lot 630, 3 bottles of 1986 Echézeaux, H. Jayer (estimate: \$9,000-15,000); detail image: 3 magnums of 1990 Dom Pérignon Oenothèque signed by chef de cave Richard Geoffroy (estimate: \$3,000-4,000)

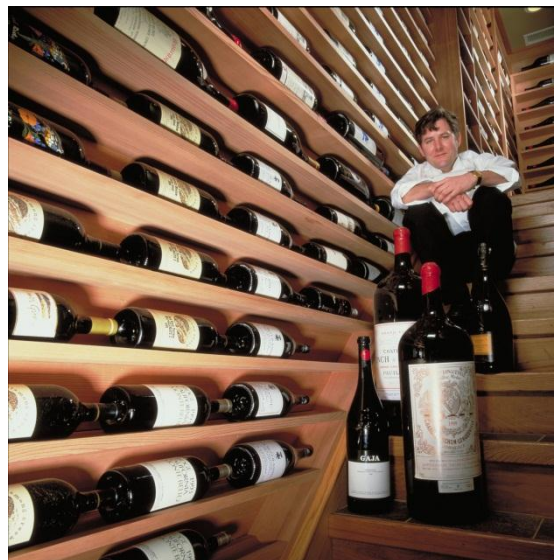
New York – Christie's New York is honored to announce it has been selected to sell the complete contents of the award-winning wine cellar at **Charlie Trotter's**, the legendary Chicago restaurant. Over 4,000 individual bottles of wine will be offered for sale via two dedicated sales this month: a live saleroom auction on November 16 at 2pm, and a companion online-only sale that will open for bidding on November 20 and run through December 4. Every major wine-making region in the world is represented in the sale — from the most coveted Burgundy, Bordeaux, Rhône Valley wines, and fine champagnes, plus California and Australian cult wines, and Italian and Spanish rarities. The sales are expected to achieve a combined total in excess of \$1,000,000.

"Ever since Chef Charlie Trotter announced his retirement earlier this year after 25 years at the helm of his eponymous Chicago restaurant, legions of wine collectors around the world have been hoping they might have this opportunity to acquire something for themselves from this magnificent cellar. The relationship that Chef

forged between his kitchen and his wine cellar were truly revolutionary, creating a unique, harmonious dining experience that no one who dined there could soon forget,” noted **Per Holmberg**, Head of Wine at Christie’s New York.

“As one might expect from such an innovative wine program, Charlie Trotter’s is a five-star cellar, with all the depth and breadth that one expects from a chef who has been nothing less than inspirational in his approach to marrying great food with great wine. From DRC to Gaja, Vega Sicilia to Screaming Eagle and beyond, this cellar truly has everything that a collector’s heart desires, and Christie’s is honored to make it the centerpiece of our fall auction season in New York.”

Added **Chef Charlie Trotter**, *“My philosophy on food and wine has always been based on the notion that they should not just complement but inspire one another, taking the complete dining experience to even greater heights. The wines to be offered from my cellar have inspired a bounty of great dining experiences for me and for my guests over the years. I hope they will inspire their next owners in much the same way.”*



Chef Charlie Trotter pictured in one of four of the restaurant’s wine cellars

THE COLLECTION

From its earliest days in operation, fine and rare wines have been at the center of the Charlie Trotter experience. Before its closure in August, the restaurant operated four separate wine cellars on-site, for red wines, white wines, large-format bottles, and dessert wines. To walk each cellar was to take a virtual tour of the world through wine, from Old World to New, and with a wealth of rare treasures to discover along the way.

Highlights of the live auction on November 16 include:



RED BURGUNDY FROM DOMAINE DE LA ROMANÉE-CONTI, DOMAINE LEROY AND OTHERS

Lot 560

1996 La Tâche

Côte de Nuits, Domaine de la Romanée-Conti

1 methuselah

Estimate: \$14,000-20,000

Lot 615

1997 DRC Assortment

Domaine de la Romanée-Conti

In original wooden case

1 dozen bottles

Estimate: \$15,000-\$20,000

Lot 623

1999 La Tâche

Côte de Nuits, Domaine de la Romanée-Conti

1 bottle per lot

Estimate: \$2,600-3,200

Lot 670

1999 Clos de Vougeot

Côte de Nuits, Leroy

In original wooden case

1 dozen bottles

Estimate: \$6,000-9,000



WHITE BURGUNDY AND CHABLIS FROM DOMAINE COCHE-DURY, RAMONET, AND OTHERS

Lot 700
1995 Corton-Charlemagne
 Côte de Beaune, Leroy
 In original wooden case
 1 dozen bottles
 Estimate: \$4,000-\$6,000

Lot 714
1988 Meursault-Charmes
 Côte de Beaune, Lafon
 1 dozen bottles
 Estimate: \$1,800-2,600



BORDEAUX FROM THE RIGHT AND LEFT BANKS, INCLUDING BLANC

Lot 437
1945 Château Mouton-Rothschild
 Pauillac, 1er cru classé
 1 bottle
 Estimate: \$3,000-4,000

Lot 549
1989 Château Lynch-Bages
 Pauillac, 5ème cru classé
 1 impériale
 Estimate: \$1,600-2,000

Lot 416-418
1998 Château Trotanoy
 Pomerol
 1 dozen bottles (3 available)
 Estimate: \$2,000-3,000

Lot 531
1994 Château Haut-Brion Blanc
 Pessac-Léognan, cru classé
 1 double magnum
 Estimate: \$1,800-3,000



CHAMPAGNE FROM KRUG, DOM PÉRIGNON, AND CRISTAL

Lot 525
1990 Dom Pérignon Oenothèque
 Epernay
 Signed by Chef de Cave
 Richard Geoffroy
 3 magnums
 Estimate: \$3,000-4,000

Lot 529
1988 Pol Roger, Cuvée Winston Churchill
 1 jeroboam (2 available)
 Estimate: \$800-1,200

Lot 528
1999 Cristal Rosé
 1 magnum
 Estimate: \$650-900



OLD AND NEW WORLD FAVORITES

Spanish Stars
Lot 464

1965 Unico
Ribera del Duero, Vega Sicilia
9 bottles
Estimate: \$2,800-3,500

Unique Australian Stock
Lot 479
1971 Penfolds Grange Hermitage
1 dozen bottles
Estimate: \$5,000-7,000

Italian Rarities
Lot 574-575
1990 Sassicaia
Tuscany, San Guido
1 double-magnum
Estimate: \$1,000-1,500

California Cults
Lot 509
2003 Screaming Eagle
Napa Valley
4 bottles
Estimate: \$4,000-6,000

LARGE FORMAT BOTTLES FOR ENTERTAINING, FROM MAGNUM TO NEBUCHADNEZZAR



Lot 557
Very Rare 2005 Kracher, Grand Cuvée,
Trockenbeerenauslese #7,
Nouvelle Vague
Neusiedlersee
Signed by Gerard Kracher in 2008
1 nebuchadnezzar (15 liters)
Estimate: \$1,000-1,500

Lot 599
2000 Sine Qua Non, In Flagrante
California
Signed magnum
Estimate: \$500-700

Lot 560
1996 La Tâche
Côte de Nuits, Domaine de la
Romanée-Conti
1 methuselah
Estimate: \$14,000-20,000

Lot 555
1990 Château d'Yquem
Sauternes, 1er grand cru classé
1 impériale
Estimate: \$2,800-3,500

About Charlie Trotter's Restaurant

Charlie Trotter's is regarded as one of the finest restaurants in the world. For nearly 25 years, the restaurant dedicated itself to excellence in the culinary arts. Charlie Trotter's Restaurant is innovative and progressive in the world of food and wine and has been instrumental in establishing new standards for fine dining worldwide.

The restaurant is recognized by a variety of prestigious national and international institutions. Among those include its being a member of Traditions et Qualité. This Forbes Five Star award-winning restaurant has won 11 James Beard Foundation awards, including 'Outstanding Restaurant' (2000) and 'Outstanding Chef' (1999) and most recently Chef Trotter won 'Humanitarian of The Year' (2012). Wine Spectator named the restaurant 'The Best Restaurant in the World for Wine & Food' (1998) and 'America's Best Restaurant' (2000). Wine Enthusiast named it 'America's Best Wine Driven Restaurant' (2006) and it has been voted one of the 'World's 50 Best Restaurants' by Restaurant Magazine since 2004.



Chef Trotter is the author of 14 cookbooks, three management books, and is the host of the nationally aired, award-winning PBS cooking series, *The Kitchen Sessions with Charlie Trotter*.

Beyond his numerous culinary ventures, Chef Trotter has philanthropic ties to many charities. Most close to his heart is the Charlie Trotter Culinary Education Foundation. Since its inception in 1999 the foundation has raised over \$1,000,000 to award to individuals seeking careers in the culinary arts. Chef Trotter has received awards at the White House from both President Bush and Colin Powell for his work with his Culinary Education Foundation and was named one of only five 'heroes' to be honored by Colin Powell's charity, Americas Promise. In 2005, Chef Trotter was awarded the Humanitarian of the Year award by the International Association of Culinary Professionals for his overall service to the community.

About Christie's

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To view the complete lot list for this sale, go to:

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The Online-Only portion of *The Magnificent Cellar of Charlie Trotter's* will be available for browsing and registration in the coming days

The November 16 Trotter sale follows a 10am auction of *Fine & Rare Wines* from multiple vendors.

A complete lot list and e-catalogue for the morning session are accessible here:

<http://www.christies.com/eCatalogues/Index.aspx?id=4B1DD43A552971B085257A2A004CCC09>

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