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OCTOBER WINE FEST AT CHRISTIE'S NEW YORK

FINE AND RARE WINES, LIVE AUCTION – OCTOBER 12 ***SIGNATURE CELLARS II, ONLINE-ONLY AUCTION – OCTOBER 16-30***

New York – Christie's announces the kick-off of its fall wine auction season in New York with two major auctions in October: *Fine and Rare Wines*, a traditional live auction on October 12, and *Signature Cellars*, the second installment of Christie's popular online-only wine sale, running from October 16 to 30. Between the two sales, Christie's will present collectors with 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.

"October marks the start of what promises to be a very busy fall auction season for fine and rare wines in New York," noted **Per Holmberg, Head of Wines for Christie's New York**. *"Collectors around the world traditionally take this time to replenish their wine cellars ahead of the holiday entertaining and gift-giving season, so we are pleased to present two robust sales fully stocked with great Burgundy, Bordeaux and Champagne, Italian and Spanish rarities and Rhône wines, as well as hard-to-source California cult favorites and fine spirits well-suited to the cool nights of autumn. Our team of wine specialists is ready to guide both new and established wine collectors through the wealth of choices this October, whether your preference is to join us for a champagne brunch in our saleroom, or bid online from the comfort of your couch."*

FINE AND RARE WINES OCTOBER 12, CHRISTIE'S ROCKEFELLER CENTER



For its first live auction of the fall wine season, Christie's presents a well-balanced sale of top Burgundy and Bordeaux from private collections intermixed with Super Tuscans, California cults, fine champagnes and rare spirits. Among the featured cellars is a Long Island collection of pristine first-growth Bordeaux, a West Coast collection of Screaming Eagle in magnums, and a comprehensive collection of rare Burgundy verticals from DRC, De Vogüé, Rouget, LeFlaive and Raveneau. For investment-minded collectors, blue chip lots abound in the sale, including original wood cases of Lafite, Margaux, Mouton, and Haut-Brion in the highly-rated 2003 vintage (estimates range: \$2,800-12,000), a single-owner case of '89 Le Pin bought on release (estimate: \$28,000-35,000), and single bottles of Romanée-Conti from the acclaimed '96 and '99 vintages (estimates: \$8,000-12,000 and \$12,000-15,000, respectively). With 430 lots total, the sale is expected to realize in excess of \$1.2 million.

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Additional sale highlights:



Romanée-Saint-Vivant – Vintage 1990
Côte de Nuits, Domaine Leroy
1 dozen bottles per lot
Estimate: \$10,000-15,000



Romanée-Conti – Vintage 1999
Côte de Nuits, DRC
1 bottle per lot
Estimate: \$12,000-15,000



Screaming Eagle--Vintage 2009
Napa Valley
3 bottles per lot
Estimate: \$3,200-5,000

SIGNATURE CELLARS: CHRISTIE'S INTERNET-EXCLUSIVE WINE AUCTION OCTOBER 16 THROUGH 30

Following the success of Christie's landmark online-exclusive wine sale this past August, Christie's Wine team is pleased to present a second installment of *Signature Cellars*, a timed, online-only auction of fine and rare wines in which all browsing and bidding is done completely online, with the click of a mouse.

Over 440 registrants from around the world logged on to bid in the first *Signature Cellars* sale, including more than 100 clients who were new to Christie's. As with all of Christie's auctions of fine and rare wines, *Signature Cellars* brings together a closely curated mix of top-quality wines from the old world and the new, along with approachably priced selections suitable for holding or enjoying now. Collectors can start previewing this sale's 600 individual lots online on October 9, and all bidding and registration begins October 16. Registration is open to all clients, anywhere in the world, and all payment is by credit card within 48 hours of the sale close on October 30.

Highlights of the October *Signature Cellars* sale include:



Haut Brion—Vintage 1989
Pessac-Léognan, 1er cru classé
1 bottle per lot
Estimate: \$800-1,200



Musigny Vieilles Vignes—Vintage 1990
Côte de Nuits, de Vogüé
1 bottle per lot
Estimate: \$500-700



Richebourg—Vintage 2009
Côte de Nuits, Thibault Liger-Belair
1 bottle per lot
Estimate: \$200-300

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Fine & Rare Wines, Oct 12 - tinyurl.com/October12Wines

Signature Cellars II: Online-Exclusive Sale – www.christies.com/signaturecellars

(Browsing for *Signature Cellars II* opens October 9)

About Christie's

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**Estimates do not include buyer's premium. Sales totals are hammer price plus buyer's premium and do not reflect costs, financing fees or application of buyer's or seller's credits.*

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