

A VINOUS JOURNEY AROUND THE WORLD



CHRISTIE'S PRESENTS FINE AND RARE WINES FROM AN ESTEEMED CONNOISSEUR'S PRIVATE COLLECTION IN MARCH

| Session 1, 17:30, March 21, Lot 1 – 326 |

| Session 2, 11:30, March 22, Lot 327 – 974 |

| Venue: James Christie Room, 22nd Floor, Alexandra House, 18 Chater Road, Central, Hong Kong |

Hong Kong – Christie's Hong Kong is pleased to announce the two-day wine auction from 21 to 22 March 2014. Comprising over 970 lots from one major private collection, the sale offers the top quality wines from the world's finest vineyards which range from Bordeaux, Burgundy, Rhône and Champagne, to Italy, Spain, California and more. Three mixed lots of wines with an oriental theme will also be offered for the first time ever in a Christie's wine auction.

WORLDWIDE VINOUS JOURNEY

As wine lovers continue to mature in their tastes and diversify their collections beyond blue-chip Bordeaux and Burgundy, the sale offers a variety of wines from the up-and-coming wine regions, demonstrating a worldwide vinous journey. This private collection aims to celebrate the unsung heroes around the world, amongst which L' Ermita from Spanish winery Alvaro Palacios will be featured. Born into a Rioja winemaking family, Alvaro Palacios honed his skills at Pétrus before returning to his homeland. He subsequently introduced the monumental Garnacha-based blend, L'Ermita, after the acquisition of his first single vineyard, Finca Dofi. 24 bottles of L' Ermita 1994 will be offered for sale. Other highlights include lots from Italian wine producers Giacomo Conterno, Angelo Gaja, Bruno Giacosa and Luciano Sandrone; and a Bond magnum assortment and Araujo Eisele Vineyard double-magnums from California (Please refer to the auction highlights below for more information).

SPECIALIST SELECTIONS WITH AN ORIENTAL THEME

The specialist selections themed "Dragon", "Phoenix" and "Qilin" represent three different levels of wine "instant cellars". While "Dragon", a symbol of power, strength, and good luck, features the rarest wines of the best vintages and finest producers and "Phoenix", symbolizing grace and prosperity, brings drinking pleasure with a combination of wines of perfect provenance and ready-to-drink wines; a mega lot of mature wines for various occasions will be highlighted in "Qilin", a

symbol of good omens, success, and longevity, with a more accessible price point. This will be the first time ever to offer mixed lots with this particular theme in a Christie's wine auction.

PROMINENT FRENCH VINEYARDS

The sale is also highlighted by the top quality wines from the flagship French vineyards. Consistently the most sought after among connoisseurs, three jeroboams of Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, La Tâche 1985, and 12 bottles of Château Palmer 1989 will be offered in the auction amongst an array of outstanding Bordeaux Châteaux, Burgundy and Rhône Domains, and Champagne Houses.

PERFECT PAIRING

With the robust growth in Asian wine collectors, Christie's pushes this Eastern concept forward by continuing with the "Perfect Pairing" food and wine notes. Christie's digs into the Asian cooking philosophy and pairs fine wines with home cooking recipes. Highlights include Teochew Beef Balls with Château La Mission Haut-Brion 1959 and Dezhou Braised Chicken with E. Guigal, Côte Rôtie La Turque 1990.

AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

WORLDWIDE VINOUS JOURNEY	
	Lot 672 Italy - Mixed 1999 Giacomo Conterno, Barolo Monfortino Riserva <i>Giacomo Conterno, Barolo Monfortino Riserva</i> <i>double-magnum (1)</i> <i>Giacomo Conterno, Barolo Monfortino Riserva</i> <i>(6)</i> Above 1 double-magnum and 6 bottles Estimate per lot: HK \$ 38,000 - 55,000
If a hypothetical battle ensued between the traditionalists vs. modernists school of Barolo producers, one can be certain Giacomo Conterno will remain the last one standing holding the flag up high, fist raised. Unapologetic about shunning barrique, the estate offers their benchmark Monfortino in the best vintages alongside the equally sublime Cascina Francia. Simply put, the finest expression of Nebbiolo originates from this estate.	
	Lot 884 US - Bond Magnum Assortment 2008 <i>Melbury</i> <i>magnum (1)</i> <i>Quella</i> <i>magnum (1)</i> <i>St. Eden</i> <i>magnum (1)</i> <i>Vecina</i> <i>magnum (1)</i> <i>Pluribus</i> <i>magnum (1)</i> Above 5 magnums Estimate per lot: HK \$ 19,000 - 28,000
While under the same ownership, Bond Estates adheres to a different philosophy relative to its sister winery, Harlan Estate. If the latter is akin to a Bordeaux model, than the former is modeled after a Burgundian method of pinpointing Grand Cru-level single vineyards. At present, there are five single cru bottlings in addition to a second label, Matriarch.	
	Lot 846 Spain - Alvaro Palacios, L' Ermita 1994 <i>Priorat</i> 24 bottles Estimate per lot HK \$ 40,000 - 60,000
Born into a Rioja winemaking family, Alvaro Palacios honed his skills at Pétrus before returning to his homeland and jumpstarting the forgotten region of Priorat with his first single vineyard acquisition: Finca Dofí. Not resting on the immediate praise generated from that project, he subsequently introduced the, now monumental, Garnacha-based blend, L'Ermita.	

SPECIALIST SELECTIONS WITH AN ORIENTAL THEME

Lot 972

DRAGON – COLLECTORS SELECTION

1996 Dom Pérignon (12)
 2004 Pavillon Blanc du Château Margaux (12)
 1995 Château Lafite Rothschild (12)
 2002 Bouchard, La Romanée (12)
 2001 Henri Boillot, Bienvenues-Bâtard-Montrachet
 magnums (6)
 2009 J.L. Chave, Hermitage (12)
 1994 Alvaro Palacios, L'Ermita (12)
 2001 Gaja, Barbaresco Costa Russi magnums (6)
 1999 Soldera, Brunello di Montalcino Case Basse (12)
 2002 Dominus (12)

Above 12 magnums and 96 bottles
 Estimate per lot: HK \$ 220,000 - 350,000

The Dragon is the most important of all the Chinese mythical creatures and befits such an impressive collection of Finest & Rarest wines. The Dragon is a symbol of power, strength, and good luck; the wines in this selection are the epitome of power and intensity and are suitable for long-term cellaring and enjoying over the coming decades.

Lot 973

PHOENIX – DRINKERS SELECTION



1990 Bollinger, Rosé (3)
 1996 Bollinger, Extra Brut magnum (1)
 2007 Château Pape Clément Blanc (12)
 1998 Château Barde Haut (48)
 2006 Château Grand Village magnums (30)
 2007 JF Mugnier, Clos de la Maréchale (36)
 2002 Domaine de la Vougeraie, Clos Blanc de Vougeot magnums (6)
 2002 Domaine de la Vougeraie, Clos Blanc de Vougeot (7)
 2006 Vieux Télégraphe, Châteauneuf-du-Pape (36)
 2010 Flor de Pingus magnums (6)
 2010 Flor de Pingus (12)
 2004 Casanova di Neri, Brunello di Montalcino
 Tenuta Nuova double-magnum (2)
 2004 Casanova di Neri, Brunello di Montalcino
 Tenuta Nuova magnums (3)
 2004 Casanova di Neri, Brunello di Montalcino Tenuta Nuova (18)
 1993 Dalla Valle Cabernet Sauvignon (12)
 2006 Hundred Acre, Kayli Morgan Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (12)

Above 2 double-magnums, 46 magnums and 196 bottles
 Estimate per lot: HK\$ 90,000 - 120,000

The Phoenix or Feng Huang in Chinese mythology symbolizes power, grace and prosperity. A creature of great beauty and closely related to the power of the sun, the wines in this selection will be a delight to drink now and also have the capacity to evolve over the next decade or so.

Lot 974

QILIN – DRINKERS SELECTION

2002 Egly Ouriet, Ambonnay (6)
 NV Egly Ouriet, Blanc de Noir "Le Crayères" (6)
 2003 Château Smith Haut Lafitte Blanc (12)
 1999 Château Barde Haut (48)
 2006 Château Grand Village magnums (30)
 1999 Domaine de la Vougeraie, Clos de Vougeot (12)

Qilin is a mythical hooved Chinese creature that is a symbol of luck, good omens, protection, prosperity, success, and longevity. Qilin ranks highly; third only to the Dragon and Phoenix. The wines in this selection will give immense drinking pleasure for the lucky buyer over the short and medium term.

2007 Bruno Clair, Corton Charlemagne (12) 2007 Tardieu Laurent, Hermitage (24) 2005 Clos Figueres, Priorat (12) 1997 Gaja, Conteisa (12) 2007 Tua Rita, Syrah magnums (3) 2007 Tua Rita, Syrah (6) 1998 Tua Rita, Giusto di Notri (24) 2002 Cakebread, Cabernet Sauvignon (12) 2001 Alvaro Palacios, Finca Dofi (2) Above 33 magnums and 188 bottles Estimate per lot: HK \$ 80,000 - 110,000	
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PROMINENT FRENCH VINEYARDS

	Lot 173-176 Château Palmer 1989 <i>Cantenac (Margaux), 3ème cru classé</i> 12 bottles Estimate per lot: HK \$ 20,000 - 30,000
	Lot 418 Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, La Tâche 1985 <i>Grand Cru, Côte de Nuits</i> 3 jeroboams Estimate per lot: HK\$ 240,000 - 350,000

PERFECT PAIRING – Written by Austin Zhang, Wine Specialist of Christie's China, in January 2014

	Lot 192 Château La Mission Haut-Brion 1959 <i>Pessac (Graves), cru classé</i> 3 magnums Estimate per lot: HK \$ 120,000 - 180,000
Château La Mission Haut-Brion - Described by a respected wine critic as the ultimate insider wine, La Mission Haut-Brion is widely considered equal in stature to the First Growths. It is also one of the few estates making an equally impressive dry white wine, La Mission Haut-Brion Blanc which prior to the 2009 vintage was known as Laville Haut-Brion. Production from 85% Sémillon, 14% Sauvignon Blanc and 1% Muscadelle is extremely limited with between only 500 and 700 cases depending on the vintage Teochew Beef Balls - Handmade beef balls are extremely popular not only in Teochew, but all over China as they are succulent and juicy. Classic Médoc is an ideal match; the robust tannins from Cabernet Sauvignon and the fruit-driven notes from Merlot are ideal with beef.	
	Lot 614 E. Guigal, Côte Rôtie La Turquie 1990 <i>Rhône</i> 12 bottles Estimate per lot: HK\$ 55,000 - 85,000

Maison E. Guigal - The name in the northern Rhône appellation of Côte-Rôtie, Guigal has managed in several decades time to elevate

the profile of this historical region since Roman times to even greater heights. Its most famous wines are the much lauded single vineyard La-La's, short for La Mouline, La Landonne, and La Turque. In addition to the most coveted plots in Côte-Rôtie, the house also has holdings in the neighboring areas of Condrieu, Hermitage and Saint-Joseph.

Dezhou Braised Chicken - Dezhou makes the best braised chicken in Shandong and this dish used to be served for the royal family. Spices infuse directly into the bones, while the chicken is delicious and tender. Why not try a Côte Rôtie? Made from predominantly Syrah, the rich violet aromas and Mediterranean herb notes pair superbly with the richly flavoured chicken. The levels of ripe tannins also match well with the slowly braised chicken.

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