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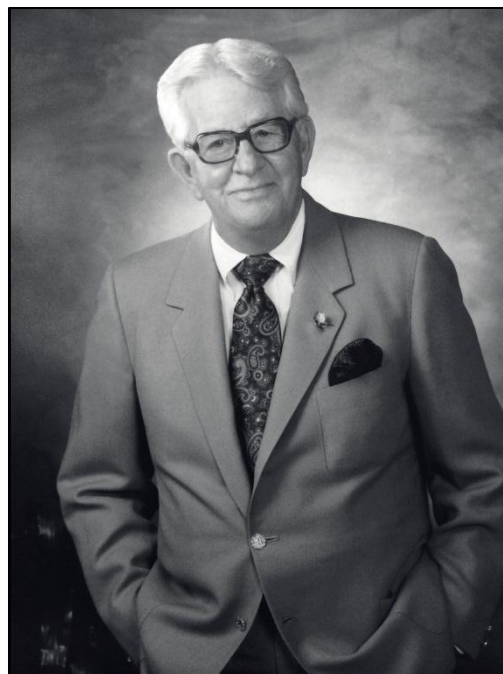
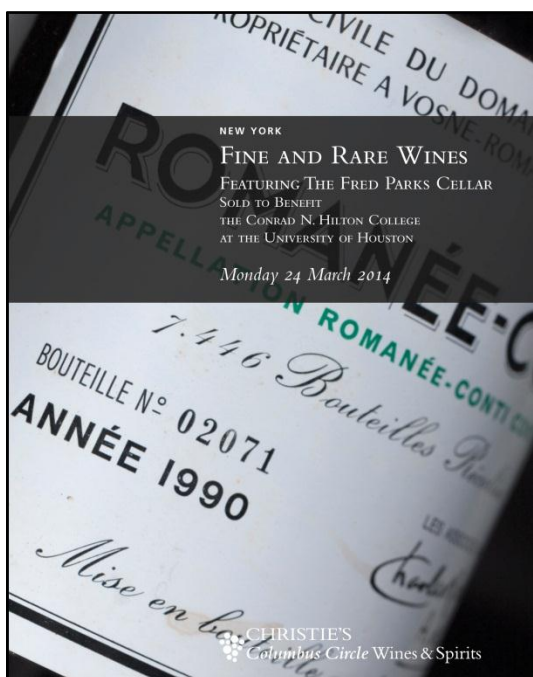
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CHRISTIE'S TO OFFER FINE AND RARE WINES

FEATURING

THE FRED PARKS CELLAR SOLD TO BENEFIT THE CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

24 MARCH 2014



New York - Christie's New York announces the first live wine auction of the Spring 2014 season, highlighted by the Fred Parks wine collection that, until this auction, was housed at the University of Houston's Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management. This 95-lot collection ranges from the early 1900s to contemporary vintages, including all five First Growth Bordeaux. The funds generated from this one-of-a-kind collection will benefit Hilton College's Wine & Spirits Management Program, which includes beverage classes, an internship program, a beverage management and marketing minor, wine research and wine education for the public.

Additional highlights include an assortment of the finest Californian wines, a large selection of Italian wines, the bourbon of Pappy Van Winkle, and a large offering of drinking Bordeaux from the Bordeaux Wine Collection offered at no reserve.

Fred Parks (1906-2001)

Fred Parks (*pictured above*) was a renowned trial lawyer, philanthropist, and a devoted wine enthusiast. Born in Oklahoma City in 1906, Parks worked several jobs before graduating from South Texas College of Law in 1937. After serving as an Army Air Force officer in Italy during World War II, he established a 50-year career as a trial lawyer in Texas and later became a successful entrepreneur in the transportation industry. In 1994, renowned wine expert Denman Moody introduced Parks to UH's Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management. Parks was so impressed that he donated a portion of his wine collection to the College that same year. This collection became the foundation of the Fred Parks Wine Cellar. When Parks passed away in 2001, his estate donated the remainder of his collection to Hilton College.

Highlights from the Fred Parks Cellar include:

- '82 Château Haut-Brion, *Pessac (Graves)*, 1er cru classé, 1 dozen bottles (estimate: \$6,000-9,000)
- '82 Château Lafite-Rothschild, *Pauillac*, 1er classé, 1 double magnum (estimate: \$9,000-13,000)
- '82 Château Latour, *Pauillac*, 1er classé, 1 dozen bottles (estimate: \$13,000-18,000)
- '82 Château Mouton-Rothschild, *Pauillac*, 1er classé, 1 dozen bottles (estimate: \$9,000-12,000)
- '89 Château Haut Brion, *Pessac (Graves)*, 1er cru classé, 1 dozen bottles (estimate: \$11,000-15,000)

Additional highlights



Screaming Eagle 2006

Napa Valley

Both lots in original wooden cases

1 magnum per lot

Estimate: \$2,400 - 3,500



Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve 15-year Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey

Old Rip van Winkle Distillery

3 bottles per lot

Estimate: \$1,200-1,800



Bruno Giacosa, Barbaresco Riserva, Santo Stefano 1990

Piedmont

1 dozen bottles per lot

Estimate: \$6,000-7,000

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The Conrad N. Hilton College at the University of Houston is consistently ranked among the top hospitality programs in the world, offering both undergraduate and graduate degrees in hotel and restaurant management and hospitality management. Hilton College is committed to experiential learning, emphasizing hands-on educational opportunities to prepare students for careers in lodging, restaurant management, food & beverage, casino management, event-planning and all other sectors of the hospitality industry. For more information, visit <http://www.hrm.uh.edu>.

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