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CHRISTIE'S PRESENTS TWO IMPORTANT WINE COLLECTIONS

The Evening Sale: Treasures from a Swiss Connoisseur Part II
Fine and Rare Wines Featuring Cellar Selections of Vega Sicilia



New York – Christie's is pleased to present two remarkable wine auctions beginning with **The Evening Sale: Treasures From a Swiss Connoisseur Part II** on May 15 and followed by **Fine And Rare Wines Featuring Cellar Selections of Vega Sicilia** on May 16. Together, the sales expect to exceed \$3 million.

Per Holmberg, Head of Wine at Christie's, North America, remarked: "We are extremely honored to present two important collections that offer collectors the opportunity to acquire examples that rarely, if ever, become available on the market. With the success of our most recent wine auctions in Hong Kong and New York, we have witnessed tremendous strength that ranges across regions and producers, demonstrating the scope of the current market. However, the attributes that continue to drive demand are rarity and impeccable provenance, two qualities that characterize both *Treasures From a Swiss Connoisseur Part II* and *Cellar Selections from Vega Sicilia*."

The Evening Sale: Treasures from a Swiss Connoisseur Part II encompasses 250 lots from a distinguished Swiss Collection, which was presented in **Part I** in 2011 at Christie's Hong Kong. Every lot in this auction is traceable back to its point of sale, with original invoices held by the department. Each lot was either bought directly in Bordeaux through various négociants (as listed in the cataloging) and shipped directly to the consignor's professional wine cellar in Switzerland, or through some of the most celebrated wine auctions of the last two decades—including collections of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tawfiq N. Khoury, in addition to numerous unnamed single owner collections.

Highlights - The Evening Sale: Treasures from a Swiss Connoisseur Part II:

- 25 double-magnums of Château Latour 1982 (\$5,800-8,000 each)
- Double magnums of Château Margaux 1982 (\$2,400-3,200 each)
- Magnums of Château Mouton Rothschild (96 mags of 1982 for \$10,000-15,000 per 6)

- *Château Lafite Rothschild 1982* (36 mags at \$32,000-40,000 per 6)
- *Impériales of Château Lafite Rothschild 1961* (\$9,500-13,000)
- *A methuselah each of 1983* (\$12,000-18,000) *and 1993 La Tâche* (\$15,000-20,000)

The May 16 sale of **Fine and Rare Wines Featuring Cellar Selections of Vega Sicilia** offers one of the most comprehensive collections of pre-war Unico ever to come to the auction block. In a ranking of the world's leading top quality wines Vega Sicilia would surely be listed in the top 20, maybe even higher. This unique estate has been known for producing great wine ever since their first release of 1915, yet only from the early 1980's have the Vega Sicilia wines been widely distributed. Originally from a Spanish owner in Madrid, many of the wines were reconditioned by the Vega Sicilia cellar master Xavier Ausas in February of 2013—who admitted himself that Vega Sicilia would have gladly bought this collection for the winery's library. This auction presents a rare opportunity to purchase multiple bottle lots of Vega Sicilia from the '20s, '30s, '40s, including magnums and several bottles of the legendary Unico White 1938—a wine so rare that even Mr. Ausas had never tried it prior to seeing this collection. The sale also represents a roll call of great wines from France: Bordeaux, Jayer, Leroy and DRC.

Highlights - Fine and Rare Wines Featuring Cellar Selections of Vega Sicilia:

- Vega Sicilia Unico 1921 (\$12,000-18,000 6 bottles)
- Vega Sicilia Unico White 1938 (\$1,000-2,000 1 bottle)
- 45 bottles of Vega Sicilia Unico, including white, from 1920-1990 (\$26,500-35,000)
- 8 magnums of Vega Sicilia Unico from 1960-1985 (\$6,500-9,000)

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