

TWO OUTSTANDING WINE SALES AT SOTHEBY'S IN LONDON IN JUNE

FINE AND RARE WINE FROM THE COLLECTION OF DR. N. K. YONG WEDNESDAY JUNE 9, 1999

THE QUALITY and range of the wines from Dr. N. K. Yong's collection demonstrate the taste and discrimination of a great connoisseur. Dr. N. K. Yong, of Singapore, has been collecting wine for decades for pleasure, drinking, comparison and entertaining. As with most collectors, Dr. Yong's collection has grown to the extent that on realising that he would never be able to drink it all in his lifetime, he took the decision to sell part of his collection from stocks he was holding in France, Belgium and England.

Serena Sutcliffe MW, Head of Sotheby's International Wine Department, said: "The Dr. N. K. Yong collection presents a mouth-watering array of some of the most desirable and delicious wines made in many countries, but with the emphasis on the classic regions of France. The Burgundies, particularly the white Burgundies, are a notable highlight of this marvellous, personal collection".

Among the white Burgundies is an amazing selection of wines from Domaine Leflaive and include Chevalier Montrachet and Puligny Montrachet, Pucelles from vintages of 1985, 1986, 1988, 1995 and 1996. Other top growers include Domaine des Comtes Lafon, Coche Dury, Bonneau du Martray and Jean-Noël Gagnard. Red Burgundies include stunning wines from Domaine Ponsot, Domaine Roumier, Henri Mayer, Leroy and Armand Rousseau of Grand and Premier Cru from top vintages of 1985, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1993 and 1995. Specific examples include Leroy's Clos de la Roche 1990 (est: £4,500/6,000 per doz); Romanée-Conti 1991 DRC (est: £4,200/5,000 per six bottles); Chambertin 1990 from Armand Rousseau (est: £1,100/1,400 per doz) and Meursault, Perrières 1990, Domaine des Comtes Lafon (£800/1,000 per doz).

Other outstanding wines in this sale include the "wildly exciting" Château Mouton Rothschild 1982 (est: £2,400/3,000 per doz); the "awe-inspiring" Château La Mission Haut Brion 1989 (est: £1,500/1,800 per doz); the "superb" Château Cheval Blanc 1995 (est: £1,100/1,400 per doz) and Château Pichon Lalande 1996 with its "imposing, very classic Cabernet Sauvignon nose" (est: £600/720 per six magnums or per doz).

From the Rhône valley there is Hermitage Rouge and Blanc from Chave, Châteauneuf du Pape, Château Rayas 1989 and Hermitage, La Chapelle 1983 from Paul Jaboulet Aîné. Alsace delights feature a range of wine from Théo Faller including Gewurztraminer, Sélection de Grains Nobles from the 1983 vintage, while among the German wines are three vintages from the estate of C. von Schubert including Maximin Grünhauser Abtsberg Riesling 1993. Italy is also represented with Barbaresco, Costa Russi, Gaja and Sassicaia 1994.

New World wines include Australia's Henschke, Hill of Grace, Shiraz 1991 and Astralis, Clarendon Hills 1996 and from Napa Valley comes Dominus 1994 with its "sweet, spicy, very Bordeaux nose" (est: £360/420 per six bottles).

SALE OF FINE AND RARE WINES, SPIRITS AND VINTAGE PORT WEDNESDAY JUNE 23, 1999

A CASE of Château Mouton Rothschild 1945 from a private cellar in Bordeaux is one of the top lots in the sale with an estimate of £22,000/28,000. The case, along with another of the 1944 vintage (est: £2,500/3,000), come from a private French family in whose possession they have been since they were first purchased and neither case had been opened until inspected by Sotheby's wine department. From another private French cellar are two cases of DRC Assortment 1985, estimated at £4,000/5,000 each, while a different private cellar of impeccable provenance features, almost exclusively, Bordeaux First Growths in addition to parcels of Château Pétrus and Le Pin.

Consigned by Domaines Clarence Dillon, owners of Châteaux Haut Brion and La Mission Haut Brion among others, is a great offering of Château Haut Brion which should prove to be much in demand. The sale also includes 1996 Bordeaux First Growths as well as other top Claret, with a notable number of large format bottles.

Finally to get everyone in the mood for the Millennium, the sale will include a small collection of exquisite Charles Heidsieck Champagnes released this summer to celebrate the new Millennium. The Champagnes come from Heidsieck's L'oenothèque Charles Heidsieck - literally meaning the Heidsieck wine library.

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