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– Introduction —

estenbaum & Company is delighted to present this inaugural auction of Fine & Rare Vintage Kosher Wines.

The sale has been ably organized by Dan Rabinowitz with the expert assistance of Gary Landsman and David Pollak. It is conducted on behalf of Skyview Wine & Spirits of Riverdale, New York. Skyview is widely celebrated as the largest kosher wine and spirits retailer in the United States, top rated by Zagat and recognized by Food & Wine Magazine and the New York media as one of the best specialty wine stores in New York City.

The collecting of Fine Wines is a well-established and highly cultivated field across the higher-end auction world. As the development of sophisticated kosher wines has exponentially grown, we are proud to pioneer the introduction of Fine & Rare Vintage Kosher Wines to the auction block.

The present auction contains several prominent and exciting consignments showcasing elegant and often quite exceptional kosher wines produced over the past two decades by the world's most sophisticated wineries. We encourage our clients to direct any inquiries relating to the wines in this sale to a member of our wine team at: Wine@Kestenbaum.net

On the early evening of September 22nd, an hour prior to the auction, we are pleased to invite our clients to a Wine Tasting to take place on the Rooftop Terrace of the Roger Smith Hotel. If you wish to attend the Wine Tasting, please contact our Marketing Director, Abigail Meyer at: Abby@Kestenbaum.net

Daniel E. Kestenbaum

THE CODES BELOW INDICATE THE STORAGE AND CELLARAGE CONDITIONS OF Each Lot In The Auction

- **AA:** These wines were purchased upon release and professionally stored under optimal environmental conditions until the time of auction.
- **BB:** Direct from the Covenant Winery library.
- **CC:** From the temperature controlled cellar of a wine collector, particularly strong in Californian wines.
- **DD:** From the collection of a temperature and humidity controlled cellar of a New York based collector.
- **EE:** A collection strong in large format Katzrin, stored in both a temperature and humidity controlled environment.
- **FF:** A self-professed "wine geek," who in some instances hand-carried fine Israeli wines back to the United States, subsequently stored in a well-maintained cellar.
- **GG:** From a collection consisting of wines purchased a few years following release, after which maintained in a temperature-controlled cellar.
- **HH:** From the collection of a wine journalist, maintained in a temperature and humidity controlled refrigerator.
 - **II:** From the temperature controlled cellar of a seasoned collector.
- **JJ:** From a large, well-cellared collection, all maintained under optimal storage conditions.
- **KK:** From an impressive cellar, first housed in professional storage, now in a custom-built home wine cellar.

BOTTLE SIZES:

Bottle = 750 ml

Magnum = 1.5 liters

Double Magnum, or Jeroboam = 3.0 liters

Impériale, or Methuselah = 6.0 liters

— Preface —

Kosher Wine's Quality Revolution

ine has been an integral part of Jewish life for centuries but due to a variety of factors, the quality of kosher wine lagged behind its non-kosher peers. In the mid-late 19th century, the earliest modern wineries were established in Palestine, most famously the Carmel Winery, encouraged and supported by the French Baron, Edmond de Rothschild.

Unfortunately, this surge in kosher wine was unsustained. However almost a century later, the Carmel Winery would again lead the way when they began producing Israel's first varietal wines. With their historic 1976 Carmel Cabernet Sauvignon Special Reserve, they re-introduced fine quality kosher wine (lot 16). During the 1980's, Israeli wineries began planting and producing wines in the Golan Heights region which soon received international attention and awards. The Yarden winery significantly raised the bar in the quality of their kosher wines with their Katzrin series, produced only during exceptional vintages (lots 22-25, 29-37, 44-45) - as well as Yarden's other single vineyard series (lots 39-43).

We saw a continued rise in the quality of kosher wines in the early 1990's as small Israeli wineries began to craft world-class wines. Broad recognition was brought to these wines in the early 2000's as critics such as Mark Squires and Robert Parker began to review and highly rate the wines from boutique darlings such as Domaine du Castel (lots 1-9) and Yatir (lots 47-49).

Israel is not the only region to produce top-quality kosher wine. France, the long touted wine mecca, has, since the 1980's, produced kosher wines under the Rothschild label (lots 91-99). For many during that time, these were some of the only quality kosher wines available, although many châteaux produced a kosher wine alongside their non-kosher version (lots 100-127). Arguably, one of the world's finest kosher wine is Capcanes produced in the Catalonian region of Spain (lot 78-90). The United States, which itself has undergone a revolution in high-quality wine production, also produced some of the very greatest kosher wines. These wines produced in California, include Herzog, the largest kosher wine producer in the United States, which since the early 1990's creates exceptional single vineyard varieties: Chalk Hill, Alexander Valley and others, as well as its Special Reserve (lots 62-77). More recently, the smaller Covenant Winery, praised by Robert Parker as issuing perhaps the greatest kosher wine, continues the rapid rise in quality kosher wine. Indeed, its most recent entry, Solomon Lot 70, has already garnered exceptionally high accolades (lots 50-55).

AGED WINES

It is said that over 95% of wine purchased at retail outlets is consumed within 24 hours of purchase. There is nothing wrong with this. Most wines are produced with the notion that they be consumed while still relatively young. But then there are wines that are made with the ability to improve with age for those who truly enjoy the finer things in life - connoisseurs with the patience to wait for when things are at their best. Wines that are constructed to age gracefully reward the imbiber with complexity and elegance that only appear once a wine has been properly aged.

This auction contains several wines that have been impeccably aged - many under ideal temperature and humidity conditions. Wines not aged thusly may still be enjoyed, however they generally prematurely age and are often absent of the complexities that take time to develop.

If you have previously enjoyed a mature wine you will know the pleasures it brings. If this auction is bringing you one step closer to enjoying such a wine for the first time then you are in for a treat. And if you are adding to your already impressive collection...well, congratulations and best of luck.

Dan Rabinowitz Wine Director



- ISRAEL -----

DOMAINE DU CASTEL

Domaine du Castel, located in the Jerusalem Hills, is a family owned winery founded in 1992 by the celebrated winemaker Eli Ben-Zaken. Shortly after its inception, the winery has been given warm accolades by Serena Sutcliffe head of international wine at Sotheby's auction house in London. This gave the winemaker confidence in continuing his venture to further develop and expand his winery. Only new barrels are used at Castel and the wine is aged for three years before being introduced to the market. This winery has consistently crafted some of the very best Israeli wines. 2002 was the first kosher vintage, although this vintage was a mix of both kosher and non-kosher; beginning in 2003, the winery become entirely kosher. Its top of the line Castel Grand Vin, is a Bordeaux style blend. Offered here are these early kosher vintages in scarce large formats including an exceptionally uncommon impériale as well as a double magnum, both from the first kosher vintage.

Domaine du Castel, Grand Vin - Vintage 2002

▶ The 2002 Domaine du Castel Grand Vin was the first vintage made under kosher certification. It is a fullbodied wine with subtle, though still pronounced and well balanced currant and fruit flavors with olive nuances in the background. Daniel Rogov, 90.

Lot 1	1 impériale, signed by winemaker Eli Ben Zaken per lot \$3,000-4,000 (CC)
Lot 2	1 magnum
Lot 3	1 magnum, in original wood case per lot \$750-1,000 (AA)
Lot 4	one dozen bottles, in original wood case per lot \$950-1,200 (AA)



Lot 1 (detail)



Domaine du Castel, Grand Vin - Vintage 2003

A combination of anise, spices, Mediterranean herbs and green olives produces this full-bodied aromatic wine. This mid-palate wine should age gracefully, expand when opened and retain its boldness on the finish. The 2003 Domaine du Castel Grand Vin is a Left Bank Bordeaux style blend of 70% Cabernet Sauvignon and 30% Merlot, aged for 24 months in French oak barrels, unfiltered. Drink now-2014. Daniel Rogov, 92. Mark Squires, Wine Advocate, 90.

Lot 5	double-magnum, in original wood case per lot \$1,000-1,500 (AA)
Lot 6	2 magnums, in original wood case per lot \$800-1200 (AA)
Lot 7	one dozen bottles, in original wood case per lot \$2,200-2,500 (CC)

Domaine du Castel, Grand Vin - Vintage 2004

The 2004 Domaine du Castel Grand Vin is 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot and 5% Petit Verdot, unfined and unfiltered. It was aged for 24 months in new French oak. An elegant and generous wine, the flavors of chocolate, currants, berries, and tannins work harmoniously to create a exquisite finish. Mark Squires simply proclaimed: "It is beautiful" and continued "this is always delicious, as well as beautifully constructed and sensually fragrant...certainly a short-list contender for Israel's 'Best Bordeaux-blend." Drink now-2015. Daniel Rogov, 94. Mark Squires, Wine Advocate, 92.



CARMEL WINERY

This historic winery was founded in 1882 by Baron Edmond de Rothschild, owner of Château Lafite in Bordeaux. Today, Carmel is the largest producer of kosher wines in the world - indeed, one of the largest producers of wine along the Eastern Mediterranean.

At its founding, the primary wine-making challenge that Carmel faced was the intense heat of the Land of Israel. This issue was resolved by constructing deep underground cellars. In total, Carmel Winery has 3,472 acres of vineyards, spanning from the north to the south of Israel. Their winemakers can choose from vineyards with different terroirs from all the Israeli wine regions. The winery has a particularly strong vineyard presence in the cooler climate of the Upper Galilee, from which many of the leading wines are sourced. Carmel was the first winery to launch single vineyard wines to characterize the chosen varieties of grapes in each region. These include the Kayoumi, Zarit, Ramat Arad and the Sha'al each producing small quantities of hand-crafted wines. Its flagship series is the Carmel Limited Edition.



Carmel, Single Vineyard, Kerem Ben Zimra, Cabernet Sauvignon - Vintage 2002

A heavy, velvety deep garnet colored wine, this 2002 Carmel Ben Zimra Cabernet has strong oak flavors, with hints of vanilla and mint. Aged for 14 months in oak barrels, the finish is filled with toasty wood, green olives, tobacco and chocolate. With generous tannins it is well balanced by berry and currant fruits. Mature. Daniel Rogov, 90.

Lot 10 6 bottles, in original carton per lot \$300-500 (AA)

Lot 11 6 bottles, in original carton per lot \$300-500 (AA)

Carmel, Single Vineyard, Ramat Arad, Cabernet Sauvignon - Vintage 2002

▶ The dense, dark garnet-red 2002 Carmel Ramat Arad Cabernet Sauvignon has abundant but soft near sweet and well-integrated tannins. Combining cassis fruit with hints of herb, its long and complex finish culminates in rich chocolate flavors. Mature. Daniel Rogov, 90.

Lot 12 6 bottles, in original carton per lot \$300-500 (AA)

Lot 13 6 bottles, in original carton per lot \$300-500 (AA)

Carmel, Single Vineyard, Kayoumi, Cabernet Sauvignon - Vintage 2003

An extraordinary wine, the 2003 Carmel Kayoumi Cabernet Sauvignon is aging gracefully. With luscious flavors and soft tannins, it is saturated with black currant, berry and spicy wood. Fermented for one year in stainless steel and then aged for 17 months in new and one year old French oak barrels. Hints of smoked meat, Oriental spices and tobacco are present. Drink now-2014. Daniel Rogov, 92.

Lot 14	one dozen bottles,		
	in original carton.	 per lot \$900-1,100 (A	AA)

Lot 15 6 bottles, in original carton per lot \$450-600 (AA)

Carmel, Cabernet Sauvignon Special Reserve - Vintage 1976

✤ The 1976 Carmel Cabernet Sauvignon Special Reserve was the first fine kosher wine produced in Israel and signalled the start of the kosher wine revolution. Indeed, it was the first kosher wine to refer to its varietal, Cabernet Sauvignon. As part of the aging process, Limousim oak barrels - traditionally used to age brandy - were utilized. This is one of the legendary wines in the pantheon of kosher wines.

Lot 16 1 bottle. per lot \$2,500 - 3,000 (CC)

Carmel, Limited Edition, Vertical

✤ The Carmel Limited Edition, is Carmel Winery's top-of-the-line wine, produced only in very small quantities. Its grapes come from three vineyards in the Upper Galilee: Kayoumi, Alma and Ben Zimra. The wines themselves are blends of Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Merlot and Cabernet Franc whose percentages are adjusted for the vintage. These wines consistently earn high marks from Daniel Rogov and are regularly rated among his top wines.

- Vintage 2002 (2)

- Vintage 2003 (2)
- Vintage 2004 (2)
- Vintage 2005 (2)

Lot 17 8 bottles total per lot \$500-800 (KK)





SEGAL WINERY

The Segal family of winemakers immigrated to Israel in 1925, bringing over 150 years of expertise from their native land of Belorussia. Originally known as Zvi Vineyards, the winery moved to Ramle in 1954 where it changed its name to Segal Wines. In 2001, the Barkan Group acquired the Segal winery and relocated its operations to Kibbutz Hulda Vineyards. Although it is part of the larger Barkan Group, Segal's unique wine production traditions have been preserved, keeping it as a "small boutique winery producing big wines" (Wine Route of Israel, Goldfisher and Sacks, 2008.) Segal's Unfiltered Cabernet Sauvignon is the first of its kind made in Israel.

Segal's, Unfiltered Cabernet Sauvignon - Vintage 2002

With complex flavors of tobacco, blackberries, black currants and hints of raspberry, this full-bodied, rich wine has a long lasting and elegant finish. The 2002 Segal's Unfiltered Cabernet Sauvignon is a deep wine with a perfect balance of soft tannins and smoky oak, aged in oak barrels for 18 months. Mature. Daniel Rogov, 90.

Lot 18 one dozen bottles, in original wood case per lot \$1,000-1,500 (CC)

GOLAN HEIGHTS WINERY

Since its establishment in 1983, the Golan Heights Winery has played a key role in placing Israeli wines on the map, producing quality wines from over 20 varieties under the Yarden, Gamla and Golan labels, and regularly earning awards at the world's leading wine competitions. The winery is in the center of Israel's ancient "wine country," with ideal conditions for growing top quality grapes: a combination of volcanic soil, high altitude and opportune topography

Among the most sought after of Israeli wines are Yarden's single vineyard varieties, especially its Katzrin series, which is only released during exceptional vintage years. Offered here are some of the best Katzrins, including the rare larger formats.

Gamla, Cabernet Sauvignon - Vintage 1986

Lot 19 one dozen bottles. per lot \$600-800 (CC)

Gamla, Botrytise Sauvignon Blanc - Vintage 1988

Using the same technique as the famed Sauternes of France, this 1998 Gamla Botrytise Sauvignon Blanc is the Israeli equivalent. Its color is golden with hues of brown.

Gamla, Cabernet Sauvignon - Vintage 1991

Lot 21 one dozen bottles. per lot \$600-800 (CC)

Yarden, Katzrin - Vintage 1990

✤ The 1990 Yarden Katzrin is a Bordeaux-style blend of 90% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Merlot. This exclusive vintage was made to commemorate a decade of the Golan Heights Winery. As it approaches its 22nd year of production, this wine's deep garnet color and substantial fruit taste have not diminished. "This full-bodied blend of fruits, wood, acidity and tannins...lingers long on the palate." (Rogov, 2009) Mature. Daniel Rogov, 93.

Lot 22 double-magnum per lot \$2,800-3,200 (EE) Lot 23 double-magnum (chipped wax seal) per lot \$2,600-3,000 (EE) Lot 24 3 bottles per lot \$1,000-1,500 (CC)



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Yarden, Katzrin - Vintage 1993

✤ The 1993 Yarden Katzrin is a full-bodied Cabernet-Merlot blend. This limited edition vintage is bursting with a complex assortment of cassis, black cherry, vanilla, caramel and oak flavors. The abundant tannins are balanced by the multitude of enticing fruit and wood flavors with an overlay of milk chocolate. Rogov exclaims, "elegant and graceful." Drink now-2012. Daniel Rogov, 94.

Yarden, Cabernet Sauvignon - Vintage 1994

This rare large format 1994 Yarden Cabernet Sauvignon reveals flavors of black fruits, plums and floral earthy overtones. This wine won the International Wine and Spirit Competition Gold award in 1998.

Lot 26 1 magnum	00-600	(CC)
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Yarden, Cabernet Sauvignon - Vintage 1998

✤ The 1998 Yarden Cabernet Sauvignon is a full-bodied, rich red wine deep in color, intense in its aromas and flavors, aged in French oak barrels for 18 months. Layering currant, plum, black cherry, vanilla and cocoa flavors with hints of earthiness, its lasting finish culminates with a touch of spice. Daniel Rogov, 91.

Lot 27 1	magnum.														per lot \$300-500 (A.	A)
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Yarden, Cabernet Sauvignon - Vintage 1999

▶ The 1999 Yarden Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc and 2% Merlot. This flavorful wine has softening tannins with a balance between wood and fruit flavors. It won a silver medal in the Vinitaly 2006 International Wine Competition. Delicious aromas and flavors of blackberries and cherries with a background of vanilla and sweet cedarwood, as well as a hint of freshly roasted coffee on its long finish. Mature. Daniel Rogov, 92.

Lot 28 one dozen bottles,

in original carton. per lot **\$1,200-1,500** (AA)

Yarden, Katzrin - Vintage 2000

▶ The 2000 Yarden Katzrin is a deep blend of 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, and 2% Cabernet Franc. This bold and elegant wine contains notes of ripe black cherry, plum and berry flavors mixed with hints of tobacco and herbs. Although tempting to drink immediately, it will continue to age beautifully. Drink now-2015. Daniel Rogov, 92.

Lot 29	double-magnum per lot \$2,250-2,750 (EE)
Lot 30	double-magnum per lot \$2,250-2,750 (EE)
Lot 31	double-magnum per lot \$2,250-2,750 (EE)
Lot 32	6 bottles, in original carton per lot \$2,250-2,550 (DD)
Lot 33	6 bottle case per lot \$2,250-2,500 (EE)
Lot 34	6 bottle case per lot \$2,250-2,500 (EE)
Lot 35	6 bottle case per lot \$2,250-2,500 (EE)
Lot 36	6 bottle case per lot \$2,250-2,500 (EE)
Lot 37	6 bottle case per lot \$2,250-2,500 (EE)

Yarden, Cabernet - Vintage 2000

▶ The 2000 Yarden Cabernet Sauvignon is a sturdy Cabernet, still vibrant with heavy firm tannins and generous oak well balanced by currants, blackberries and spicy cedarwood. It opens to plums and black cherries, matched nicely with vanilla and an herbal overlay on its long finish. Mature. Daniel Rogov, 92.

Lot 38 one dozen bottles, in original carton per lot \$600-900 (AA)





Yarden, Ortal Merlot - Vintage 2001

✤ This bold 2001 Yarden Ortal Merlot is deeply aromatic and rich with flavors of fruits, anise, chocolate and fresh herbs finishing with a hint of spices. Aged for 14 months in mostly new French oak barrels, this seamlessly integrated wine is rich with tannins. Drink now-2014. Daniel Rogov, 94.

Lot 39 6 bottles, in original wood case . . per lot \$1400-1,800 (AA)

Lot 40 6 bottles, in original wood case

per lot **\$1,400-1,800** (GG)

Lot 41 6 bottles, in original carton . . . per lot \$1,200-1,600 (DD)

Yarden, El Rom - Vintage 2001

✤ The 2001 Yarden El Rom Cabernet Sauvignon is "certainly one of the best wines ever made in Israel." (Rogov) It is a well balanced wine with a long and complex finish. Its currant, berry and spice flavors open to earthy and herbal overlays, making it quite exquisite. Drink now-2017. Daniel Rogov, 95.

Lot 42 6 bottles, in original wood case

per lot **\$1,800-2,200** (AA)

Lot 43 6 bottles, in original wood case

per lot **\$1,800-2,200** (AA)

Yarden, Katzrin - Vintage 2003

✤ The 2003 Yarden Katzrin is a full-bodied blend of 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot, and 3% Cabernet Franc aged for two years in French oak barrels. Produced only in outstanding vintages, this pungent, sweet, well constructed, mid-palate wine has subtlety and refinement. Constructed of berry, cherry, and black current flavors, with a peppery and herbal aroma, this wine culminates with mocha and white chocolate. Drink now-2018. Daniel Rogov, 93; Mark Squire, Wine Advocate, 91; Wine Enthusiast, 90.

Lot 44	6 bottles .	·	•			•	•	•	•	•			•	•	per		lot \$2	,10)0-	2 ,4	£00	(EF	E)
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Lot 45 6 bottles per lot \$2,100-2,400 (AA)

Yarden, Cabernet Sauvignon

- Vintage 1993 (9)

- Vintage 1995 (3)

✤ A deep purple, complex and powerful wine, the 1993 Yarden Cabernet Sauvignon has aged to perfection. This wine strikes a perfect balance of roundness, depth and elegance with its ripe black fruit, earthy elements and flowery scent. Mature. Daniel Rogov, 94. The Yarden Cabernet Sauvignon 1995 is completely alive and opens with time to reveal layers of aromas and fruit, tobacco and vanilla. Mature. Daniel Rogov, 92.

Lot 46 one dozen bottles total.... per lot \$1,200-1,500 (CC)



YATIR WINERY

The Yatir Winery is an Israeli boutique winery located in Tel Arad in the northeastern Negev. Founded in 2000 by the area's local grape growers along with the Carmel winery, its name comes from its location within the Yatir Forest. This forest is situated 2,800 feet above sea level with ideal red grape growing conditions: plenty of sun, cool nights year-round, and snowfall in the winter. The vines are well drained, which allows for high quality wine production. On the grounds of the winery, 180 ancient wine presses have been discovered. The winery produces two labels: Yatir and Yatir Forest. The latter is the winery's premier label and produces a Bordeaux-like blend. The general manager, Ya'acov Ben Dor, a pioneer of forest agriculture, initiated the planting of vineyards in 1997. The winemaker is Eran Goldwasser, a graduate of Adelaide University, Australia. The winery's first vintage was 2001. Yatir's wine has received top accolades from critics such as Robert Parker and Daniel Rogov.

Yatir Forest - Vintage 2001

▶ The 2001 Yatir Forest is a blend of 85% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Merlot, aged 18 months in French oak. This classic Israeli wine is rich with aromas and flavors. With a balance between its oak and soft tannins, it is packed with currants, berries and cherries which harmoniously integrate with its spicy oak and minerals. Drink now-2012. Daniel Rogov, 91.

Lot 47	1 magnum,	.per lot \$800-1,200 (FF)
Lot 48	6 bottles, in original carton	. per lot \$600-800 (AA)

Yatir Forest - Vintage 2004

▶ The 2004 Yatir Forest is a full-bodied blend of 80% Cabernet Sauvingnon, 14% Merlot, and 6% Syrah. This well-structured, elegant and flavorful blend of smokey wood, vanilla and fruit will only improve with time. With its "long, deep, broad and generous finish" (Rogov), this wine is sure to please. Drink now-2016. Daniel Rogov, 93; Mark Squires, Wine Advocate, 91.

Lot 49 one dozen bottles. per lot \$1,800-2,200 (AA)





Jeff Morgan and Leslie Rudd of the Covenant Winery

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COVENANT

With its first vintage in 2003, Covenant Winery has fast become a top contender on the kosher wine market. Winemaker Jeff Morgan has a depth of knowledge almost unequalled in the field. He spent a decade in the South of France further developing his understanding of wine-making. Eventually, the Wine Spectator hired him and sent him to San Francisco to become a member of its tasting panel. There, he met Leslie Rudd, vintner and veritable Napa Valley legend, and together they embarked on the Covenant Winery venture. Covenant has been praised as producing "the greatest kosher wine on Planet Earth" by wine critic Robert Parker, and its approach to winemaking seeks to highlight the unique characteristics of Napa Valley grapes.

Covenant - Vintage 2003

✤ The 2003 Covenant is the inaugural vintage of the Covenant Winery, considered by many to be the best kosher winery in the United States. Aged in new French oak barriques for 14 months, only 550 cases of this wine were produced. A deep royal purple color with generous but soft tannins, the flavors of black currant and hints of berries and herbs are plentiful. Drink now-2015. Daniel Rogov, 93. Robert Parker, Wine Advocate, 93.

Lot 50 6 bottles per lot \$1,200-1,500 (AA)

Covenant Cabernet Sauvignon - Vintage 2004

A dark ruby, full-bodied wine with soft tannins, the 2004 Covenant Cabernet Sauvignon is dense and integrates tempting fruits with toasty wood, tobacco and herbs. Drink now-2012. Daniel Rogov, 90. Robert Parker, Wine Advocate, 91.

Lot 51	1 bottle.	•	•	 •		•		·	·	•	•	•	per lot \$150-200 (DD)
Lot 52	6 bottles												per lot \$600-800 (AA)

Covenant Cabernet Sauvignon - Vintage 2007

▶ The 2007 Covenant Cabernet Sauvignon's outstanding fruit is from the superb Larkmead Vineyard in Napa Valley. Aged in 50% Taransaud French barrels, its inky purple color and lush silky tannins combine to make this a robust and full-bodied wine. The 2007 vintage was rated #4 among the New York Times Top Ten Napa Valley Cabernets of the 2007 vintage and was the only kosher wine included in the tasting. Drink now-2023. Daniel Rogov, 93. Robert Parker, Wine Advocate, 90-92.

Lot 53 1 magnum. per lot \$500-700 (AA)





Lot 54

Covenant Cabernet Sauvignon, Solomon Lot 70 - Vintage 2008

▶ The Solomon Lot 70 is Covenant's premier Cabernet. Only six magnums of this vintage were produced, none of which are available commercially. The wine is made from Covenant co-owner Leslie Rudd's grapes from the Oakville Vineyard, a high-altitude vineyard on Mt. Veeder. The wine is named "Solomon" to reflect Leslie's Hebrew name, "Shlomo." The designation "Lot 70" refers to, in the words of the vintner, "a small miracle" that occurred in relation to creating the first vintage. (Covenant will share this unusual tale with the successful bidder.) In addition to the 6 magnums, only 75 cases of Solomon were produced. Daniel Rogov, 92-94. Robert Parker, Wine Advocate, 92-94.

Lot 54 1 magnum, signed by winemaker Jeff Morgan

per lot **\$900-1,200** (BB)

Covenant Complete Vertical

This is the only existing vertical comprising every vintage of Covenant made, including the currently unavailable 2009 vintage scheduled to be released later in the fall of 2011. The initial vintage was highly rated by some of the wine industry's top critics such as Daniel Rogov, Robert Parker and Wine Spectator. The 2007 vintage was rated #4 among the New York Times Top Ten Napa Valley Cabernets of the vintage and was the only kosher wine included in the tasting. (These wines will be shipped to the successful bidder in mid-October.)

- Vintage 2003
- Vintage 2004
- Vintage 2005
- Vintage 2006
- Vintage 2007
- Vintage 2008
- Vintage 2009

Lot 55 7 bottles total, signed by winemaker Jeff Morgan per lot \$1,000-1,500 (BB)

HAGAFEN

Hagafen Cellars is located in the Napa Valley, in the heart of California's premier wine grape region. Owned and operated by Irit and Ernie Weir, the winery was founded in 1979, and the first commercially released vintage was harvested in 1980. At Hagafen, the winemaker is involved in both grape growing and winemaking to ensure superb quality wines. Hagafen makes it a priority to work with the natural flavors of the grapes to produce yearly vintages and are philosophically principled not to alter the grapes to the whims of market tastes. In addition, Hagafen takes great pride in its environmentally friendly viticulture practices.

Hagafen, Cabernet Sauvignon - Vintage 2000

An exceptional example of a Bordeaux at its best, the 2000 Hagafen Cabernet Sauvignon is a full-bodied blend of 90% Cabernet Sauvignon with 10% of Cabernet Franc. This wine shows good balance between wood, tannins and fruits, with an abundance of wild berry, currant and chocolate flavors all yielding to toasty oak on a long, spicy finish. Mature. Daniel Rogov, 90.

Lot 56 6 bottles per lot **\$400-600** (AA)

Hagafen, Cabernet Sauvignon - Vintage 2001

▶ The 2001 Hagafen Cabernet Sauvignon is a round wine with a perfect blend of cassis and berry flavors with undertones of toffee and herbal aromas. Continues to mature beautifully.

Lot 57 1 magnum and 18 bottles per lot \$1,000-1,500 (AA)







Hagafen, Prix Melange Reserve - Vintage 2004

The 2004 Hagafen Prix Melange Reserve is very possibly the best wine ever produced at the Hagafen winery and one of the best kosher wines ever. This Bordeaux blend has cherry, berry and cassis flavors which give way to blackberries, chocolate, white pepper, cinnamon and earthy tones. All these work in concert to create a satisfying finish. Drink now-2015. Daniel Rogov, 95.

 Lot 58
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 900-1,200 (AA)

 Lot 59
 6 bottles
 900-1,200 (AA)

Hagafen, Prix Reserve Pinot Noir Fagan Creek Block 38 - Vintage 2004

* The 2004 Pinot Noir was the inaugural release of Hagafen's single vineyard Fagan Creek wine. It is an elegant medium-bodied dark ruby colored wine, rich in flavor with aromas of cherries, strawberries and vanilla. A lush wine with silky and supple tannins.

Lot 60 one dozen bottles.... per lot **\$950-1,200** (AA)

Hagafen, Merlot Reserve Vichy Vineyard Block 4 - Vintage 2004

Lot 61 one dozen bottles. per lot **\$1,400-1,700** (AA)



HERZOG

The Herzog winemaking tradition dates back to 1848, when the Herzog family first commenced wine production in their native Slovakian village of Vrobove. Following World War II, the family emigrated to the United States and today their base of operations is their state-of-theart winery in Oxnard, California.

Herzog produces wine under two labels: Baron Herzog and Herzog Wine Cellars. They also cultivate single vineyard varieties, such as Alexander Valley and Chalk Hill, as well as Special Reserve and Special Edition wines. Under the supervision of head winemaker Joe Hurliman, Herzog Wine Cellars has created a center for high-end winemaking.

The lots below feature excellent examples of both Herzog's single vineyards as well as a near vertical of the Special Reserve.

Chalk Hill is located in the northeast corner of the Russian River Valley of Sonoma County. The name Chalk Hill derives from a unique volcanic soil of chalky white ash that produces a soft elegance in its grapes. This results in the Herzog Special Edition Cabernet Sauvignon containing smooth flavors and a floral finish.

The Alexander Valley is located in the heart of the largest and most fully planted wine region of Sonoma County. Alexander Valley wines, known to be easy drinking are often characterized as rich, with a full, fleshy mouth-feel, derived from the area's generally warm climate. The Herzog Reserve Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon has a luxurious chocolate note that the alluvial soils of the region tend to impart particularly to the Cabernet Sauvignon grapes. Herzog's Alexander Valley Cabernet wines will improve with age and if properly stored will remain at their peak for at least 15 years.



Herzog, Special Reserve, Alexander Valley, Chalk Hill -Vintage 1993

✤ Robert Parker awarded the 1993 California's Cabernets a 91 out of 100 on his vintage chart. In the early 1990s the Herzog Alexander Valley vineyards yielded exceptional wines.

Lot 62 one dozen bottles, in original carton

per lot **\$3,600-4,200** (CC)

Herzog, Special Edition (unfiltered), Alexander Valley, Cabernet Sauvignon - Vintage 1994

Robert Parker awarded the 1994 California's Cabernets a 95 out of 100 on his vintage chart.

Lot 63 one dozen bottles. per lot \$3,600-4,200 (CC)

Herzog, Special Edition (unfiltered), Alexander Valley, Cabernet Sauvignon - Vintage 1995

Lot 64 one dozen bottles. per lot \$3,600-4,200 (CC)

Herzog, Alexander Valley, Cabernet Sauvignon - Vintage 1995

Lot 65 1 magnum. per lot \$400-600 (CC)

Herzog, Chalk Hill - Vintage 1994

Lot 66 6 bottles, in original wood case

per lot \$1,800-2,200 (CC)

Herzog, Chalk Hill - Vintage 1996

Lot 67 6 bottles, in original wood case

per lot \$1,500-2,000 (CC)

Herzog, Chalk Hill - Vintage 1997

✤ Robert Parker awarded the 1997 California Cabernet a 94 out of 100 on his vintage chart.

Lot 68 6 bottles, in original wood case

per lot **\$1,500-2,000** (CC)

Herzog, Chalk Hill - Vintage 1998

Lot 69 6 bottles, in original wood case per lot \$1,500-2,000 (CC)

Herzog, Chalk Hill - Vintage 2000

Lot 70 6 bottles per lot \$1,500-2,000 (CC)

Herzog, Cabernet Sauvignon - Vintage 1999

Lot 71 one dozen bottles.... per lot **\$400-600** (AA)

Herzog, Special Edition - Vintage 2001

Lot 72 6 bottles, in original wood case

per lot **\$1,200-1,600** (DD)

Herzog, Special Edition, Cabernet Sauvignon, An almost complete vertical:

- Vintage 1994
- Vintage 1995 (nicked capsule)
- Vintage 1996
- Vintage 1997
- Vintage 1998
- Vintage 2001
- Vintage 2003

This lot is a unique opportunity to sample the first five years of this wine, including the first and exceptional 1994 vintage.

Lot 73 7 bottles total per lot \$1,800 - 2,200 (DD)

Herzog, Alexander Valley, Cabernet Sauvignon - Vintage 2002

Herzog, Alexander Valley, Cabernet/Syrah - Vintage 2002

Produced in an exceptional vintage year for California, the 2002 Herzog Alexander Valley Cabernet is soft and round and still youthful, well meeting expectations. It has generous but not overpowering wood flavors coupled with fruit which linger nicely on the bitter-chocolate finish. Daniel Rogov, 92.

Lot 74 18 bottles total per lot **\$900-1,200** (AA)







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Herzog, Alexander Valley, Cabernet/Zinfandel/Syrah - Vintage 2002

▶ The 2002 Herzog Cabernet/Zinfandel/Syrah blend of 66% Cabernet Sauvignon from Napa, 31% Zinfandel from San Joaquin and 3% Syrah from San Louis Obispo, vinified separately, was aged in American oak for 13 months before the final blend was made. Hints of juniper berries, allspice and black pepper combine with an array of fruit flavors to create a robust flavored wine that finishes with spice. In 2010 this wine was rated one of Rogov's top 10 kosher wines worldwide. Drink now-2012. Daniel Rogov, 93.

Lot 75 10 bottles per lot \$2,000-3,000 (AA)

Herzog, Alexander Valley, Generation VIII - Vintage 2002

The 2002 Herzog Generation VIII Cabernet Sauvignon is a dark garnet. Aged 23 months in French oak, it has generous plum, red berry and espresso coffee notes. The mouth-filling finish culminates in hints of white chocolate. Drink now-2012. Daniel Rogov, 92.

Lot 76 2 bottles per lot \$500-700 (AA)

Herzog, Special Reserve, Napa Valley, Cabernet Sauvignon - Vintage 2005

This rare format, full-bodied 2005 Special Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is ripe with flavors of fruit, spicy wood and toasted rye bread, finishing with hints of Oriental spices. Daniel Rogov, 90.

Lot 77 double-magnum per lot \$200-300 (CC)







- Spain —

CAPÇANES

Capçanes, is a village situated in the Priorato Hills of Catalonia, Spain. The winery located there was initially started as a co-operative of five families in 1933. For the kosher wine connoiseur, 1995 was a momentous year when the Celler de Capçanes winery produced the first kosher wine in Spain in more than half a millenia.

Capçanes, Peraj Ha'abib Flor de Primavera - Vintage 2000

▶ The 2000 Capçanes Peraj Ha'abib Flor de Primavera is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and three Spanish varieties of grapes. According to Robert Parker it is one of the finest kosher wines. This medium- to full-bodied wine was aged in French and American oak barrels. Sweet, concentrated cassis and currant flavors combine beautifully with wellintegrated tannins. Drink now-2013. Robert Parker, Wine Advocate, 90.

- Lot 78 one dozen bottles, in original wood case per lot \$2,000-2,500 (AA)
- Lot 79 one dozen bottles, in original wood case per lot \$2,000-2,500 (AA)
- Lot 80 one dozen bottles, in original wood case per lot \$2,000-2,500 (AA)

Lot 81 one dozen bottles, in original wood case per lot \$2,000-2,500 (AA)

Capçanes, Peraj Ha'abib Flor de Primavera - Vintage 2001

▶ The 2001 Peraj Ha'abib Flor de Primavera is a blend of 33% Grenache, 33% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 33% Cariñena. This flavorful full-bodied wine is bursting with layers of berry, plum, cassis, sweet cedar, herbs, anise and tobacco. With its lingering finish of spice, herbs, fruits, chocolate, tobacco, and sweet cedar, this wine is sure to please. Mature. Daniel Rogov, 92.

Lot 82 one dozen bottles, in original wood case per lot \$1,500-2,000 (AA)

Lot 83 one dozen bottles, in original wood case per lot \$1,500-2,000 (AA)

Lot 84 one dozen bottles, in original wood case per lot \$1,500-2,000 (AA)

Lot 85 one dozen bottles, in original wood case per lot \$1,500-2,000 (AA)

Lot 86 six bottles, in original wood case

per lot **\$750-1,000** (AA)



Capçanes, Peraj Ha'abib Flor de Primavera - Vintage 2003

✤ The 2003 Peraj Ha'abib Flor de Primavera is a blend of 40% Grenache, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cariñena and 5% Tempranillo. This velvety wine was aged in new and one year old French barrels and displays currant and cherry flavors with overlays of coffee, anise and hints of minerals, culminating with a surprising suggestion of peppermint. Drink now-2012. Daniel Rogov, 92; Wine Spectator, 90.

Lot 87	double-magnum per lot \$800-1,200 (AA)
Lot 88	one dozen bottles per lot \$1,000-1,500 (JJ)
Lot 89	double-magnum, signed by the winemaker per lot \$1,000-1,500 (JJ)

Capçanes Vertical, Peraj Ha'abib Flor de Primavera

- Vintage 2000	
- Vintage 2001	
- Vintage 2002	
- Vintage 2003	(3) / 34
Lot 90 4 bottles	per lot \$700-1,000 (AA)



CHÂTEAU BARON EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD

The Rothschild family is renowned for its impeccable production of elegant red Bordeaux wines. Located in the heart of the Médoc, the vineyards of Baron de Rothschild are planted with Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Until the early 1990s, these were among the only quality kosher wines on the market.

Château Baron Edmond de Rothschild - Vintage 1986

✤ Grown in the Haut-Médoc region of France, the Baron Edmond de Rothschild wines are predominately dark garnet to black colored wines with flavors of cassis and blackberry. The finish is long and tannic with a spice of leather.

Lot 91 1 magnum and 1 dozen bottles, in original wood cases per lot \$1,600-2,000 (CC)

Château Baron Edmond de Rothschild - Vintage 1988

Lot 92 one dozen bottles, in original wood case per lot \$1,000-1,500 (CC)

Château Baron Edmond de Rothschild

- Vintage 1987
- Vintage 1988
- Lot 93 two bottles. per lot \$250-350 (JJ)

Château Baron Edmond de Rothschild - Vintage 1989

Lot 94 1 impériale per l	ot \$1,500-2,000 (CC)
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Lot 95 1 jeroboam per lot \$1,000-1,500 (CC)

Lot 96 double-magnum, (stained label) per lot \$600-800 (CC)

Lot 97 1 magnum and one dozen bottles per lot \$1,600-2,000 (CC)

Château Baron Edmond de Rothschild - Vintage 2000

Lot 98 1 jeroboam, in original wood case

per lot **\$1,000-1,500** (LL)

Lot 99 24 bottles, in original wood case

per lot **\$1,200-1,500** (AA)


CHÂTEAU GISCOURS

Château Giscours is a third-growth Bordeaux winery in the Margaux appellation. Built in 1656, it is one of the oldest châteaux in Margaux. Following World War II, a significant renovation of the estate took place, including the creation of an artificial lake, which is today a key element of Giscours's microclimate. Giscours produces a particularly flattering style of wine known for its elegance. The lots below include some of the earliest kosher Giscours available.

Château Giscours - Vintage 1993

Lot 100 one dozen bottles, in original wood case per lot \$1,200-1,500 (CC)

Château Giscours - Vintage 1999

✤ The 1999 Château Giscours Margaux Bordeaux is 65% Merlot and 35% Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine has a big bouquet, dark ruby color and notes of berry, cherry, and currant. The well-integrated tannins work harmoniously with its earthiness, along with cedar, spice and mocha flavors.

Lot 101 one dozen bottles.... per lot **\$600-900** (AA)



CHÂTEAU HAUT BRETON LARIGAUDIERE

Classified in the Margaux appellation, this winery is comprised of 63% Cabernet-Sauvignon, 31% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot and 2% Cabernet Franc. Owned and managed by the De Schepper family since the early 1960s, Larigaudiere is world famous for lush wines that have received consistent high praise from such publications as the Guide Hachette des Vins, Revue du Vin de France and Decanter.

Château Haut Breton Larigaudiere - Vintage 2000

✤ The 2000 Château Haut Breton Larigaudiere Margaux is an elegant and full-bodied wine. It has deep and intense flavors of red fruit and vanilla coupled with deep cherry and plum notes.

Lot 102 one dozen bottles, in original wood case per lot \$1,200-1,800 (AA)

CHÂTEAU LABÉGORCE

The origins of Labégorce lie in a large estate located in the most northern part of the Margaux region. Dating back to the 14th century and originally owned by the Gorce (or Gorsse) family. The family retained ownership until the time of the French Revolution, when like so many other estates in Bordeaux, Labégorce was divided and sold off, giving rise to three estates that still exist today: Labégorce, as well as Labégorce-Zédé, both currently under the same ownership, and the third, L'Abbé Gorsse de Gorsse, which no longer produces wine. The grapes are still harvested by hand, and fermentation begins with a short, cold maceration followed by a temperature controlled process. The vineyard is comprised of 48% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot.

Château Labegorce - Vintage 1993

Lot 103 one dozen bottles, in original wood case per lot \$1,000-1,500 (CC)

Château Labegorce - Vintage 2000

The 2000 Château Labegorce is ripe and fruity, while still retaining a soft flavor, complimented by charred berrylike scents intermixed with tobacco. This medium-bodied wine entices the palate with creamy vanilla and fruit scents. Drink now-2016. Daniel Rogov, 91.

Lot 104 one dozen bottles.... per lot \$700-800 (AA)

CHÂTEAU LABEGORCE-ZÉDÉ

As discussed above, Château Labegorce-Zédé was originally part of a larger estate until the French Revolution. After it was divided and subsequently purchased by Barthélémy Benoist in 1795, it was passed to his son-in-law, Jean-Emile Zédé, who altered the name to its current form. The vineyards are comprised of 66 acres with a typically deep, coarse, gravelly terroir. The vines are 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot. Like the Laberorce, the Zédé is harvested by hand, and aged in 50% new oak barrels.

Château Labegorce Zédé - Vintage 2000

✤ The 2000 Château Labegorce Zédé is a full-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot blend. With aromas of cherries and berries, this wine is excellently balanced and complex. Unique flavors of red licorice, currants, flowers and a hint of mushrooms are pleasing to the palate. Drink now- 2013. Daniel Rogov, 91.

Lot 105 1 magnum. per lot \$250-350 (AA)

Château Labegorce Zédé - Vintage 2000

Lot 106 one dozen bottles, in original wood case

per lot **\$700-800** (AA)



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BARONNE NADINE DE ROTHSCHILD CHÂTEAU MALMAISON

Malmaison is in the Bordeaux region located in the central Medoc appellation in the small village of Moulis en Medoc. It produces particularly elegant wines, and its 2000 vintage is considered to be the best kosher Bordeaux of that vintage.

Château Malmaison - Vintage 1999

✤ The 1999 Malmaison Bordeaux is a robust and complex wine. Exuding aromas of blackberry, cherry, cedar wood, vanilla and leather, it is heavy on the tongue, with bold plum, currant and blackberry flavors, balanced by the delicate oak and velvety tannins with a long, rich flavorful finish. The wine was aged in new and one-year old casks.

Lot 107 one dozen bottles, in original wood case per lot \$400-600 (AA)

Château Malmaison - Vintage 2000

▶ The 2000 Bordeaux was one of the most celebrated vintages ever. Rogov selected the 2000 Malmaison as the best of the kosher Bordeaux. Full-bodied with firm, but well-balanced tannins and berry notes. A wine that epitomizes the elegance of Bordeaux. Mature. Daniel Rogov, 91.

Lot 108 one dozen bottles, in original wood case per lot \$1,400-1,800 (AA)

Lot 109 one dozen bottles, in original wood case per lot \$1,400-1,800 (AA)

Lot 110 one dozen bottles, in original wood case per lot \$1,400-1,800 (AA)

Lot 111 one dozen bottles, in original wood case per lot \$1,400-1,800 (AA)





CHÂTEAU SMITH HAUT LAFITTE

Smith Haut Lafitte dates back to the year 1365. In the 18th century, the property was purchased by a Scotsman, George Smith, who gave it its current name. It has 138 acres devoted to red wine, comprised of 34% Merlot, 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, and 1% Petit Verdota. Its graves appellation is intrinsticly linked to the terrior. The graves, or gravelly soil, consist of layers of alluvial, sandy and stony soil deposited on a limestone subsoil created by tumultuous rivers and glaciers during the Quaternary Period. This soil is particularly suited for growing wine grapes because it is well-drained, meagre, warm on the surface and cool as well as humid deep down. This translates into slow-growing vines that have naturally low yields. The wines are elegant and structured with a nice balance and richness.

Château Smith Haut Lafitte - Vintage 2000

Alongside the Malmaisson, the 2000 Château Smith Haut Lafitte is a contender for one of the best kosher Bordeauxs of the 2000 vintage. Its soft tannins harmoniously integrate with a generous array of berries, plums, and black currants with a rich velvety finish. An exceptional wine. Daniel Rogov, 90.

Lot 112 1 double-magnum per lot \$1,500-2,000 (AA)

CHÂTEAU PATRIS

This Saint Emilion Bordeaux stems from a relatively small vineyard of only 22 acres. It is comprised of 90% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. The association of these three grapes gives to the wine a remarkable finesse and a very appreciated flexibility. The wine is aged in entirely new oak barrels.

Château Patris - Vintage 2000

✤ The 2000 Château Patris is a robust wine with smooth and polished tannins. Hints of spicy oak, white pepper and red licorice integrate well with generous amounts of blackberry and black cherry fruits with a long finish. Drink now-2012. Daniel Rogov, 90.

Lot 113 one dozen bottles, in original carton per lot \$900-1,200 (AA)





CHÂTEAU LE CROCK

Château Le Crock is one of the finest Cru Bourgeois properties in Saint Estèphe and has been owned by the Cuvelier family since 1903. The family also owns Léoville Poyferré. Le Crock is located south of the village of St. Estèphe, with its vineyards adjacent to those of Montrose and Cos d'Estournel. Le Crock has 81 acres planted with Cabernet Sauvignon (60%), Merlot (25%), Cabernet Franc (10%) and Petit Verdot (5%). Le Crock's grapes are hand-harvested and traditionally vinified. The wine is then aged in oak barrels (33% new) for 18 months and bottled unfiltered.

Château Le Crock - Vintage 2000

✤ The 2000 Château Le Crock has sweet tannins and tart cherry flavors. With its classic Bordeaux tastes and secondary flavors of fruit and cedar, this wine is lush and inviting. Drink now-2012. Daniel Rogov, 89.

Lot 114 one dozen bottles, in original wood case

per lot **\$700-1,000** (AA)

Lot 115 one dozen bottles, in original wood case

per lot **\$700-1,000** (AA)

CHÂTEAU TERTRE DAUGAY

A Saint Emilion château, Tertre Daugay is a Bordeaux wine producer. Unlike many other châteaux, Tertre Daugay did not take its name from a previous owner, rather its name was inspired by its lookout tower, or Tertre du Guet, located on the estate. The winery's 40 acres are divided between 60% and 40% Cabernet Franc. The wine is aged in French oak, evenly divided between new and old barrels.

Château Tertre Daugay - Vintage 2000

✤ The 2000 Château Tertre Daugay is a well-balanced wine, impenetrably dark purple in color. It reveals generous berries and currant notes, with spicy undertones which culminate in a long and silky finish. Drink now-2014. Daniel Rogov, 90.

Lot 116 one dozen bottles, in original wood case per lot \$1,100-1,500 (AA)

Lot 117 one dozen bottles, in original wood case per lot \$1,100-1,500 (AA)

Lot 118 6 bottles per lot \$300-500 (KK)





CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE POYFERRÉ

Château Léoville Poyferré is a second-growth Bordeaux winery in the Saint Julien appelation of the Medoc with nearly 120 acres of vineyards. These vineyards are planted on crests of Gironde glacial gravel and wind-driven sand resting on a limestone plateau. The slopes ensure efficient natural drainage and alluvial soils sit in the hollows. The grapes planted are 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 8% Petit Verdot, and 2% Cabernet Franc. The uniqueness of its terroir lies in the fact that the soils have been continuously planted with vines over the course of many centuries. Among its most recent great vintages is the 2000, offered below.

Château Léoville Poyferré - Vintage 1999

✤ The 1999 Château Léoville Poyferré is a deep ruby wine still showing fruit and tannins. The berry, black cherry and plum flavors are accentuated by a light spicy background with a long sweet finish, an impressive presence on the palate. Mature.

Lot 119 one dozen bottles, in original wood case per lot \$600-800 (AA)

Lot 120 one dozen bottles, in original wood case per lot \$600-800 (AA)

Château Léoville Poyferré - Vintage 2000

✤ The 2000 Château Léoville Poyferré is an opulent wine with sweet tannins, cherry, chocolate and vanilla. Drink now-2015. Daniel Rogov, 92.

Lot 121 one dozen bottles, in original wood case

per lot **\$1,800-2,400** (AA)

CHÂTEAU SARGET DE GRUAUD-LAROSE

The Gruaud-Larose estate amounts to 370 acres of the Saint Julien appellation, of which 202 acres are planted to vines. The terroir is typical for the region, deep Quaternary gravel, planted with 57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot and 2% Malbec. The area's long and varied history, including the division and reunification of the château, accounts in part for the "Sarget" name. Currently, the Sarget Larose is Château de Gruaud-Larose's second wine, originally introduced in 1979.

Château Sarget de Gruaud-Larose - Vintage 2000

✤ This royal purple full-bodied wine with a tempting array of blackberries, purple plums, black cherries and licorice is spicy and rich. The 2000 Château Sarget de Gruaud-Larose is a rich and sumptuous wine, culminating in a long and generous finish. Daniel Rogov, 91.

Lot 122 one dozen bottles, in original wood case per lot \$1,500-2,000 (AA)

Château Sarget de Gruaud-Larose - Vintage 2000

Lot 123 one dozen bottles, in original wood case per lot \$1,500-2,000 (AA)





CHÂTEAU PIADA

Château Piada is situated on the high plateau of Barsac, the only region entitled to make Sauternes wine. The best Sauternes are the sweet, rich textured, flower-scented, glittering gold wines, typically served with dessert and cheeses. The Sauternes process is highly labor entensive as the vineyard must be picked over as many as ten times. The multiple pickings are meant to take advantage of the noble rot, or "Botrytis cinerea," which occurs during the mild misty fall nights. During this time the mold forms on the grapes of Sémillon, Savignon Blanc and Muscadelle varitals, and during the heat of the day shrinks the grapes to brown pulp. This has the effect of draining the grape's water, leaving only the sugar and acids, thus creating highly concentrated flavors. Since the picking occurs via an almost grape-by-grape process, the end result is quite exquisite. In some instances, these wines have been known to age for over 100 years.

Château Piada Sauternes - Vintage 1987

Lot 124 one dozen bottles, in original wood case

per lot **\$3,000 - 4,000** (CC)

CHÂTEAU GUIRAUD

Château Guiraud, is a Sauternes Premier Grand Cru Classé located on the left bank of the Garonne river in the village of Sauternes. It is comprised of 210 acres of vineyards divided between Semillon (65%) and Sauvignon (35%) grapes. It produces some of the world's greatest Sauternes wine and has regularly been included in Wine Spectators' top 100 wines. Beginning this year, the Château was awarded the "AB Standard" ('agriculture biologique' or organic farming) by the French Ministry of Agriculture.

Château Guiraud Sauternes – Vintage 1999

✤ The 1999 Guiraud Golden is now displaying an almost golden color tinged with yellow. It is full and fat on the mouth with peach, apricot, mango, honey, vanilla, and citrus aromas. The taste combines elegance and richness, and is complex and harmonious, very fresh on the palate in spite of the concentration and sweetness. Long and with a hint of ripe melon on the finish. Drink now-2020. Daniel Rogov, 93.

Lot 125 6 bottles per lot \$400-600 (KK)

Horizontal Bordeaux - Vintage 2000

- Château Léoville Poyferré (2)
- Château Malmaison (2)
- Château Sarget de Gruaud-Larose (2)
- Château Le Crock (2)
- Château Labegorce Zédé (1 magnum)

Lot 126 8 bottles and one magnum total

per lot **\$1,500-\$2,000** (AA)

CHÂTEAU DE FESLES

Château de Fesles, which is located near the town of Bonnezeaux in the Anjou region of central France, has roots dating to the 11th century. Château de Fesles is a sweet French dessert wine, but one made in a rather different style than that found in Sauternes. In 1996, the winery was acquired by its current owner, Bernard Germain, and in 1997 released their only kosher wine to date.

- Château de Fesles Vintage 1997 (1)
- Château Léoville Poyferré Vintage 1999 (1)
- Segal's, Unfiltered Cabernet Sauvignon Vintage 2000 (1)
- Capçanes Peraj Ha'abib Flor de Primavera Vintage 2000 (1)
- Domaine du Castel Grand Vin Vintage 2003 (1)

- Hagafen, Reserve, Merlot - Vintage 2004 (1)

This lot is an excellent sampler of some of the most outstanding kosher wines from across the globe. It includes a mature Segal's Unfiltered Cabernet Sauvignon as well as an uncommon kosher botrytis wine.

The kosher Château de Fesles is a viscous amber colored wine made from botrytisized Chenin Blanc. It is intensely sweet, sweeter even than Château Guiraud, but its sweetness is balanced by an abundant acidity. Look for flavors and aromas of oranges, vanilla, heather, pineapple, anise, nectarines, orange blossoms, and spices. Drink now-2012. Daniel Rogov, 90.

Lot 127 6 bottles total per lot \$700-900 (HH)

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