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EXCLUSIVE RELEASE BY CHARLES LACHAUX TO BENEFIT TOMORROWLAND FOUNDATION OPENS BONHAMS WINE SALE IN CONTINENTAL EUROPE

Two Collections with Charitable Elements
Selection of Extremely Large Formats

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One out of six exclusive boxes, each containing 3 different wines from iconic producer Charles Lachaux to benefit Tomorrowland Foundation. Estimate: €8,000-10,000

Paris – Four exclusive boxes, each containing three Charles Lachaux bottles lead Bonhams Cornette de Saint Cyr's Finest and Rarest wine sale in France **from 24 October to 6 November 2024**. Each box, estimated at **€8,000-10,000**, contains one bottle of Volnay 1er cru "Les Santenots" 2018, one Nuits Saint Georges village "La Petite Charmotte" 2021 and one Vosne Romanée 1er cru "Les Suchots" 2020. The buyer will also be gifted **four Full Madness Comfort Passes to Tomorrowland 2025**, the world's most notable global music festival taking place in Belgium, and selling out its 400,000 tickets in minutes year after year ¹.

All net sale proceeds will be donated to The Tomorrowland Foundation to support vulnerable children across the globe.



Domaine Charles Lachaux Volnay 1er Cru, Les Santenots 2018, Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru, Les Suchots 2020, Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru, La Petite Charmotte 2021

Amayès Aouli, Global Head of Wine & Spirits, said: "Charity and sharing are the core values of wine. A key pillar at Bonhams is to further include this charitable component and increase our support to the communities and the organisations that act for a better world. Testimony of this strategy, we are delighted to partner with Tomorrowland Foundation which is helping children across the globe. I would like to warmly thank the fantastic Charles Lachaux for his generosity by providing these highly desirable cases. We wish every bidder success in enjoying these incredible wines and the best of electronic music for a good cause"

Charles Lachaux, a sixth-generation vine grower from Vosne-Romanée in Burgundy, France, is renowned for his innovative, biodynamic winemaking techniques. These techniques result in wines of exceptional purity and strong terroir expression, highly sought

¹ Passes giving access to three days of the festival on either July 18-20 or July 25-27.

after for their elegance and authenticity. He has received many accolades including “Winemaker of the Year” in 2021 by the Golden Wine Awards. The collaboration between **Tomorrowland and Charles Lachaux** seamlessly merges the worlds of music and wine, driven by a shared passion and ambition to excel in their respective fields. For this collaboration, Charles has selected three of his exceptional wines, all from his private collection. The design of the wine labels, and the box in which they are presented, is hand-painted by Louise Lachaux-Voarick his wife, a respected artist and illustrator. Inspired by Tomorrowland’s 2024 ‘LIFE’ theme, they symbolize a deep connection to nature and creativity. Charles and his wife Louise Lachaux-Voarick also share Tomorrowland’s vision of giving back. **The Tomorrowland Foundation will receive 100% of the proceeds from each box sold**, allowing it to further support vulnerable children across the globe. This collaboration symbolizes more than just a shared project—it’s a celebration of unity, creativity, and making the world a better place for future generations.

The sale also offers:

An exceptional collection of 22 large formats, property of Mestrezat Grands Crus, will be offered including double Magnums to Nabuchodosors and Primat (estimate from €900). **Mestrezat Grands Crus** is a 200-year-old négociant based in Bordeaux, specializing in the distribution of Bordeaux Grands Crus Classés and the most prestigious wines worldwide. As a « Haute-Couture » wine house, Mestrezat curates exclusive, prestigious, and creative offerings, providing tailor-made experiences.

Thanks to its close ties with top châteaux, Mestrezat has amassed an impressive collection of large formats and is renowned for its expertise in these rare and prestigious bottles.

Ensuring the provenance and preservation of fine wines is crucial to Mestrezat: Coming directly from the châteaux, these precious bottles are stored in optimal conditions in Mestrezat’s cellars.

- 1 Nabuchodonosor, **Château d'Yquem 2013**, Sauternes 1er Grand Cru Classé Supérieur (estimate : €6,000-7,000)
- 1 Melchior, **Château Pichon Comtesse de Lalande 2015**, *Pauillac Grand Cru Classé* (estimate : €3,200-4,000)
- 1 Nabuchodonosor, **Château Troplong Mondot 2010**, *St Emilion Grand Cru Classé* (estimate: €2,800 – 3,500)
- 1 Primat, **Château Clinet 2016**, *Pomerol* (estimate: €3,500 – 4,500)
- 1 **wooden box Prestige Clarence Dillon** (estimate: €4,000 – 5,000)
- 1 Balthazar, **Château Haut-Bailly 2010**, *Pessac Léognan Grand Cru Classé* (estimate: €2,000 – 2,800)
- 1 Impérial, **Château Beychevelle 2010**, *St Julien Grand Cru Classé* (estimate: €900 – 1,200)
- 1 Impérial, **Château Lynch-Bages 2019**, *Pauillac Grand Cru Classé* (estimate: €1,000 – 1,600)
- 1 Melchior, **Château Smith Haut Lafitte 2010**, *Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé* (estimate: €2,800 – 3,200)



Selection of large formats, property of Mestrezat Grands Crus

From a private collector:

- 17 Melchior sourced directly from the finest Châteaux of Bordeaux, collected by a wine enthusiast for over 40 years. They are unique releases in the world and a testimony of trust, friendship and passion between the finest Bordeaux wineries and this wine collector. **30% of net sale proceeds will be donated to France Alzheimer** (a charity supporting people and their families suffering with Alzheimer's disease) **by a generous French Private Collector**. This section includes a superb and rare collection of Melchior, containing **many highly regarded wines from Bordeaux** including **Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande** and **Pontet-Canet**.
- 1 Melchior of Clos Fourtet 2012, St Emilion Grand Cru
This is a unique bottle in the world.
- 2 Melchior : 1 Château Pontet-Canet 2011, Pauillac 5me Cru Classé and 1 Les Hauts de Pontet-Canet 2011, Pauillac, the 2nd wine of Château Pontet-Canet.
These are the only 2 Melchior produced by the Château Pontet-Canet since 1982.
- 2 Melchior : Château Pontet-Canet 2012, Pauillac 5me Cru Classé and 1 Les Hauts de Pontet-Canet 2012, Pauillac, the 2nd wine of Château Pontet-Canet
- 2 Melchior : Château Pichon-Longueville Baron 2011, Pauillac 2nd Cru Classé and Château Pichon-Longueville Comtesse de Lalande 2012.

Mature exceptional wines continue this journey including a rarely seen Mouton Rothschild 1945 with excellent provenance, from a French collector (estimate : €9,000-14,000). It is one of the most iconic vintages from Mouton-Rothschild, a unicorn bottle sitting at the pantheon of wine collectors.

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Sale: Symphonic Wines Rare & Legendary Formats - Charles Lachaux for Tomorrowland Foundation – Finest & Rarest Wines
Location: Paris online
Date: 24 October – 6 November 2024

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ABOUT TOMORROWLAND FOUNDATION

The Tomorrowland Foundation targets children and young people between the ages of 4 and 21 from all over the world. Children living in developing countries or regions in crisis, with parents that are preoccupied with ‘survival’ or with unequal chances in life. These children are very often raised in poverty and have a high risk of spending themselves their whole life in poverty. The Tomorrowland Foundation wants to break this vicious circle and focuses on projects that aim to give them the chance to express themselves creatively and work on their self-esteem. The Tomorrowland Foundation is funded with spontaneous donations and contributions from visitors of Tomorrowland, combined with a yearly contribution from WeAreOneWorld, the organization behind Tomorrowland.

ABOUT THE BONHAMS NETWORK

Bonhams is a global network of auction houses, with the largest number of international salerooms, offering the widest range of collecting categories and selling at all price points. Bonhams is recognised for its bespoke service, and a dedication to local market relationships, enhanced by a global platform. With 14 salerooms, Bonhams presents over 1,000 sales annually, across more than 60 specialist categories, including fine art, collectables, luxury, wine & spirits, and collector cars.

Founded in 1793, Bonhams has representatives in more than 30 countries and operates flagship salerooms in London, New York, Paris, Los Angeles, and Hong Kong. In 2022, Bonhams added four international auction houses to its network: Bukowskis, Stockholm; Bruun Rasmussen, Copenhagen; Cornette de Saint Cyr, Paris and Brussels; and Skinner, Massachusetts. The success of Bonhams’ global strategy is a result of recognising the shift in growing intercontinental buying and increased digital engagement. More information [HERE](#)

In 2023, Bonhams achieved 14% growth with \$1.14 billion in turnover. Recent important auctions and landmark single-owner collections, include the white glove sales of Sir Michael Caine: The Personal Collection, Alain Delon: Sixty Years of Passion; Sir Roger Moore: The Personal Collection; Personal Property of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and The Robert & Jean-Pierre Rousset Collection of Asian Art: A Century of Collecting. Other notable single-owner sales included The Estate of Barbara Walters: American Icon; The Alan and Simone Hartman Collection; The Crown Auction: Props and Costumes and The Claude de Marteau Collection.

Top lots for 2023 include 1967 Ferrari 412P Berlinetta, Sold at Quail Lodge, US for US\$30,255,000. Tipu Sultan's Bedchamber Sword (sold in London for £14m – a world record for both an Islamic and an Indian object); Paul Signac (1863-1935), *Sisteron*, 1902. Sold for US\$8,580,000 (estimate US\$4-6 million), and Claude Monet (1840-1926), *La Seine près de Giverny*, 1888. Sold for US\$6,352,500 (estimate US\$4-6m), both from the Alan and Simone Hartman Collection; A Gilt Copper Alloy figure of Virupaksha, Central Tibet, Densatil Monastery, Early 15th century. Sold for HK\$37.9m (£4,060,326) in Hong Kong. Yoshitomo Nara (born 1959) *Three Stars*. Sold for HK\$36,754,000 (£3,930,914, also in Hong Kong.

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