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Press release



Sale of the old cellar belonging to Laurent

Sales on 23 and 24 June 2022, Paris

On 23 and 24 June 2022, Artcurial will have the honour of presenting at auction the entire old cellar belonging to Laurent, the famous gourmet restaurant in the Golden Triangle. Over 7,500 bottles will be offered, comprising some of the most renowned Grand Crus, along with some service items.

PARIS – On 23 and 24 June 2022 in Paris, Artcurial will present the old cellar of the restaurant Laurent. A true haven, sheltered from the bustle of Paris and set in the heart of the Champs-Élysées gardens, the restaurant Laurent is a guardian of French savoir-vivre with its legendary gastronomic culture. Boasting a prestigious history, the restaurant Laurent offers an invitation to step back in time.

A former hunting lodge of Louis XIV, the site was used as an open-air dance hall during the Revolution. In 1842, Jacques-Ignace Hittorff, put in charge of the redevelopment of the Champs-Élysées by King Louis-Philippe, transformed it into a neoclassical style villa. During the Second Empire in Paris, spectators of the Cirque d'Été, keen to continue the festivities around a celebrated table, crowded through its doors. The restaurant Laurent was finally born in 1860, named after its eponymous manager.

Its cellar is known to the greatest collectors for the depth of its selection. This bears the influence of Philippe Bourguignon who, from head sommelier, voted best sommelier in France in 1978, to the post of director, was a key presence in the house for nearly 40 years. Encapsulating finesse, elegance and fine dining, these wines reflect the terroirs they come from. The bottles have been conserved perfectly in three underground cellars, beneath the restaurant. The first for whites and champagne, the second for reds and finally the third, double-locked behind a grille, concealing the treasures.

« With its entrances and exits, the cellar followed the rhythm of the restaurant, accompanying the dishes perfectly and promoted by a talented team. We can sum up by saying it was a 'living cellar', which is one of the finest compliments we can pay. »

- Laurie Matheson and Luc Dabadie,
Experts from the Fine Wines & Spirits department, Artcurial

« The restaurant Laurent and its cellar is a testament to French savoir-vivre and gastronomy. This sale offers the opportunity for connoisseurs, collectors and gastronomes the world over to acquire exceptional bottles and items from this illustrious Parisian institution. »

- Stéphane Aubert,
Auctioneer & Associate Director, Artcurial



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The restaurant Laurent is at
41 avenue Gabriel, Paris 8°



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Presse à canard
Estimate : 3 000 - 4 000 €



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A legendary cellar

This sale, with a total estimate of 1.2M€, will offer some exceptional bottles coming from every region of France and abroad. Here is a sample of the most renowned domaines and winegrowers :

In Alsace, wines from domaines Zind Humbrecht, Albert Mann, Trimbach and Deiss.

In Champagne : Jacquesson, Agrapart, Deutz, Dom Perignon, Mumm, Bollinger, Veuve Clicquot, Cristal Roederer, Salon, Paillard.

Also, wines from the South of France : Grange des Pères, Domaine de Trevallon, Domaine Montcalmes, Domaine Tempier and Jura with wines from Jean Macle and Puffeney. From the Loire : red and white wine from Thierry Germain, Daguenau, Clos Rougeard, Yannick Amirault.

And some wines from outside France, such as the German Egon Muller and Fritz Hagg, as well as the Italian Barolos of Roberto Voerzio.

The largest proportion of the cellar comes from the three following regions :

Burgundy, with over 2 300 bottles.

Amongst the red : Domaine de la Romanée Conti, Armand Rousseau, Denis Mortet, Henri Gouges, de Montille, Mongeard Mugneret, Trapet, Marquis d'Angerville, Gaunoux. And the white : Domaine de la Romanée Conti, Comtes Lafon, Domaine Leflaive, Niellon, Roulot, Jobard, Sauzet, Drouhin, Raveneau.

The Rhône valley with more than 1 000 bottles. Including magnums from the Domaine Jean Louis Chave, bottles from Gaillard, Reynaud, Chapoutier, Guigal, Georges Vernay, Château de Beaucastel, Bernard Grippa, Paul Jaboulet Ainé and Gonon.

And, of course, the essential Bordeaux. With Sauternes, Château de Fargues, Château Coutet, Château d'Yquem and Château Rieussec. Over 1 800 bottles of red Bordeaux from Château Margaux, Château Lafite Rothschild, Château Montrose, Château Haut Bailly, Château Trotanoy and Pétrus to name but a few.

As for the vintages, certain bottles are old, others more recent, with years and crus to drink quickly and others stronger and more long-lasting.

Iconic serving items

Artcurial will also auction eight iconic items from the restaurant, such as a *presse à canard* (duck press) estimated at 3 000 - 4 000 €, and two trolleys, a *Table à trancher*, estimated at 4 000 - 6 000 € and a *Table à découper*, estimated at 3 000 - 4 000 €, both from the Maison Christofle.

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About Artcurial

Founded in 2002, multidisciplinary Paris based auction house Artcurial confirmed its leading position on the international art market scene in 2021.

With three sale venues in Paris, Monaco and Marrakech, the auction house achieved an overall sales total of 169 million euros in 2021. Artcurial covers all the major specialist fields including Fine Arts, Decorative Arts, Collectors' Cars, Jewellery, Watches, Fine Wines and Spirits...

With a strong international bias, Artcurial maintains its presence abroad with offices in Brussels, Milan, Monte-Carlo, Munich, Vienna and Spain. In October 2015, Artcurial held its first sale in Hong Kong and Morocco.

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