



AUCTIONS / EXCEPTIONAL SALE / RESULTS / RARE WINES

“ORIGINS,  
THE UNIQUE CELLAR OF A VISIONARY WINE COLLECTOR”  
**THE AUCTION ORGANISED BY BAGHERA/WINES AT THE BEAU-RIVAGE HOTEL  
IN GENEVA ON SUNDAY MARCH 1, CONCLUDED WITH A RESULT OF  
CHF 5,8 MILLION (5,5 MILLION EUROS)**

Sale on Sunday March 1, 2020, Beau Rivage Hotel, Geneva,  
under the aegis of Master Marco Breitenmoser, huissier judiciaire



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*Michael Ganne, Executive Director of Baghera/wines at the “Origins” auction this Sunday, March 1, 2020*

In a particular context of global economic turmoil, the “Origins” collection succeeded in inspiring wine lovers all over the world with the exceptional character of its crus and vintages.

The auction included a particularly rare and prestigious collection of 1’892 bottles of Grands Crus from Burgundy and Bordeaux, patiently assembled over a thirty year period by an eminent art and wine collector in Switzerland.

With 91% of sold lots, the sale reflects the market’s interest in rare wines, in particular the great wines of Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, Armand Rousseau

and Bordeaux premiers grands crus classés (Château Lafite-Rothschild). The results gave pride of place to the Domaine de la Romanée-Conti wines, represented by a series of superb bottles and large formats that the vendor had acquired directly from the official importer of the Domaine de la Romanée-Conti in Switzerland.

In the dining room, one could distinguish the presence of wine lovers who had travelled a considerable distance in light of the rarity and quality of the wines offered for auction. A clientele from Switzerland, Europe and Asia were gathered in the sumptuous setting of Hotel Beau-Rivage.



Michael Ganne, Executive Director of Baghera/wines about the March 1, 2020 auction:

*“It is extremely rare to find at auction a collection so perfectly and meticulously assembled, carefully documented and preserved in perfect conditions at Geneva’s FreePorts, which was fully appreciated by our clientele. We note a significant involvement of buyers via live bidding, online auctions, which produced a wonderful synergy with the gathering.*

*Lot 123, representing a bottle that is absolutely impossible to find on the market, aroused a great deal of interest due to its rarity, and its achieved price at CHF 216'000 represents a world record for a 1979 Romanée-Conti methuselah.*

*This illustrates the extent to which fine and rare wines remain exceptional products on the market and are, whatever the context, ardently sought-after gems”.*

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## 5 EMBLEMATIC LOTS OF THE “ORIGINS” SALE ON SUNDAY MARCH 1, 2020

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### LOT 123

*Romanée-Conti 1979*  
*Domaine de la Romanée-Conti*  
*1 methuselah*  
**CHF 216'000**



### LOT 24

*Romanée-Conti 1994*  
*Domaine de la Romanée-Conti*  
*6 magnums*  
**CHF 216'000**



### LOT 64

*Romanée-Conti 1991*  
*Domaine de la Romanée-Conti*  
*6 bottles*  
**CHF 144'000**



### LOT 138

*Chambertin Clos de Bèze 1971*  
*Domaine Armand Rousseau*  
*6 bottles*  
**CHF 57'600**



### LOT 148

*Château Lafite-Rothschild 1982*  
*5 magnums*  
**CHF 30'000**

## NOVELTIES

Baghera/wines' spring 2020 introduces a new website, the establishment of the auction house at the Beau-Rivage Hotel in Geneva and the inauguration of a boutique and a Club.

The entry into this new year 2020 signifies numerous innovations for Baghera/wines and its team. A newly launched website, with an elegant and refined design, is here to enhance and strengthen the development of the Geneva house which, this spring, will be initiating new activities related to the life of wine. Next April, Baghera/wines teams will set up on the ground floor of the historic and prestigious Beau-Rivage Hotel in Geneva. Then there will be the inauguration of a luxury boutique offering a discerning and enlightened choice of fine wines, as well as a Club dedicated to culinary and oenological pleasures. This Club will offer its members the opportunity to taste the best wines in a convivial, homely atmosphere.

## ABOUT BAGHERA/WINES, AN EXCEPTIONAL WINES EXPERTS' OFFICE

European leader in the auction of rare wines, Geneva-based Baghera/wines offers a new approach by placing conviviality and exchange at the heart of their events. For almost 5 years, passionate experts Michael Ganne, Julie Carpentier and Francesco Lee, have been heading an office dedicated exclusively to rare wines that advises and accompanies collectors in all aspects of the enhancement of a collection.

In 2018-19, the historic sale of Henri Jayer's personal cellar, to this day the most important wine auction in the world ever (CHF 34.5M), followed by the unprecedented sale exclusively dedicated to the wines of the Domaine de la Romanée-Conti and then the sale of the last bottles from the Domaine René Engel have propelled Baghera/wines to the position of European leader in wine auctions.

The experienced team, working alongside the experts at Baghera/wines, offers excellent hands-on and tailor-made advice to international collectors passionate about fine & rare wines. Their expertise includes the organisation of masterclasses, the skillful selection of wines for private tastings and dinners, events combining music and wine, and soon in spring 2020, a private club and a boutique dedicated to fine wines within the Beau-Rivage Hotel in Geneva.



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