

Buy Wine and Help French Hospitals



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A charity auction of some of the world's best wines will please collectors and help save lives.

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Want to get your hands on some of the world's greatest wines and raise money for a worthy cause? Have we got a sale for you.

A fine wine charity auction kicked off yesterday on the iDealwine platform, and it runs until May 7. All proceeds will be donated to the #ProtegeTonSoignant collective, a multidisciplinary team that identifies French hospitals' urgent requirements, and then buys and delivers the medical equipment they require as quickly as possible. Almost 1000 bottles will be up for auction thanks to donations from 100 domains, worth an estimated €60,000-100,000 (\$65,000-\$110,000).

And it's quite a collection the domaines have put together. Covering most of the major wine regions, the lot list reads like a who's who of French wine.

Bordeaux dominates, with heavy hitters like [Lafite](#) and [Petrus](#) offering large-format bottlings (Lafite's double magnum of the 1996 has a current bid of €2612 (\$2825) for a 96-point wine with a per-bottle global average price of more than \$1100; the latest bid on the Petrus is around the same as the per-bottle average of \$3100.)

Burgundy is also offering some treasures, including a three-magnum set of Domaine Marquis d'Angerville's [Volnay Premier Cru Clos des Ducs](#), which is currently at a very attractive price compared to its global average of \$219 a bottle. Another tidy little offering is a six-magnum set of Bouchard's 2016 [Greves Vignes de l'Enfant Jesus Beaune Premier Cru](#). Its current bid level is lower than its average bottle price.

There are also wines from the Rhône (a 12-bottle vertical of [Château de Beaucastel](#) Châteauneuf-du-Pape featuring three bottles each of the 2003, 2006, 2009 and 2012 vintages), Loire, Champagne and Alsace among others. Italy provides Saissicaia and Vietti Barolo lots, while there is also some vintage Port on offer.

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There's even a 35-year-old Douglas Laing bottling of the Port Ellen single malt, distilled back in 1982 for the whisky aficionados, and all the proceeds will help supply French hospitals.

The French #ProtègeTonsoignant collective is a multidisciplinary team created on March 24 in the midst of the Covid-19 crisis. It now represents 110 volunteers who work round the clock, seven days a week and whose skills and professional networks in the private and political spheres have increased its efficiency.

The aim of #ProtègeTonsoignant is to help care workers to overcome the healthcare crisis by identifying the most urgent needs and providing hospitals with medical equipment as quickly as possible. The measures undertaken by French hospitals are already significant, however, the needs of hospitals throughout France are colossal, which is why the collective was created. Having highlighted just how vast the needs are, the collective will continue its work after the end of lockdown and the peak of the pandemic.

The #ProtegeTonSoignant collective is composed of three clusters of experts, doctors and entrepreneurs; between them, they identify the needs by contacting hospitals and local authorities, find suitable suppliers in Europe and China and transport the supplies to the hospitals and local authorities.

Donations can be made directly on the [Leetchi.fr](https://leetchi.fr) page. The donation total is increasing every day, but is still insufficient in the face of what's needed. More than €20 million of medical and nonmedical equipment is still on hold.

So far, more than €1.6 million of medical material has been bought and distributed to 50 hospitals in France. Supplies are delivered to more than 40 hospitals per day, along with 4300 meals for health workers. More than €4.5 million has been donated by around 5000 people.

To contribute to the fight against the pandemic, iDealwine made its platform available to the promoters of the project by organizing a charity wine auction. In addition to its logistics support, iDealwine has donated some of the bottles which will be up for sale in the charity auction.

At the same time, winemakers throughout France were asked for donations to increase the size of the sale. The response was extremely generous: more than 100 domains responded within just a few days. Almost 1000 bottles are up for auction, in various formats. The auction is administered by International Wine Auction, the certified public auction operator and subsidiary of iDealwine.

To bid in this auction, simply sign up to the [iDealwine site](https://idealwine.com) (it's free). All proceeds – the hammer price and buyer's commission (19 percent excluding tax) - will be donated to the collective. The wines bought will be shipped to buyers by iDealwine (shipping fees apply) or will be available for collection at the iDealwine warehouse (in Paris) after the end of lockdown.

Please note that due to Covid-19 restrictions, shipping has been temporarily suspended to the US, Japan, Korea and Norway.