

The Romanov Collection

A dark, aged wine bottle with a circular embossed seal on the shoulder. The bottle is made of dark glass or ceramic, showing signs of age and wear. The seal is circular and features a central emblem, possibly a coat of arms or a crest, surrounded by a decorative border. The bottle is set against a black background.

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***“Of all losses, time is the
most irrecoverable for it
can never be redeemed.”***

— King Henry VIII”



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Romanov family in Livadia, Crimea, May 1893—the last known family photograph of Emperor Alexander III. Left to right: Nicholas (future Emperor), George, Olga, Xenia, Maria Feodorovna, Alexander III, and Michael.

01 Romanov Legacy

Testament to Romanov Timeless Splendor

Wines offered in this auction originate from the historic **Imperial cellars at Livadia in Crimea**, established in the 1890s under the patronage of Tsar Nicholas II and the direction of **Prince Lev Golitsyn**, founder of the Massandra winery. The Livadia cellars were created to supply the **Romanov court** with a dedicated collection of fine & dessert wines, stored in ideal conditions within the mountain tunnels overlooking the Black Sea.

Many of the surviving bottles from this collection bear the imperial seals, testifying to their association with the royal household.



Romanov historical wines in Massandra cellars

Heritage Enshrined, Encapsulated in Every Bottle

While historical records confirm that Livadia and its associated estates frequently exchanged gifts of their wines with **European royal households**, including Britain's, these bottles are best described as **examples from the Imperial Romanov cellars at Livadia**, preserved in bond and released under the auspices of the Massandra winery.

Wines from these cellars have been exhibited internationally and offered at major Western auctions including Sotheby's and Bonhams, where their exceptional provenance and condition have been widely recognised.

Together, the 36 lots offered here represent one of the **finest private holdings** of **pre-Revolutionary Crimean wines** remaining in circulation — a tangible link to the closing chapter of Europe's **imperial age of viniculture**.



Massandra Winery: Foundations of Romanov Wine Heritage

Established in the 1890s under Tsar Nicholas II's patronage and guided by Prince Lev Sergeyevich Golitsyn, Massandra Winery was purpose-built to supply the Romanov summer palaces at Livadia. Between 1894 and 1897, a fan-shaped tunnel cellar was carved into the Crimean foothills, maintaining a constant 10 – 12 °C and offering capacity for approximately 2.5 million litres of cask wine and one million bottles in dedicated ageing galleries.

Drawing upon French and Italian expertise, the estate planted premier European grape varieties alongside native vines. By the turn of the century, wine production had grown more than six-fold, centralizing the South Coast's finest Muscats, Tokay-style dessert wines, Kagor sweet reds, and Port-style blends under one roof.

Massandra's vintages earned international distinction at the 1896 Nizhny Novgorod Industrial Exhibition and again in Paris in 1900, where Prince Golitsyn received the Grand Prix for sparkling wine. Subsequent medals at Hamburg, Magdeburg, and Tiflis solidified Massandra's reputation for excellence.



Nicholas II of Russia with the family (left to right): Olga, Maria, Nicholas II, Alexandra Fyodorovna, Anastasia, Alexei, and Tatiana. Livadiya, Crimea, 1913.



Winery operations: traditional presses and mechanical grape crushers equipment, Crimea, early 20th century.

From Imperial Tables to Enduring Legacy

Massandra wines graced primarily the imperial tables at Livadia and across the Romanov estates. Exports were limited, making **original pre-Revolution vintages among the rarest treasures** to surface at Sotheby's, Bonhams, and other leading auction houses.

Nationalized in 1922 yet protected thereafter as a state collection, Massandra's cellars endured through upheaval and war. Today, a handful of these imperial vintages—each reflecting a precise moment in Crimean terroir—remain intact. For the discerning collector, they represent not merely aged wine, but a **living link to Romanov refinement**, forever preserved in stone-cold vaults beneath Livadia.

A Bridge Between Thrones: HMS Marlborough & the Escape of the Romanovs

In the dying embers of Imperial Russia, as the Bolshevik Revolution swept across the vast empire in 1917, the glittering world of the Romanovs vanished almost overnight. Once serenaded by orchestras and surrounded by opulence in their palaces along the Black Sea, the surviving members of the royal family now faced mortal danger. Amidst this chaos, in the spring of 1919, a British warship slipped quietly into the Bay of Yalta — on a mission as gallant as it was secret.

That ship was **HMS Marlborough**, dispatched by King George V to rescue his embattled cousins, the Dowager Empress Maria Feodorovna and other members of the Romanov dynasty. Anchoring just off the coast near the summer retreat of Livadia Palace — a stone's throw from the famed Massandra Winery, whose cellars had once supplied the tsars' tables — the Marlborough came not as a vessel of war, but as a vessel of mercy.

The rescue was a race against time. Bolshevik forces were advancing rapidly, and the collapse of order was nearly complete. In the eerie calm before their arrival, the royal party — elderly, bewildered, and clinging to their last vestiges of dignity — was ferried HMS Marlborough, autographed by many of the Imperial passengers through the night across the wine-scented hills and orchards of Crimea to the British ship.



HMS Marlborough, autographed by many of the Imperial passengers



Aboard HMS Marlborough. Three generations of Romanov Family on board the ship (left to right): Grand Duchess Xenia with her granddaughter, Admiral Prince Vissemsky, Empress Marie, and the author, Lt. Pridham

HMS Marlborough steamed away from Yalta under cover of darkness, she carried with her the last great exodus of Imperial Russia's royal bloodline — a dynasty's fading legacy cradled in the arms of the Royal Navy. Behind them, the great palaces of the Romanovs stood empty, and the priceless wines of Massandra, locked in their cool stone vaults, became silent witnesses to a vanished world.

Today, over a century later, a rare handful of those very wines — bottled before the fall of the dynasty, laid down in Massandra's legendary cellars while the Romanovs still reigned — have emerged from history. Each bottle bears not just the noble terroir of Crimea, but the echo of an empire's end and the quiet courage of a ship that came to save a family, silent witness to history, bottled for posterity.



Aboard HMS Marlborough (left to right): Grand Duke Nicholas Nikolaievich, Grand Duchess Xenia Alexandrovna, Dowager Empress Marie Feodorovna

02 Historical Cellar: The Collection





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This UK-based private collection offered here was acquired directly from the Massandra winery and imported to the United Kingdom in 2006, where it has been held continuously in bonded storage at Octavian under optimal conditions. These rare pre-Revolutionary wines from the Imperial Romanov cellars represent one of the finest private holdings of Crimean viniculture remaining in circulation.

Selected bottles have been authenticated through presentation at Sotheby's and Bonhams, as well as Reeman Dansie, providing discerning collectors with an exceptional opportunity to acquire wines of imperial provenance and historic significance.



Signature Styles Before 1917 & Comparison with European Wines

Tokay Ai-Danil

Modeled on Hungarian Tokaji but produced by fortification rather than aszú maceration. Flavors overlapped (honey, apricot, citrus) but style diverged.

Muscat (Livadia)

Comparable to French vin doux naturel (Rivesaltes, Frontignan).
Aromatic, fortified, long-lived.

Kagor

Inspired by Portuguese Port, with emphasis on sweetness and spice. Less tannic than authentic Douro Ports. A favorite in the Romanov court.

Aging practices

Like Madeira and Sherry houses, Masandra relied on oxidative cask aging and long bottle maturation in cool tunnels, ensuring longevity.



Tasting Notes



The Massandra Collection comprises exceptional fortified and dessert wines of remarkable complexity and longevity.

Over three decades, from the seminal Sotheby's tastings of 1990-1991 through subsequent assessments by Bonhams (2006), independent specialists (2013), and the comprehensive Baghera Wine masterclass (2016), professional tasters have **consistently documented that these wines age with extraordinary grace and refinement**. This broad consensus provides compelling evidence of the collection's exceptional pedigree.

Fortified dessert wines from this collection typically carry elevated alcohol levels of 15-18% ABV—a defining characteristic that contributes significantly to their remarkable stability and extended aging capacity.

The wines display **complex flavor profiles of dried fruits, warm spices, honey, caramel, and concentrated stone fruit character**. These qualities deepen further over time, and the wines continue to evolve positively even now, decades after their original production.



03 Auction Lots

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the Reeman Dansie website.**





LOT 1 - Chateau d'Yquem Sauternes, 1er Grand Cru Classé **1865**

This rare 1865 Bordeaux is part of a legendary continental cellar, believed to have been gifted to the Romanov family. The vintage reflects the prestige of Bordeaux's 1865 production, a year celebrated for exceptional wines with remarkable aging potential. It represents a significant chapter in the region's heritage.

Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 70cl

Pack type: In wooden Case

Estimate per lot: £8,000 - £12,000





LOT 2 - Golitsyn's Seventh Heaven 1880

Golitsyn's Seventh Heaven 1880 is a rare and historic sweet white wine from a distinguished estate linked to Prince Lev Golitsyn, a pioneering winemaker known for elevating wine production in Romanov era. Represents one of the earliest surviving examples of Crimean fine winemaking under Imperial patronage.

Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 75cl

Pack type: In wooden case

Estimate per lot: £1,200 - £1,800





LOT 3 - Livadia "First Press" Liqueur Cabernet Sauvignon, **1891**

Livadia "First Press" Liqueur Cabernet Sauvignon 1891 is a rare historic wine from the Livadia estate, known for its limited production and exceptional provenance. Showcases Massandra's pioneering work with Bordeaux varietals. Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond
Pack size: 1 bottle x 75cl
Pack type: In wooden case

Estimate per lot: £1,000 - £1,500





LOT 4 - Livadia Liqueur Cabernet Sauvignon Collection of the Tsar, **1891**

Livadia Liqueur Cabernet Sauvignon, Collection of the Tsar, 1891 is a historic fortified red wine crafted from Cabernet Sauvignon grapes near the Livadia Palace. It is part of the Massandra Collection and reflects the estate's legacy of producing rich, sweet fortified wines since the late 19th century.

Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 70cl

Pack type: In wooden case

Estimate per lot: £1,700 - £2,000





LOT 5 - Livadia White Muscat 1892

Massandra Livadia White Muscat 1892 is a historic fortified sweet wine produced at Massandra, located near the Livadia Palace of the Romanov family. It reflects the estate's tradition of crafting balanced Muscat wines with notable aging potential and is among the oldest surviving fortified wines in the estate's collection.

Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 70cl

Pack type: Custom protective enclosures (incl. producer original carton)

Estimate per lot: £600 - £1,000





LOT 6 - Liqueur Mourvedre 1893

This 1893 Mourvedre exemplifies Prince Lev Golitsyn's vision at Massandra, where French winemaking techniques were applied to create imperial wines for the Romanov court. The Spanish-origin Mourvedre grape was cultivated to authentically capture the character of Old World Mediterranean traditions.

Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 75cl

Pack type: Custom protective enclosures (incl. producer original carton)

Estimate per lot: £600 - £1,000





LOT 7 - Ai Danil Liqueur Red Collection of the Tsar, **1893**

Ai Danil Liqueur Red, Collection of the Tsar, 1893 is a historic fortified wine from Massandra, crafted in the Tokaji tradition celebrated across Europe for its rich sweetness and depth. Bottled at 19.5% alcohol, this wine symbolizes Massandra's blend of local craftsmanship and classical European winemaking heritage.

Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 75cl

Pack type: In wooden case

Estimate per lot: £2,500 - £3,000





LOT 8 - Livadia Rose Muscat 1895

Livadia Rose Muscat 1895 is made from Muscat grapes and distinguished by its unique vinification process. This vintage exemplifies Massandra's mastery in producing diverse expressions of fortified wines—from white to rosé to red—each with distinct characteristics developed through refined winemaking techniques.

Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 70cl

Pack type: In wooden case

Estimate per lot: £1,500 - £2,000





LOT 9 - Lavadia Liqueur Cabernet Sauvignon 1896

Livadia Liqueur Cabernet Sauvignon 1896 is a historic fortified red wine from the Massandra Collection, bottled at higher alcohol strength typical of its liqueur classification. This vintage exemplifies the refined winemaking heritage established by Massandra for the imperial household during the late 19th century.

Front & back of bottles, wooden case housing two bottles pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 2 bottles x 75cl

Pack type: In wooden Case

Estimate per lot: £1,000 - £1,500





LOT 10 - Lavadia Liqueur Cabernet Sauvignon 1896

Livadia Liqueur Cabernet Sauvignon 1896 is a historic fortified red wine from the Massandra Collection, bottled at higher alcohol strength typical of its liqueur classification. This vintage exemplifies the refined winemaking heritage established by Massandra for the imperial household during the late 19th century.

Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 75cl

Pack type: Custom protective enclosures

Estimate per lot: £400 - £600





LOT 11 - Liqueur Mourvedre **1896**

This 1896 Mourvedre exemplifies Prince Lev Golitsyn's vision at Massandra, where French winemaking techniques were applied to create imperial wines for the Romanov court. The Spanish-origin Mourvedre grape was cultivated to authentically capture the character of Old World Mediterranean traditions.

Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 37,3cl

Pack type: Custom protective enclosures

Estimate per lot: £400 - £600





LOT 12 - Golysyn's Lacrima Christi 1897

Golitsyn's Lacrima Christi was produced under the celebrated Italian wine name and legend, crafted from the Aleatico grape for the Russian Imperial court. This 1897 vintage exemplifies Golitsyn's broader ambition at Massandra to honor legendary European wine traditions through exceptional dessert wines.

Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 70cl

Pack type: Custom protective enclosures

Estimate per lot: £1,000 - £1,500





LOT 13 - Ai Danil Liqueur Red Collection of the Tsar, **1899**

Ai Danil Liqueur Red, Collection of the Tsar, 1899 continues the winery's tradition of producing exceptional fortified wines for the Russian Imperial court under Prince Golitsyn's direction. Crafted in the Tokaji tradition celebrated across Europe for its rich sweetness and depth, this wine exemplifies Massandra's refined mastery of European winemaking heritage during the final years of the 19th century. Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 75cl

Pack type: In wooden case

Estimate per lot: £2,500 - £3,500





Lot 14 - Ai Danil 1901

Ai Danil, 1901, continues the winery's tradition of producing exceptional fortified wines for the Russian Imperial court under Prince Golitsyn's direction. Crafted in the Tokaji tradition celebrated across Europe for its rich sweetness and depth, this wine exemplifies Massandra's refined mastery of European winemaking heritage during the final years of the 19th century.

Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 70cl

Pack type: Custom protective enclosures

Estimate per lot: £600 - £1,000





LOT 15 - Liqueur Mourvedre 1901

This 1901 Mourvedre exemplifies Prince Lev Golitsyn's vision at Massandra, where French winemaking techniques were applied to create imperial wines for the Romanov court. The Spanish-origin Mourvedre grape was cultivated to authentically capture the character of Old World Mediterranean traditions.

Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 75cl

Pack type: Custom protective enclosures (incl. producer original carton)

Estimate per lot: £400 - £600





LOT 16 – Livadia Liqueur Cabernet Sauvignon 1901

Livadia Liqueur Cabernet Sauvignon 1901 is a historic fortified red wine from the Massandra Collection, bottled at higher alcohol strength typical of its liqueur classification. This vintage exemplifies the refined winemaking heritage established by Massandra for the imperial household during the late 19th century.

Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 75cl

Pack type: Custom protective enclosures

Estimate per lot: £300 - £500





LOT 17 - Tsar's Church Wine 1902

Tsar's Church Wine, 1902 exemplifies Massandra's role as the official supplier to the Russian Imperial court and Orthodox Church ceremonies. Specially formulated at 7.5% alcohol for sacramental use, this wine reflects the Russian Orthodox tradition of employing moderately alcoholic, sweet red wines for liturgical purposes. Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 2 bottles x 37,5cl

Pack type: In wooden case

Estimate per lot: £600 - £1,000





LOT 18 - Liqueur Mourvedre 1903

This 1903 Mourvedre is showcase of Prince Lev Golitsyn's vision at Massandra, where French winemaking techniques were applied to create imperial wines for the Romanov court. The Spanish-origin Mourvedre grape was cultivated to authentically capture the character of Old World Mediterranean traditions.

Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 75cl

Pack type: Custom protective enclosures

Estimate per lot: £300 - £500





LOT 19 - Furmint-Hárslevelű 1905

Massandra's Kagor, 1905 was inspired by the legendary French Cahors wine tradition, though transformed into a fortified dessert wine rather than replicating the French dry style. This sweet red wine exemplifies Golitsyn's ambition to create wines under celebrated European names for the Russian Imperial court.

Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 70cl

Pack type: Custom protective enclosures

Estimate per lot: £300 - £500





LOT 20 - Livadia Rose Muscat 1905

Livadia Rose Muscat 1905 is made from Muscat grapes and distinguished by its unique vinification process. This vintage exemplifies Massandra's mastery in producing diverse expressions of fortified wines—from white to rosé to red—each with distinct characteristics developed through refined winemaking techniques.

Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 70cl

Pack type: Custom protective enclosures

Estimate per lot: £600 - £1,000





LOT 21 - Livadia Rose Muscat
1905

Livadia Rose Muscat 1905 is made from Muscat grapes and distinguished by its unique vinification process. This vintage exemplifies Massandra's mastery in producing diverse expressions of fortified wines—from white to rosé to red—each with distinct characteristics developed through refined winemaking techniques.

Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 70cl

Pack type: Custom protective enclosures

Estimate per lot: £600 - £1,000





LOT 22 - Livadia White Muscat 1905

1905 vintage of White Muscat, grown near the Livadia Palace of the Romanov family. It reflects the estate's tradition of crafting balanced Muscat wines with notable aging potential and is among the oldest surviving fortified wines in the estate's collection.

Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 70cl

Pack type: Custom protective enclosures

Estimate per lot: £600 - £1,000





LOT 23 - Livadia White Muscat 1905

1905 vintage of White Muscat, grown near the Livadia Palace of the Romanov family. It reflects the estate's tradition of crafting balanced Muscat wines with notable aging potential and is among the oldest surviving fortified wines in the estate's collection.

Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 70cl

Pack type: ICustom protective enclosures

Estimate per lot: £600 - £1,000





LOT 24 - Pedro Ximénez 1908

Massandra's Pedro Ximénez, 1905 represents Golitsyn's engagement with the celebrated Spanish fortified wine tradition of Andalusia. This dessert wine exemplifies the winery's ambition to produce wines under Europe's most prestigious wine names for the Russian Imperial court
Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 75cl

Pack type: Custom protective enclosures (incl. producer original carton)

Estimate per lot: £400 - £600





LOT 25 - Pedro Ximénez 1908

Massandra's Pedro Ximénez, 1905 represents Golitsyn's engagement with the celebrated Spanish fortified wine tradition of Andalusia. This dessert wine exemplifies the winery's ambition to produce wines under Europe's most prestigious wine names for the Russian Imperial court.
Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 75cl

Pack type: Custom protective enclosures (incl. producer original carton)

Estimate per lot: £400 - £600





LOT 26 - Massandra Rose Muscat 1909

Livadia Liqueur Cabernet Sauvignon 1896 is a historic fortified red wine from the Massandra Collection, bottled at higher alcohol strength typical of its liqueur classification. This vintage exemplifies the refined winemaking heritage established by Massandra for the imperial household during the late 19th century.

Front & back of bottles, wooden case housing two bottles pictured.

Details:

Duty Status: In Bond

Pack Size: 2 bottles x 70cl

Pack type: In Wooden Case

Estimate per lot: £1,000 - £1,500





LOT 27 - Livadia White Muscat 1910

1910 vintage of White Muscat, grown near the Livadia Palace of the Romanov family. It reflects the estate's tradition of crafting balanced Muscat wines with notable aging potential and is among the oldest surviving fortified wines in the estate's collection.

Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 70cl

Pack type: Custom protective enclosures

Estimate per lot: £400 - £600





LOT 28 - Oreanda Semillon 1911

Oreanda Semillon 1911 is a historic wine from the Oreanda vineyard region in Crimea. The Semillon grape, known for producing elegant white wines, was cultivated in this area. Oreanda wines have a documented heritage tied to the European aristocracy that valued wines from this region.

Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 75cl

Pack type: Custom protective enclosures

Estimate per lot: £150 - £200





LOT 29 - Oreanda Semillon 1911

Oreanda Semillon 1911 is a historic wine from the Oreanda vineyard region in Crimea. The Semillon grape, known for producing elegant white wines, was cultivated in this area. Oreanda wines have a documented heritage tied to the European aristocracy that valued wines from this region.

Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 75cl

Pack type: Custom protective enclosures

Estimate per lot: £150 - £200





LOT 30 - White Muscat 1914

1914 vintage of White Muscat reflects the estate's tradition of crafting balanced Muscat wines with notable aging potential and is among the oldest surviving fortified wines in the estate's collection.

Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 70cl

Pack type: Custom protective enclosures

Estimate per lot: £700 - £900





LOT 31 - Livadia Rose Muscat 1914

Livadia Rose Muscat 1914 is made from Muscat grapes and distinguished by its unique vinification process. This vintage exemplifies Massandra's mastery in producing diverse expressions of fortified wines—from white to rosé to red—each with distinct characteristics developed through refined winemaking techniques. Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 70cl

Pack type: Custom protective enclosures

Estimate per lot: £700 - £900





LOT 32 - Oreanda Sweet Semillon 1914

Oreanda Sweet Semillon is a sweet wine from the Oreanda vineyard region in Crimea, produced by Massandra. Unlike the dry Oreanda Semillon, this version emphasizes the Semillon grape's sweeter characteristics. Both wines share the same heritage and origin but differ distinctly in style.

Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 70cl

Pack type: Custom protective enclosures

Estimate per lot: £150 - £200





LOT 33 - Livadia White Muscat 1915

1915 vintage of White Muscat, grown near the Livadia Palace of the Romanov family. It reflects the estate's tradition of crafting balanced Muscat wines with notable aging potential and is among the oldest surviving fortified wines in the estate's collection.

Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 70cl

Pack type: Custom protective enclosures

Estimate per lot: £700 - £900





Lot 34 - Ai Danil 1918

Ai Danil, 1918 continues the winery's tradition of producing exceptional fortified wines for the Russian Imperial court under Prince Golitsyn's direction. Crafted in the Tokaji tradition celebrated across Europe for its rich sweetness and depth, this wine exemplifies Massandra's refined mastery of European winemaking into the early 20th century.

Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 70cl

Pack type: Custom protective enclosures

Estimate per lot: £500 - £700





LOT 35 - Livadia Rose Muscat 1918

Livadia Rose Muscat 1918 is made from Muscat grapes and distinguished by its unique vinification process. This vintage exemplifies Massandra's mastery in producing diverse expressions of fortified wines—from white to rosé to red—each with distinct characteristics developed through refined winemaking techniques. Front & back of bottle pictured.

Details:

Duty status: In bond

Pack size: 1 bottle x 70cl

Pack type: Custom protective enclosures

Estimate per lot: £700 - £900





LOT 36 - Livadia White Muscat 1920

1920 Livadia White Muscat represents one of the final vintages from the Livadia Palace vineyards before an era transformed. This elegant Muscat embodies the Romanov era's tradition of producing refined, age-worthy fortified wines. A rare survivor from that imperial time, it stands as a testament to a world of craftsmanship now preserved only in bottles.

Front & back of bottles, wooden case housing six bottles pictured.

Details:

Duty Status: In Bond

Pack Size: 6 bottles x 70cl

Pack type: In Wooden Case



Estimate per lot: £5,000 - £7,000



04 Provenance



Provenance



Origin & Import to the UK

This exceptional collection originates from the renowned Massandra wine estate in Ukraine and was imported to the United Kingdom in 2006 for market presentation. The wines were imported directly from the winery and placed into bonded storage at Octavian, where they have been maintained ever since under optimal conditions of temperature and humidity.

Auction History & Market Exposure

Selected bottles from this collection were presented at major London auction houses, including Sotheby's (December 2004) and Bonhams (2006), ensuring comprehensive market exposure and authentication by leading international fine wine specialists. These prestigious auction house viewings provide additional provenance verification and have established the collection's quality and authenticity within the fine wine market.

Continuity of Custody

The wines have been held continuously in bonded storage at Octavian since their arrival in the UK. The collection has remained under professional warehouse management for nearly two decades, with full documentation of rotation numbers and storage records maintained throughout this period.

Packaging

The lot presented includes wines in their original protective presentation. Individual bottles are housed in traditional wooden cases or specialized protective packaging suited to secure storage and transportation. Where unspecified, specific packaging configurations—including single-bottle wooden boxes, multi-bottle wooden boxes, or custom protective enclosures—will be confirmed upon sale and final lot inspection prior to shipping.





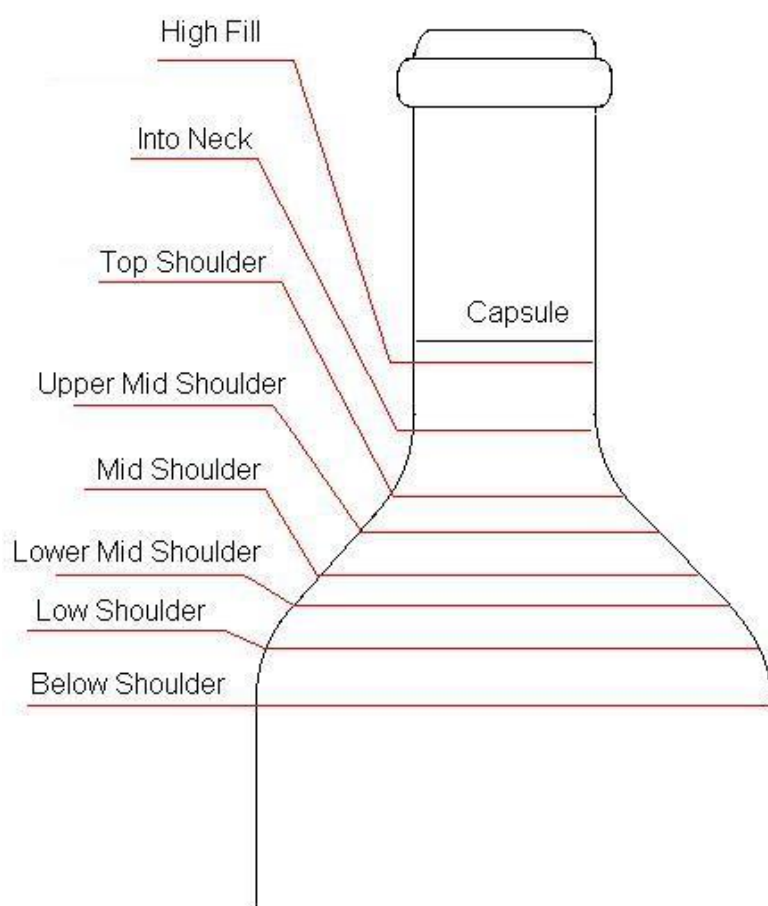
Fill Levels & Condition

Fill level (ullage) refers to the headspace between the wine and the cork. For vintage wines, significant evaporation through the cork is natural and expected.

Bottles from professional collections with proper storage conditions—such as those from Octavian's climate-controlled cellars—show fill levels consistent with excellent preservation, serving as an important indicator of storage quality and condition.

Fill levels can be assessed through multiple methods: visual inspection, condition photography, and professional evaluation by wine specialists. **Not all lots have condition photos published; however, these can be made available to buyers as part of the sale agreement upon request.**

The diagram below illustrates standard fill level positions for Bordeaux style bottle, providing a visual reference for assessment.



05 Purchase & Delivery





Purchase & Delivery

Storage

All wines are stored in bond at Octavian, Corsham, Wiltshire—one of the UK's premier bonded wine storage facilities. Wines held in bond have not been subject to UK Excise Duty or VAT.

UK Deliveries

- Buyers may keep wines in bond by transferring them to another UK bonded warehouse (no Duty or VAT payable).
- All UK deliveries, in-bond transfers, and storage arrangements are coordinated through Octavian, with delivery timescales confirmed after order processing.
- Alternatively, buyers may take delivery to a UK address outside of bonded storage, with applicable Excise Duty and VAT becoming payable before release from bond.
- Buyers can choose to store wines at Octavian and transfer stock to their own account; Octavian operates a secure process to manage accounts and compliance.

International Shipping

Octavian does not arrange shipments outside the UK. International buyers must engage their own freight forwarder or international haulier to collect wines. A list of recommended hauliers is available upon request. Wines exported from the UK are not subject to UK Excise Duty or VAT.

Important: Import duties, taxes, and regulations in the destination country are the buyer's responsibility and vary by jurisdiction.

Further Information

For detailed information on delivery arrangements, current duty and VAT calculations, international shipping logistics, or haulier recommendations, please contact Reeman Dansie directly. Full Terms and Conditions of Sale, including payment terms, buyer's premium, and collection procedures, are available separately and form part of the contract of sale.



Purchase & Delivery

Further Information

In accordance with GDPR, we will only share your contact details with Octavian if you explicitly consent to be contacted by them directly. By confirming your consent, you agree that Octavian may use your details solely for matters relating to this purchase. You may withdraw your consent at any time by contacting Reeman Dansie.

For detailed information on delivery arrangements, current duty and VAT calculations, international shipping logistics, or haulier recommendations, please contact Reeman Dansie directly. Full Terms and Conditions of Sale, including payment terms, buyer's premium, and collection procedures, are available separately and form part of the contract of sale.



Sanctions Compliance & Origin Disclosure

Important Notice Regarding Crimean Origin Wines: Certain lots in this auction originate from Crimea. Buyers should be aware of the following sanctions implications:

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