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Data at 30.09.2011

Historical Performance (%)

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual Performance
2011	+0.61	+0.58	+0.11	+0.27	+1.52	+1.57	+1.20	+0.90	+0.95				+7.97 %
2010	+0.91	+1.06	+1.26	+0.81	+1.22	+1.04	+0.45	+0.81	+0.83	+1.44	+1.89	+0.91	+13.41 %
2009	-0.13	-0.56	+0.18	+1.16	+0.15	+1.81	+0.56	+0.40	+1.51	+0.82	+1.00	+2.52	+9.79 %
2008	+3.62	+2.90	+1.20	+2.77	+1.19	+2.24	-0.22	+1.85	+0.75	+1.68	+0.60	+0.17	+20.39 %

Fund manager's comment

Activity resumed briskly in September after the summer break. Indeed the international auction market has seen a record number of transactions: for this month alone there were more than twenty auctions held by the large houses generating sales in excess of EUR 40 million. Auction prices have been generally buoyant, and in some cases, such as for Burgundies, prices have risen strongly. The latter are becoming better known and more appreciated by the Asian market and demand is therefore increasing. The US market also recovered somewhat with several successful auctions taking place in New York. In the midst of the current uncertainties in the global economy and stock markets, wine is maintaining its course and is increasingly proving itself as a safe haven asset.

A short visit to Burgundy enabled us to review the 2011 harvest, one of the earliest ever recorded. It should be an excellent year for white grapes, which were harvested very early and did not suffer at all from rain. However, given that we are having summer in the spring and we had what felt like autumn instead of summer, the situation for red grapes appears to be more fragile. Yields are lower than in 2009 but higher than in 2010, while in terms of quality, it will be necessary to select the best wines from the producers that managed to extract the best from their terroir in what was a difficult year. However, after a preview tasting of some very good *Pommard* and *Chambolle-Musigny premier cru* from Domaine Faiveley, we are confident of the ultimate quality of the wines. In Bordeaux, the situation appears to be even more complicated because unfortunately, in addition to the rain, there was some hail damage that was particularly severe, particularly in the *Saint Estèphe* appellation. It is still too early to make any meaningful pronouncements, but it is clear that this will not be an easy vintage.

Regarding *Nobles Crus'* portfolio, there is much to report. Luck was on our side this month and we managed to find several wines for which we had been searching for some time. A sale from a magnificent private cellar enabled us to obtain a substantial quantity of Domaine Leflaive *Montrachet*, an extremely rare wine, of which only a few hundred bottles were produced and whose price exceeds that of the *Montrachet* from Domaine de la Romanée-Conti.

With a view to geographical diversification, we have begun to acquire some Screaming Eagle *Cabernet Sauvignon* from America. This is probably the Napa Valley's greatest wine which, incidentally, commands a substantially higher price than any of the Bordeaux premier cru (Château Lafite-Rothschild or Château Latour may seem expensive at EUR 1,000 a bottle, but Screaming Eagle can double or even triple this price depending on the vintage). We also purchased some Guigal *Côte Rôtie* (see our "Wine of the month") that was available at attractive prices. These wines are still relatively unknown on the international market but due to their exceptional quality their reputation is slowly growing and so we have taken the opportunity to increase our stocks. We also acquired a few classics, such as 1961 *Latour*, 1989 *Haut-Brion*, 1982 *Lafite-Rothschild*, 1978 *Hermitage La Chapelle* and even some 1945 *Latour*, along with some of Henri Mayer's *Echezeaux* and several others including Domaine de la Romanée-Conti. Lastly, we should mention two rather special recent additions to *Nobles Crus'* cellar: first, some 1961 *La Mission Haut-Brion*, a legendary wine that can be considered, with *Latour* and *Latour à Pomerol*, as the greatest wine of this exceptional vintage; and second, a 1795 *Madeira*, a veritable piece of history that enables *Nobles Crus'* collection of wines to span four centuries.

Net Asset Value at 30.09.2011

EUR 161.85

2011 Performance

+7.97 %

Assets Under Management

EUR 55,753,934.88

Wine of the month

La Mouline, La Landonne and La Turque 1999
Domaine Guigal

Taking over the reins from his father Etienne, Marcel Guigal was responsible, with Georges Vernay, for revitalising the great red wines of the northern Rhone Valley during the 60s and 70s and bringing some of them to a level that could be described as perfection. This is the case for the three legendary wines made primarily from Syrah – *La Mouline*, *La Landonne* and *La Turque* – which were all awarded 100 points by Robert Parker in the 1999 vintage. To appreciate the differences between these three wines requires a simultaneous horizontal tasting:



- *La Landonne* comes from the Côte Brune and is 100% Syrah. This is definitely the most robust, solid wine, with incredible power. It is still very closed and has many years before it will reach maturity and reveal its full potential.
- *La Mouline*, from the Côte Blonde, is the complete opposite: it is a feminine wine that already has much to offer. Made with a blend of 89% Syrah and 11% Viognier, it is one of the extremely rare cases in France where an AOC authorises a combination of red and white grapes. The Viognier smoothes the edges and gives the wine suppleness; the texture is both firm and silky. This wine will be able to age for many more years even though it already offers a degree of perfection.
- Finally *La Turque*, from the Côte Brune, is somewhat between the two, with a blend of 93% Syrah and 7% Viognier. Less structured than *La Landonne* and with less suppleness than *La Mouline*, *La Turque* can perhaps be characterised by its greater complexity, representing the perfect balance between power and voluptuousness.

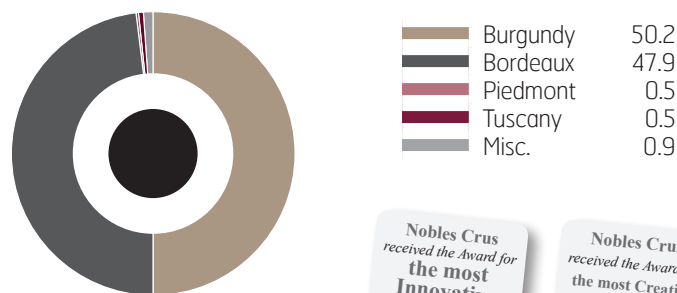
Similar and yet different, these three fine wines in the 1999 vintage are the quintessence of the very best that the Côte Rôtie has to offer.

Portfolio Overview

Wine	Castle	Region	Year
Romanée-Conti	Domaine de la Romanée-Conti	Burgundy	1990
Lafite-Rothschild (En-Pr)	Lafite-Rothschild	Bordeaux	2007
Latour (MG)	Latour	Bordeaux	1961
Carruades de Lafite-Rothschild (En-Pr)	Lafite-Rothschild	Bordeaux	2008
Lafite-Rothschild	Lafite-Rothschild	Bordeaux	1982
Richebourg	Henri Jay	Burgundy	1985
Mouton-Rothschild (MG)	Mouton-Rothschild	Bordeaux	1945
Ausone	Ausone	Bordeaux	2005
Richebourg	Henri Jay	Burgundy	1978
Vosne Romanée Cros Parantoux (MG)	Henri Jay	Burgundy	1990

(En-Pr) = En Primeur
(MG) = Magnum

Geographical Allocation (%)



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