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**PRICES REMAINED STRONG AT HART DAVIS HART'S FIRST WINE AUCTION  
 OF THE FALL SEASON ON SATURDAY IN CHICAGO**  
*Sale was 99% Sold and Tallied Almost \$4 Million Dollars*

(September 18, 2007; Chicago, IL)—Hart Davis Hart launched their fall season in Chicago on Saturday with a highly-charged auction of Finest & Rarest Wines, selling 99% of the lots and posting almost \$4 million in sales. A near capacity room of unusually active attendees competed with absentee bidders from 31 states as well as Brazil, Canada, China, France, Iceland, Japan, Macao, Mexico, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. The auction was held at highly acclaimed Tru Restaurant.

“We were delighted to welcome a room full of bidders on Saturday and based on the results of the auction we’re pleased to declare that the rare wine market remains alive and quite well,” commented Hart Davis Hart Vice Chairman Michael Davis.

Classified Bordeaux from top vintages continued a remarkable upward trend, particularly with the best vintages of the past two decades. Interest for these wines reached new heights with dramatic results, such as a double-magnum of Château Lafite 1982 (estimate \$4500-6500) that realized \$10,755, and a case of Château Latour 2000 (estimate \$7500-11,000) that sold to a live internet bidder for \$14,340. The top lot of the day was a case of Château Le Pin 1982 (estimate \$36,000-54,000) that sold for \$50,190.

Burgundy collectors were very active as well, and a rare Methuselah of La Tâche 2000 (estimate \$6500-9500) sold for \$19,120. Also, a three bottle offering of Romanée-Conti 2004 (estimate \$7,000-10,000) fetched \$14,340.

The auction was brimming with rare Californian wines, including a remarkable range of Harlan Estate and Screaming Eagle. Notable results included a single bottle of Screaming Eagle 1992 (estimate \$3500-5500) that sold for \$7767, and a 16-vintage magnum vertical of Staglin Family Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, offered by the Staglins to assist charities, that sold for \$29,875. “This auction was blessed with a plethora of exciting west coast wines for which demand remained consistently strong throughout the day,” noted President Paul Hart.

Additional singular results from Saturday’s auction include:

<b>Bordeaux</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Purchase Price</b>
12 btls. Château Lafite 1996	(\$6000-9000)	\$11,352
Double-magnum Château Haut-Brion 1982	(\$1800-2800)	\$4182

3 magnums Château Latour 1982	(\$6000-9000)	\$13,145
Imperial Château Mouton 1986	(\$4000-6000)	\$8962
12 btls. Château Haut-Brion 1989	(\$9500-14,000)	\$16,730
12 btls. Château Lafite 2000	(\$8500-\$13,000)	\$14,340

### **Burgundy**

Domaine de la Romanée Conti RC Assortment 1999	(\$8000-12,000)	\$15,535
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### **California Wines**

Double-magnum Harlan Estate 1991	(\$6000-9000)	\$13,145
Double-magnum Harlan Estate 1994	(\$15000-22,000)	\$19,120

### **Other**

Magnum Barbaresco, Gaja 1964	(\$600-900)	\$2390
6 bottles Salon Brut, Le Mesnil 1982	(\$1500-2200)	\$3107

**Sale Total \$3,850,014**

**99% Sold by Lot**

**99% Sold by Value**

“We are thrilled and gratified with today’s results, which bode well for the blockbuster auctions we are planning in the next three months” commented Chairman John Hart.

The Chicago-based firm host a stellar two-day auction on October 26-27, featuring several private cellars from the eastern seaboard and multiple collections from the West Coast, including a magnificent collection of Château Pétrus, large-format first-growth Bordeaux, an exciting range of rare Barolo and Barbaresco from Bruno Giacosa, and a special offering from Bodegas Vega Sicilia.

### **2007-2008 Auction Calendar**

October 26-27, 2007

December 1, 2007

February 2, 2008

March 15, 2008

May 3, 2008

June 21, 2008

September 13, 2008

October 25, 2008

December 6, 2008

### **About Hart Davis Hart Wine Co.**



Hart Davis Hart Wine Co. is both a dynamic retailer and an internationally prominent wine auction house, occupying a unique position in the rare wine market. We offer collectors and restaurateurs a broad range of options for buying and selling wines, providing unrivaled expertise and personalized service.

Founded in October 2004, Hart Davis Hart represents the alliance of three highly-respected industry leaders: John Hart, Michael Davis, and Paul Hart, with a combined experience of over 75 years in the rare wine business. John Hart, a renowned expert, has been a leader in the rare wine retail business for over three decades. With extensive careers at Christie’s, Davis & Company, and Sotheby’s, Michael Davis and Paul Hart are the most experienced wine auctioneers in America.

Hart Davis Hart has emerged as one of the most innovative and trusted sources for rare wines in America, with over 150 years of combined experience in the specialized field of fine and rare wines. No other firm can approach their level of expertise, network of relationships, or dedication to service.

Hart Davis Hart core services:

- Traditional Live Auctions
- Private Retail Services
- Online Sales
- Consultation

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