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HART DAVIS HART SELLS 100% OF LOTS IN CHICAGO: CLASSIC BORDEAUX IN LARGE FORMAT SOAR OVER HIGH ESTIMATES

(April 8, 2008; Chicago, IL)— Hart Davis Hart achieved their record fourth straight (and incredible sixth in seven) 100% sold auction in Chicago on Saturday. Bidders participated from 35 states as well as Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Iceland, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Monaco, Switzerland, Singapore, South Korea, Spain and the United Kingdom. Collectors gathered in the dining room of award-winning Tru Restaurant to compete against aggressive phone bidders, written commissions, as well as live internet bidders. The auction tallied \$2,950,814, soaring over the high end of the pre-sale estimate of \$1,709,400-\$2,551,320. Classic Bordeaux of impeccable provenance from the Victor K. Atkins consignment set the tone for the day. Six Magnums of 1959 Latour sold in the room for \$45,410 against an estimate of \$15,000-22,000, and 5 Magnums of 1961 Latour sold to a phone bidder from Monaco for \$43,020 against an estimate of \$14,000-20,000.

“It was such a delight to see so many beautiful old bottles in such remarkable condition,” noted Chairman John Hart. “The heavy bidding we saw from all over the world showed that our buyers shared in our excitement.”

Although Bordeaux accounted for the lion’s share of the highest prices achieved, the most expensive lot of the day, which brought \$59,750 against an estimate of \$36,000-54,000, consisted of 12 very rare 500-ml bottles of 1992 Screaming Eagle. 69 separate lots realized \$10,000 or more, attesting to the overall depth of the bidding.

The weekend began with the Hope Dream Live charity dinner at Tru, where over \$200,000 was raised in support of YMCA Camp Independence, a youth habilitation center assisting children and young adults with spina bifida.

Commented President Paul Hart: “We are so thankful to our clients for their support of Camp Independence, a charity that is near to our hearts. We are humbled by their continued generosity.”

Top Ten Lots

1. Lot 109: 12 half-liters of 1992 Screaming Eagle (est. \$36,000-54,000) at \$59,750
2. Lot 24: 6 magnums of 1959 Château Latour (est. \$15,000-22,000) at \$45,410
3. Lot 34: 5 magnums of 1961 Château Latour (est. \$14,000-20,000) \$43,020
4. Lot 287: 12 bottles of 1990 Château Pétrus (est. \$26,000-38,000) at \$38,240
5. Lot 48: 12 bottles of 1961 Château Trotanoy (est. \$22,000-32,000) at \$35,850
6. Lot 251: 12 bottles of 1982 Château Lafite-Rothschild (est. \$12,000-18,000) at \$31,070
7. Lot 76: 12 bottles of 1982 Château Lafite-Rothschild (est. \$12,000-18,000) at \$28,680
8. Lot 331: 11 bottles of 1982 Château Lafite-Rothschild (est. \$11,000-17,000) at \$28,680
9. Lot 263: 1 double-magnum of 1982 Château Pétrus (est. \$10,000-15,000) at \$23,900
10. Lot 56: 10 bottles of 1964 Château Pétrus (est. \$11,000-17,000) at \$22,705

Total hammer: \$ 2,469,300
Total aggregate: \$ 2,950,814
Percent sold by lot: 100%

2008 Auction Calendar

May 16-17, 2008
June 28, 2008
September 20, 2008
November 1, 2008
December 6, 2008

Bidding Information

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Hart Davis Hart's state-of-the-art technology allows bidders worldwide to participate in the Chicago-based live auctions via the Internet. Bidders can follow the auction in the salesroom, hear the live auction, and bid against the room, all in real-time. More details about the technology can be found at www.hdhwine.com.

Bidders are encouraged to attend the auction in person, but Hart Davis Hart welcomes bids by phone, fax, through the website, and via the new live-bid technology. For more information, contact Hart Davis Hart at 312.482.9996 or go to hdhwine.com.

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