



## PETRUS AND LAFITE-ROTHSCHILD ACHIEVE TOP PRICES AT HART DAVIS HART AUCTION IN CHICAGO ON JUNE 28th

(June 28, 2008; Chicago, IL)— The city of Chicago comes alive in the summer, which was clearly evident by the lively bidding in the auction room at Tru against aggressive absentee, internet, and phone bidders as Hart Davis Hart closed the first half of their 2008 schedule with another wildly successful auction. Prices again soared over the high end of the estimate, bringing \$3,315,086 against a pre-sale auction estimate of \$2,030,040-3,025,510. Bidders participated from 36 states and the District of Columbia as well as Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, Iceland, Japan, Mexico, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. A collection of Bordeaux from the cellar of hockey legend Mario Lemieux brought spirited competition among bidders from all over the world. Each of four cases of bottles, three cases of magnums, and a case of double magnums of 2000 Château Cheval Blanc from Mr. Lemieux's collection sold at the consistently-high price of \$13,145, against an estimate of \$6,500-9,500. In a show of continued strength from two longstanding auction favorites, wines from Château Pétrus and Château Lafite-Rothschild garnered nine of the ten top prices achieved.

"This was a wonderful way to end the first half of our year," noted President Paul Hart. "We appreciate the continued support of our buyers and consignors from Chicago, around the US, and all over the world."

In the first half of 2008, Hart Davis Hart sold \$15,353,188 over four auctions with a combined pre-sale estimate of \$9,239,750-13,797,909. Three of the four auctions were 100% sold, with the fourth sale at 99.33% by lot. With a mere 7 lots passing since September of 2007, the firm's sell-through rates were the highest in the industry, an important indicator of Hart Davis Hart's ability to reach the global audience of top wine buyers. Hart Davis Hart will soon be announcing a historically important single-owner wine auction, to be held at Tru in Chicago on September 19-20.

Commented Chairman John Hart: "Traditionally, New York and London have been considered the centers of the wine auction universe, and recently there has been a lot of excitement over developments in Hong Kong. With a major announcement soon to come about our exciting fall auction schedule, I am proud to predict that my hometown of Chicago will quite clearly stake its claim as a focal point of the international wine market by the end of 2008. Stay tuned!"

### Top Ten Lots:

1. Lot 10: 12 bottles of 1990 Pétrus (est. \$26,000-38,000) at **\$35,850**
1. Lot 544: 12 bottles of 1998 Pétrus (est. \$22,000-32,000) at **\$35,850**
1. Lot 981: 12 bottles of 1982 Lafite-Rothschild (est. \$16,000-24,000) at **\$35,850**
4. Lot 39: 12 bottles of 1998 Pétrus (est. \$22,000-32,000) at **\$31,070**
5. Lot 734: 12 bottle 1985 DRC Assortment (est. \$17,000-26,000) at **\$28,680**
6. Lot 51: 3 double magnums of 2000 Lafite-Rothschild (est. \$9,500-14,000) at **\$20,315**
7. Lot 59: 1 double magnum of 2000 Pétrus (est. \$10,000-15,000) at **\$19,120**
7. Lot 547: 12 bottles of 2000 Lafite-Rothschild (est. \$9,500-14,000) at **\$19,120**
9. Lot 98: 12 bottles of 2000 Lafite-Rothschild (est. \$9,500-14,000) at **\$17,925**
10. Lot 20: 12 bottles of 1995 Pétrus (est. \$12,000-18,000) at **\$16,730**

Total hammer: **\$2,774,130**  
 Total aggregate: **\$3,315,086**  
 Percent sold by lot: **99.33%**



## Upcoming September 19-20, 2008 auction

Details of a major single-owner collection to be sold during this two-day auction, and of surrounding events, will be released by Hart Davis Hart in the coming weeks.

## 2008 Auction Calendar

September 19 - 20, 2008

October 31 - November 1, 2008

December 6, 2008



## Bidding Information

Auction catalogs are available through the website or by calling Hart Davis Hart ([hdhwine.com](http://hdhwine.com); 312.482.9996.) The expanded website allows bidders to view and search the auction catalog and place absentee bids online.

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](http://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](http://hdhwine.com).

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