



**Hart Davis Hart Wine Co. Sells 100% Of Lots At Record-Breaking Fox Cellar Sale; Auction Exceeds Pre-sale Estimate With \$11.2 Million On September 19th & 20th In Chicago**

*(September 23, 2008—Chicago, IL)*— All eyes in the world of fine wine were on Chicago this weekend as Hart Davis Hart Wine Company sold one of the largest and most important single-owner wine collections to date. The Fox Cellar, whose pre-sale estimate was \$6.8-\$10.2 million, exceeded expectations with \$11,160,583 realized, becoming the fourth largest wine auction in history, and the largest cellar sold thus far in 2008. 100% of the 1746 lots on offer sold.

Bidders participated from 40 states as well as Australia, Brazil, Canada, Columbia, China, Denmark, France, Hong Kong, Japan, Macao, Mexico, New Zealand, The Netherlands, the Philippines, South Korea, Spain, Singapore, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. Bidders from Asia, Europe, and all over the United States traveled to Chicago to be a part of the exciting action at the auction, which took place at Tru restaurant.



President and CEO Paul Hart auctioneering Lot #341, the first case of 1982 Lafite on offer

“During these times of uncertainty in the financial markets, the relationships that we have built over decades with buyers from all over the world are invaluable, and the results bear this out,” noted Chairman John Hart. “I am thrilled for the consignor, and so proud of our team at Hart Davis Hart.”

An unprecedented selection of Château Lafite-Rothschild realized \$1,819,627 against a pre-sale estimate of \$1,067,200-1,598,700. The price achieved by the first lot of a seven case parcel of 1982 Château Lafite-Rothschild shattered the world record for the wine. It sold to a Chinese bidder in the room for \$54,970 against an estimate of \$20,000-30,000.



A case of 1982 Lafite sold for \$46,000 (aggregate \$54,970)

“There have been a lot of surprises in my 25-year career as a wine auctioneer, but I never thought that I would see a case of 1982 Lafite-Rothschild hammer above case lots of 1982 Pétrus in the same auction,” said Vice-Chairman Michael Davis. “The explosion in the worldwide demand for Lafite is astounding.”

The wines of Château Lafite-Rothschild were not the only star performers, as similarly large selections of wines from Haut-Brion, Latour, Margaux, Pétrus, and Domaine de la Romanée -Conti all soared over their respective pre-sale high estimates. The average lot value in the sale exceeded \$6300 per lot over 1746 lots, underscoring the enormous depth and breadth of the buying.

### Top Ten Lots (inclusive of 19.5% buyer's premium):

1. Lot 888: 1990 Romanée-Conti Domaine de la Romanée-Conti (12 btls.) at **\$179,250**
2. Lot 945: 1999 Romanée-Conti Domaine de la Romanée-Conti (12 btls.) at **\$107,550**
3. Lot 889: 1990 La Tâche Domaine de la Romanée-Conti (12 btls.) at **\$65,725**
4. Lot 895: 1995 Romanée-Conti Domaine de la Romanée-Conti (12 btls.) at **\$59,750**
5. Lot 1478: 2000 Château Pétrus (1 imperial (6L)) at **\$59,750**
6. Lot 944: 1999 Romanée-Conti Domaine de la Romanée-Conti (6 btls.) at **\$57,360**
7. Lot 1476: 2000 Château Pétrus (12 btls.) at **\$57,360**
8. Lot 1477: 2000 Château Pétrus (12 btls.) at **\$57,360**
9. Lot 1479: 2000 Château Pétrus (1 imperial (6L)) at **\$57,360**
10. Lot 341: 1982 Château Lafite-Rothschild (12 btls.) at **\$54,970**

Total hammer: **\$9,339,400.00**

Total aggregate: **\$11,160,583.25**

Percent sold by lot: **100%**

### Upcoming November 1, 2008 Auction

Our exciting upcoming auction will be held at Tru Restaurant in Chicago on November 1st. The session will begin at 9:00 a.m. with fantastic consignments including wines from Château Lafite Rothschild, Château Pétrus, Domaine de la Romanée-Conti and Screaming Eagle.

### 2008/2009 Auction Calendar

November 1, 2008

December 6, 2008

January 31, 2009



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maine de la Romanée-Conti  
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### About Hart Davis Hart Wine Co.

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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 nearly 90 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.

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