



Hart Davis Hart Sells 99.3% Of Lots As Collectors Turn Out In Large Numbers In Search Of Great Prices

(November 3, 2008—Chicago, IL)— Bidding at Hart Davis Hart remained strong this weekend, with \$3,034,655 realized against a pre-sale auction estimate of \$2,312,810 - \$3,456,490. While prices moderated from 2008 highs, the strong demand from enthusiastic room and internet buyers who turned out to take advantage of reasonable prices was remarkable. In a first for Hart Davis Hart, a live internet bidder came away with the largest invoice of the day.

“Buyers who have been waiting out the significant price increases of the last few years returned in large numbers to have a major effect on the sale,” said President and CEO Paul Hart. “The energy in the room was fantastic.”

The number of both domestic and international bidders remained consistent with past auctions with participation from 36 states as well as Brazil, Canada, China, Japan, Mexico, the Philippines, Switzerland, Singapore, Spain and the United Kingdom. Bids from overseas were adjusted to take into account the strengthening dollar. However, overall demand remained strong and the mood was decidedly upbeat.

Commented Chairman John Hart: “After decades in the wine industry we know that wine prices don’t always go straight up. Our buyers appreciate our rational approach to estimates, and it showed this weekend. This will be an exciting time for collectors from all over the world to re-stock their cellars at great prices.”

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

1. Lot 3: 2000 Château Pétrus 1 imp (6L) (est. \$40,000-60,000) at **\$41,825**
2. Lot 114: 1990 Domaine de la Romanée-Conti Assortment 12 bs (est. \$24,000-36,000) at **\$33,460**
3. Lot 395: 2005 Romanée-Conti Domaine de la Romanée-Conti 3 bs (est. \$30,000-45,000) at **\$33,460**.
4. Lot 115: 1990 Domaine de la Romanée-Conti Assortment 12 bs (est. \$24,000-36,000) at **\$31,070**
5. Lot 506: 1990 Château Pétrus 9 bs (est. \$19,000-28,000) at **\$28,680**.
6. Lot 82: 1982 Château Lafite-Rothschild 12 bs (est. \$16,000-\$24,000) at **\$26,290**
7. Lot 118: 1996 Romanée-Conti Domaine de la Romanée-Conti 6 bs (est. \$24,000-\$35,000) at **\$23,900**
8. Lot 83: 1982 Château Lafite-Rothschild 12 bs (est. \$16,000-\$24,000) at **\$22,705**
9. Lot 966: 2000 Château Ausone 12 bs (est. \$12,000-\$18,000) at **\$21,510**
10. Lot 452: 2000 Château Ausone 12 bs (est. \$12,000-\$18,000) at **\$21,510**

Total aggregate: **\$3,034,655**

Percent sold by lot: **99.29%**

2008/2009 Auction Calendar

December 6, 2008

January 31, 2009

March 14, 2009



2000 Château Pétrus 1 imp (6L)
(est. \$40,000-60,000) sold for \$41,825



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