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HART DAVIS HART WINE CO.'S 2006 AUCTION SEASON ENDS ON A HIGH NOTE WITH OVER \$2 MILLION SOLD AT THE DECEMBER 2ND SALE

*Principals Announced a Change of Venue for 2007 Auctions:
Critically-Acclaimed Tru Restaurant*

(December 6, 2006—Chicago, IL)—Hart Davis Hart Wine Co. completed their second year of auctions with another highly successful sale in Chicago, drawing bidders from 39 states as well as Brazil, Canada, China, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Japan, Macao, Singapore, Switzerland and United Kingdom. The sale tallied \$2,059,423, with over 94% of the lots selling by value. The firm's auction division posted \$13,768,950 in sales for 2006, a 45% increase over 2005.

"It was a great year, and we are pleased to have ended it on such a high note," commented Chairman John Hart. "There was a full house in the saleroom and the market remains very robust."

Continuing a recent trend, classified Bordeaux from the last two decades drew intense bidding, such as a case of Château Lafite 1986 (estimate \$3800-5500) that sold for \$8887, a case of Château Mouton 1986 (estimate \$4500-6500) that fetched \$9480, a case of Château La Mission-Haut-Brion 1989 (estimate \$4200-6500) that commanded \$9480, and a case of Château Latour 1996 (estimate \$2400-3500) that sold for \$5332. "Benchmark Bordeaux prices remained extremely strong in the Chicago market," commented Ben Nelson.

President Paul Hart commented, "The market is still reacting to the aggressive release prices of the 2005 Bordeaux. Bidders are obviously chasing other top vintages from the past twenty years, such as 1986, 1989, 1990, 1995/96, and 2000—they all look like bargains compared to the 2005s, and closer to their window of readiness and maturity."

There was once again fierce bidding for rare Burgundy, with phone bidders competing with bidders in the room throughout the day. The most notable results include a three bottle offering of 1935 Musigny, Georges de Vogue (estimate \$9000-14,000) that fetched \$20,145, a case of magnums of 1990 Bonnes-Mares from Roumier (estimate \$9000-14,000) that sold for \$18,960, and six bottles of 1964 Chambolle-Musigny, Les Amoureuses, Maison Leroy (estimate \$2400-3500) that realized \$4503.



Hart Davis Hart Wine Co. completed its second year of auctions on December 2nd.

“Rare French wines with top provenance continue to have a passionate following,” said CEO Michael Davis. “Bidders from all over the world were chasing the rarities today, creating some truly exciting moments in the saleroom.”

New world wines were also in top demand, including a six magnum vertical (1999-2002) of Harlan Estate (estimate \$4800-7500) that sold for \$8295.

Top Ten Lots

| Lot | Description | Buyer | Estimate | Realized |
|-----|---|------------------|-------------------|----------|
| 24 | Musigny Comte Georges de Vogüé 1935 (3 btls) | American Private | \$9000-\$14,000 | \$20,145 |
| 179 | Bonnes-Mares Georges Roumier 1990 (6 mags) | American Private | \$9000-\$14,000 | \$18,960 |
| 930 | Hermitage, Cuvée Cathelin J.L. Chave 1998 (1 methuselah (6l)) | American Private | \$11,000-\$17,000 | \$16,590 |
| 13 | Romanée-Conti Domaine de la Romanée-Conti 1934 (1 btl) | American Private | \$10,000-\$15,000 | \$13,035 |
| 158 | Château Haut-Brion 1989 (12 btls) | American Private | \$8,000-\$12,000 | \$13,035 |
| 924 | Chevalier-Montrachet Michel Niellon 1996 (12 btls) | American Private | \$8,000-\$12,000 | \$12,442 |
| 43 | Château Haut-Brion 1989 (12 btls) | American Private | \$8,000-\$12,000 | \$11,850 |
| 334 | Château Haut-Brion 1989 (12 btls) | American Private | \$8,000-\$12,000 | \$11,850 |
| 152 | Château Cheval-Blanc 1982 (12 btls) | American Trade | \$8,000-\$12,000 | \$11,257 |
| 335 | Château Haut-Brion 1989 (12 btls) | American Private | \$8,000-\$12,000 | \$11,257 |

Sold Total: \$2,059,424

(all figures inclusive of 18.5% buyer's premium)

Lots Offered: 1236

Sold by Lot: 90.37%

Lots Sold: 1116

Sold by Value: 94.06%

2007 Auctions to be held at Tru

Hart Davis Hart Wine Co. recently announced an exciting and important change of venue for their auctions of Finest & Rarest Wines in Chicago. Beginning with the first auction of 2007 scheduled for February 3rd, all sales will be held at award-winning restaurant Tru, located at 676 North St. Clair Street in the posh North Michigan Avenue retail district. Auction attendees will be seated in Tru's stunning art-filled dining room and will have the opportunity to enjoy the James Beard award-winning cuisine of Chef Rick Tramonto and Pastry Chef Gale Gand, and order wines from the 17,000-bottle cellar overseen by Scott Tyree, Wine Director. Attendance to the auction is open to the public and free of charge. Reservations for lunch at Tru during the auction (\$75) should be made by calling Hart Davis Hart at 312.482.9996 or by emailing Julie Dion, jdion@hdhwine.com.



“Hart Davis Hart is thrilled with our new venue and association,” noted President Paul Hart. “We have always admired the deep commitment to quality and service from Rick, Gale, and Scott. They have made TRU a unique and friendly destination, and we are very excited to be associated with one of the premier restaurants in the world.”

Hart Davis Hart Wine Co. auctions will be held award winning restaurant Tru beginning in 2007.

For more information about Hart Davis Hart Wine Co.'s auctions at Tru restaurant, go to http://www.hdhwine.com/resources/content/1/4/7/documents/HDHTru_07.pdf.

A few days prior to the February 3rd auction, Hart Davis Hart plans to hold an exclusive Bordeaux tasting. More information will be released on this special event in the coming weeks.

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 unrivalled expertise and personalized service of the highest integrity.

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, and is now the largest wine firm of its kind outside of New York and London.

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- Traditional Live Auctions
- Private Retail Services
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- Consultation

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