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**HART DAVIS HART WINE CO. CELEBRATES NEW AUCTION VENUE AT TRU RESTAURANT WITH OVER \$3 MILLION SOLD AT THE FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> SALE**  
*Bordeaux, Burgundy from Rousseau and Harlan Highlight*  
*Standing-Room Only Auction at Tru*

(February 6, 2007; Chicago, IL)—On Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Hart Davis Hart Wine Co. celebrated their new auction venue with a spectacular auction of Finest & Rarest Wines at critically-acclaimed Tru restaurant in Chicago. Attracting bidders from 39 states as well as Puerto Rico, Japan, Brazil, Germany, Iceland, Macau, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, and Canada, over 97% of the lots sold, and the auction tallied over \$3 million. The top lots of the day were Domaine de la Romanée-Conti Superlots, featuring every wine made at the domaine in jeroboams from the 1995 and 1996 vintages. Each lot sold for \$89,625 to an enthusiastic bidder in the room.

“We had a tremendous response to the auction and the new venue. We processed our usual multitude of absentee bidders and hosted a full house at Tru,” noted Chairman John Hart. “At certain times of the day it was standing-room only.”

Continuing demand for classic French wines prevailed throughout the auction, with significant results including a magnum of Château La Mission-Haut-Brion 1945 (estimate \$4500-6500) that sold for \$10,157.50, a case of Château Mouton 1986 (estimate \$5000-7500) that fetched \$8,962.50, and a case of Château Pétrus 1995 (estimate \$12,000-18,000) that commanded \$21,510. The 1982 Bordeaux vintage was highly-sought, such as a case of Château Mouton (estimate \$7500-11,000) that brought \$13,145, a case of Château Margaux (\$6000-9000) that sold for \$11,950, and a case of Château Pétrus (\$30,000-45,000) that commanded \$53,775. Vintage 2000 Bordeaux sparked intense bidding, pushing many to new heights, such as a case of Château Latour (estimate \$6000-9000) that sold for \$14,340 and a case of Château Margaux (estimate \$7000-10,000) that brought the same price.

Collectors chased fine Burgundy at the auction as well. An extensive selection from Rousseau attracted much attention. For example, a single bottle of 1964 Chambertin, Clos de Bèze (estimate \$1800-2400) sold for \$7,767, and a case of Chambertin 1993 (estimate \$5500-8500) brought \$13,145. Wines from the Domaine de la Romanée-Conti created excitement. In addition to the jeroboam Superlots, six bottles of Romanée-Conti 1999 (estimate \$26,000-40,000) sold for \$35,850, three magnums of Romanée-Conti 2003 (estimate \$30,000-40,000) brought \$50,190, and a jeroboam of La Tâche 1990 (estimate \$26,000-38,000) fetched \$41,825.

Top California wines were also highly sought, such as a six-bottle case of Harlan 1997 (estimate \$5500-8500), which sold for \$11,950. Screaming Eagle was also caught up in

bidding frenzies, with 3-bottle offerings of the 1996, 1997, 1998, and 1999 selling for \$8962, \$10,157, \$3824, and \$5019 respectively.

“On the night before the auction we hosted an intimate dinner at Tru that featured a complete vertical of Harlan,” commented Vice Chairman Michael Davis. “The wines were all extraordinary so we were not surprised to witness strong interest in Harlan and other top California wines.”

“All in all we had a very exciting weekend, and both our staff and clients are thrilled with our new venue at Tru,” noted President Paul Hart.

(All figures inclusive of 19.5% buyer’s premium)

**Top Ten Lots**

<b>Lot</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Realized</b>
257	Mixed Lot, 1995 Romanée-Conti Domaine de la Romanée-Conti (1 Jeroboam (3L)); 1995 La Tâche Domaine de la Romanée-Conti (1 Jeroboam (3L)); 1995 Grands-Echézeaux Domaine de la Romanée-Conti (1 Jeroboam (3L)); 1995 Romanée-St.-Vivant Domaine de la Romanée-Conti	\$100,000-150,000	\$89,625
258	Mixed Lot, 1996 Romanée-Conti Domaine de la Romanée-Conti (1 Jeroboam (3L)); 1996 La Tâche Domaine de la Romanée-Conti (1 Jeroboam (3L)); 1996 Richebourg Domaine de la Romanée-Conti (1 Jeroboam (3L)); 1996 Romanée-St.-Vivant Domaine de la Romanée-Conti	\$100,000-150,000	\$89,625
6	1982 Château Pétrus (12 btls)	\$30,000-45,000	\$53,775
124	2003 Romanée-Conti Domaine de la Romanée-Conti (3 mags)	\$30,000-45,000	\$50,190
251	1999 Romanée-Conti Domaine de la Romanée-Conti (1 jeroboam (3l))	\$40,000-60,000	\$47,800
247	1990 La Tâche Domaine de la Romanée-Conti (1 jeroboam (3l))	\$26,000-38,000	\$41,825
227	1998 Château Pétrus (1 imp (6l))	\$20,000-30,000	\$38,240
228	2000 Château Cheval-Blanc (1	\$40,000-60,000	\$38,240

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256	(3l))	2001 Romanée-Conti Domaine de la Romanée-Conti (1 jeroboam)	\$35,000-55,000	\$38,240
73		1999 Romanée-Conti Domaine de la Romanée-Conti (6 btls)	\$26,000-40,000	\$35,850

#### **Auctions 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 auction held on February 3, 2007, all sales are now 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. Hart Davis Hart will hold their next auction at Tru on March 31, 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](http://www.hdhwine.com/resources/content/1/4/7/documents/HDHTru_07.pdf)

#### **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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