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HART DAVIS HART WINE CO. SELLS OVER \$2 MILLION AT JUNE 24th AUCTION IN CHICAGO

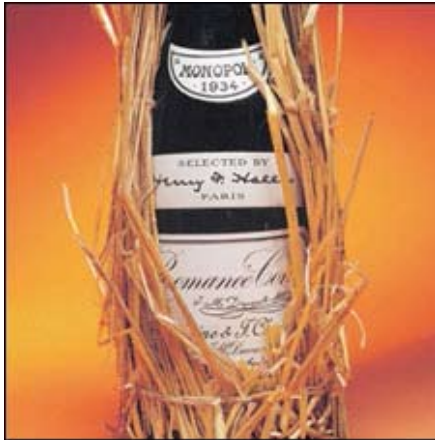
(June 26, 2006—Chicago, IL) With the participation of collectors from 38 states, along with Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Germany, Iceland, Indonesia, Japan and Singapore, Hart Davis Hart held a highly successful auction at the Chicago Athletic Association. The auction posted very impressive statistics, with 97% of the lots selling and a total sold of \$2,001,055.

The most exciting single item of the day was a remarkably rare bottle of Romanée-Conti 1934 with exceptional provenance. Estimated at \$4500-6500, the pedigree of the bottle attracted intense interest among international collectors and it sold for \$16,520. "The bottle of Romanée-Conti was truly breathtaking, with an indisputable history," stated Michael Davis. "The price achieved was a testament to the importance of provenance."



View from the Chicago Athletic Association.

Among the highlights of the auction was an impressive consignment of large format bottles offered on behalf of Shari and Garen Staglin of Staglin Vineyards (estimate \$62,520-93,180) which brought \$126,909. Most of the bottles were acquired by the Staglins from the Rusty Staub Foundation Charity Auction and the bottles were consigned to Hart Davis Hart in order to raise further funds for the Rusty Staub Foundation. "The Staglin collection created some real excitement, drawing the participation of several bidders on the telephones and in the room" noted Paul Hart. "The bottles were from top estates and in very unusual format, so we were frankly not surprised by the response." Singular results included a Methuselah of La Tâche 1996 (estimate \$10,000-16,000) which brought \$18,880, a Methuselah of La Tâche 2000 (estimate \$4000-6000) that commanded \$10,030, a mammoth Balthazar of Hermitage La Chapelle 2000 (estimate \$3200-4800) which sold for \$12,980, and an exceedingly rare double magnum of Bryant Family 1993 (estimate \$3000-4500) that fetched \$8260.



A bottle of 1934 Romanée-Conti sold for \$16,520.

Classic Bordeaux was highly sought throughout the day, with singular results including two magnums of Cheval-Blanc 1953 (estimate \$3000-4500) that realized \$8850, a case of Cheval-Blanc 1982 (estimate \$6000-9000) which commanded \$11,210, a case of magnums of Leoville-Las-Cases 1982 (estimate \$3200-4800) that sold for \$6490, and a single double-magnum of Lafite 1982 (estimate \$3500-5500) that fetched \$6490.

The release prices of the 2005 futures campaign caused upward pressure on the prices of recent top Bordeaux vintages. The heralded 2000 Bordeaux vintage attracted very strong interest: a case of Latour (est. \$3800-5500) brought \$7080, a case of Lafite-Rothschild (est. \$3800-5500) brought \$6490, and a 6-bottle lot of Margaux (est. \$2200-3200) sold for a staggering \$4720.

“We are preparing for what will be a very exciting Fall season, including the benefit for the Village Foundation to be held at Tru on September 28,” said John Hart. “We look forward to announcing some very exciting collections that are coming onto the market.”

Top Ten Lots

Lot	Description	Buyer	Estimate	Realized
215	1990 La Tâche DRC (6 btls)	US Private	\$9,500-\$14,000	\$18,880
241	1996 La Tâche DRC (1 methuselah (6L))	US Private	\$10,000-\$15,000	\$18,880
288	1949 Château La Conseillante (10 btls)	US Private	\$9,000-\$14,000	\$18,880
662	1934 Romanée-Conti (1 btl)	US Private	\$4,500-\$6,500	\$16,520
42	1999 Romanée-Conti (3 btls.)	US Private	\$9,000-\$14,000	\$15,340
43	1999 DRC Assortment	US Private	\$9,000-\$14,000	\$15,340
262	2000 Hermitage, La Chapelle Paul Jaboulet Ainé (1 balthazar (12L))	US Private	\$3,200-\$4,800	\$12,980
6	1982 Château Cheval-Blanc (12 btls.)	US Private	\$6,000-\$9,000	\$11,210
1116	1982 Château Mouton-Rothschild (12 btls.)	Iceland Private	\$6,000-\$9,000	\$10,620
210	1988 La Tâche DRC (12 btls.)	US Private	\$6,000-\$9,000	\$10,030
242	2000 La Tâche DRC (1 methuselah (6L))	US Private	\$4,000-\$6,000	\$10,030
750	1989 Château Haut-Brion (1 jeroboam (5L))	US Private	\$4,000-\$6,000	\$10,030
1052	2001 DRC Assortment	US Private	\$6,000-\$9,000	\$10,030

Sold Total: \$2,001,055
(all figures inclusive of 18% buyer's premium)

Lots Offered: 1,266 Sold by Lot: 97%
Lots Sold: 1,222 Sold by Value: 98%

Village Foundation Charity Wine Auction

On Thursday, September 28th, Hart Davis Hart Wine Co. will hold a charity wine auction and an evening of extraordinary cuisine and rare wines at world-renowned restaurant TRU, located at 676 N. St. Clair Street. The event will benefit The Village Foundation, assisting children and young adults with spina bifida to make the



transition to independent living. This event will provide donors with an extraordinarily intimate and unique food and wine experience, while simultaneously raising funds for The Village Foundation. Guests will be greeted with a Dom Pérignon reception featuring the highly regarded 1998 vintage. A multi-course dinner, donated by Tru, will begin with the never-before released vintage of **1998 Dom Pérignon Rosé** during the first course, followed by an incredible selection of fine and rare wines, including **2000 La Tâche, Domaine de la Romanée Conti, 1982 Léoville-Las-Cases** from imperials and **1988 d'Yquem** from imperials.



A live auction of ten to fifteen lots of truly exceptional wine and lifestyle packages will take place during the dinner. Tickets for the evening are \$1,500 per person. Please contact Julie Dion at Hart Davis Hart at 312.573.5597 or email her at jdion@hdhwine.com to purchase tickets.

Highlights of September Auction

The September charity event precedes Hart Davis Hart's first commercial auction of the Fall season, which will take place at the Chicago Athletic Association, located at 12 South Michigan Ave., on September 29 & 30. The sale will feature many choice consignments and is expected to be the most exciting auction of the year to date for Hart Davis Hart Wine Co.

2006 Auction Calendar

Date of Auction	Deadline for Receipt of Property
September 29-30, 2006	July 31, 2006
October 27-28, 2006	August 28, 2006
December 1-2, 2006	October 2, 2006

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. Hart Davis Hart offers collectors and restaurants 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.

Hart Davis Hart core services:

- Traditional Live Auctions
- Private Retail Services
- Online Sales
- Consultation

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