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## PRICES FOR CLASSIC FRENCH WINES REMAINED HIGH AT HART DAVIS HART WINE CO.'S SEPTEMBER AUCTION

(October 4, 2006—Chicago, IL)—Chicago-based Hart Davis Hart Wine Co. held their largest auction to date on September 29th and 30th. The two-day auction of 1,991 lots tallied a total of \$3,295,929, with bidders participating from 38 states as well as Brazil, China, Japan, Singapore, Switzerland, Iceland, Indonesia, UK, Canada and France. During the second session the auction was held before a full house, and ultimately 97.1% of the lots sold by lot.

The auction was preceded by a gala dinner and benefit auction on Thursday, September 28th to benefit The Village Foundation. Held at the famed restaurant Tru, collectors from Chicago, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Nashville, and Paris, attended the event and over \$100,000 was raised to benefit young adults affected by spina bifida. "This was a very eventful three days", noted President Paul Hart. "On Thursday night we shared great wine and food with old friends and new acquaintances while benefiting a charity, all of which helped set a very upbeat tempo for the two-day auction on Friday and Saturday."



View from the Chicago Athletic Association.

Demand remained very strong for classic French wines, with examples from the past four decades achieving stellar results. The top lot of the auction was a case of Château Petrus 1982 (estimate \$19,000-28,000) which commanded \$37,920. A case of Château Lafite from the same vintage (estimate \$6,500-9,500) fetched \$13,035. Château La Mission-Haut-Brion was in high favor, with a five-bottle offering of the 1961 vintage (estimate \$8,000-12,000) bringing \$14,220, a case of the 1982 (estimate \$3,200-4,800) fetching \$6,517, and a case of the 1989 (estimate \$4,200-6,500) commanding \$7,702. The 1996 vintage attracted strong interest as well, with a case of Château Lafite (estimate \$3,200-4,800) bringing \$5,925. Other singular Bordeaux results include an imperial of Château Latour 1990 (estimate \$4,500-6,500) that fetched \$7,702, and a case of Château d'Yquem 1975 (estimate \$5,500-8,500) that commanded \$10,665.



A 1971 Romanée Conti magnum sold for \$18,960.

Rare Burgundy was also featured in the auction, with the top result being an exceptional jeroboam of Romanée-Conti 1995 (estimate \$17,000-25,000) that brought \$22,515. Other notable Burgundy lots included a magnum of Romanée-Conti 1971 (estimate \$15,000-22,000) that fetched \$18,960. "Fine Burgundy continues to be in extremely high demand" commented CEO Michael Davis. "Our team of bidding agents were very active on the telephones with bidders who were seeking rare bottles from top producers."

Cult wines from California also attracted considerable attention, such as a six-bottle offering of Harlan Estate 1997 (estimate \$2,600- 3,800) that brought \$5332, and three bottles of Screaming Eagle 1997 (estimate \$3,800-5,000) which sold for \$6517.

"The auction was suffused with energy and the market remains solid and robust" said Chairman John Hart, "we are excited about the rest of our season, with upcoming auctions in October and December."

### Top Ten Lots

Lot	Description	Buyer	Estimate	Realized
2	Château Pétrus 1982 (12 btls)	American Trade	\$19,000-\$28,000	\$37,920
155	Romanée Conti, Domaine de la Romanée Conti 1995 (Jeroboam (3l))	American Trade	\$17,000-\$25,000	\$22,515
950	Romanée Conti, Domaine de la Romanée Conti 1971 (Magnum)	American Private	\$15,000-\$22,000	\$18,960
80	Château Pétrus 1995 (12 btls)	American Private	\$7,000-\$10,000	\$14,220
112	Château La Mission-Haut-Brion 1961 (5 btls.)	American Private	\$8,000-\$12,000	\$14,220
24	Château Pétrus 1989 (6 btls)	American Private	\$8,500-\$13,000	\$13,035
436	Château Lafite-Rothschild 1982 (12 btls)	Asian Private	\$6,500-\$9,500	\$13,035
919	Château Pétrus 1990 (6 btls)	Swiss Private	\$9,000-\$14,000	\$13,035
1214	La Tâche, Domaine de la Romanée-Conti 1996 (12 btls)	American Private	\$9,500-\$14,000	\$13,035
793	Château Latour 1982	American Trade	\$7,500-\$11,000	\$11,850

**Sold Total:** \$3,295,929  
(all figures inclusive of 18.5% buyer's premium)

Lots Offered: 1,991

Sold by Lot: 97.1%

Lots Sold: 1,931

Sold by Value: 97.25%

Hart Davis Hart's next auction will take place on Saturday, October 28th, and will feature lots from the personal collection of Mario Lemieux, hockey Hall of Famer and one of the greatest athletes of the 20th Century. The auction will take place beginning at 9:00 am at the Chicago Athletic Association, a historic private club in downtown Chicago located at 12 S. Michigan Ave. For more information or to order a catalog, go to [www.hdhwine.com](http://www.hdhwine.com).

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