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## CLASSIC BURGUNDY AND BORDEAUX COMMANDED STRONG PRICES AT HART DAVIS HART'S OCTOBER SALE

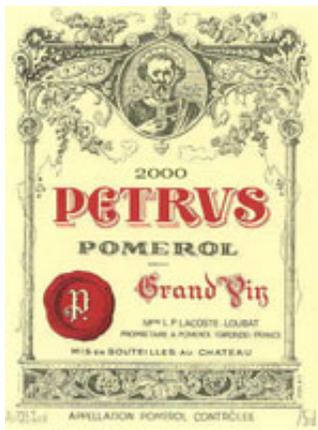
*Sale Featured 2000 Bordeaux from the Cellar of Hockey Hall of Fame's Mario Lemieux*

(November 1, 2006—Chicago, IL)—Hart Davis Hart held their fourth auction of the year over the weekend, and once again the Chicago-based firm posted stellar results, with 98% of the lots selling by value. Bidders participated from 37 states, as well as Brazil, Canada, Iceland, United Kingdom, along with several Asian countries. By the end of the day nearly one-third of the lots were hammered down above their pre-auction estimates, and the auction tallied over \$1.8 million.

The auction kicked off with a selection of the magnificent 2000 vintage Bordeaux from the cellar of Hockey Hall-of-Famer Mario Lemieux. The highlight of his consignment was an imperial of Château Pétrus 2000 (estimate \$30,000-45,000) which commanded \$53,325. "Our clients include entertainment superstars, senators, and prominent CEOs" noted Vice President Ben Nelson, "but there is only one Mario Lemieux. We were thrilled to offer his great wines."



Hockey Hall of Famer Mario Lemieux.



Mr. Lemieux's consignment included a rare imperial of 2000 Chateau Petrus, which sold for \$53,325.

Another notable consignment was a selection of mature wines offered by a West Coast gentleman who has been actively collecting since 1957. Highlights of his consignment included a 4 magnum lot of Château Lafite 1959 (\$16,000-24,000) that fetched \$23,700, a single bottle of Château La-Mission-Haut-Brion 1961 (estimate \$1200-1800) that commanded \$2844, 3 bottles of Château d'Yquem 1945 (estimate \$4500-6500) that sold for \$8295, and a 5-bottle offering of rare Romanée-Conti 1962 (estimate \$22,000-32,000) that was knocked down at \$35,550. "The overall condition of this cellar was astonishing, and the results clearly demonstrate the importance of provenance in this market" noted CEO Michael Davis.

Other singular Bordeaux highlights of the auction included a double-magnum of Château Pétrus 1982 (estimate \$10,000-15,000) that brought \$16,590, a double-magnum of Château Pétrus 1989 (estimate \$6000-9000) that commanded \$16,590, a case of Château Haut-Brion 1989 (estimate \$6500-9500) which sold for \$11,850, and a single bottle of Château Cheval-Blanc 1947 (estimate \$2800-4200) that commanded \$5925.

Classic Burgundy continued to spark intense interest, such as a rare bottle of Romanée-Conti 1934 (estimate \$10,000-15,000) that brought \$20,145, DRC Assortments from 1996 (\$7,000-10,000) and 1999 (estimate \$10,000-15,000) that commanded \$14,220 and \$16,590 respectively, and a magnum of La Tâche 1990 (estimate \$4000-6000) that brought \$8887.

Additional results included a 3 bottle offering of Screaming Eagle 1997 (estimate \$4000-6000) that realized \$7702, and a 6 bottle lot of Harlan 2002 (estimate \$2600-3800) that sold for \$5332, and a 3 bottle lot of the rare Terrantez Madeira 1795 (estimate \$4800-7500) that commanded \$10,072.

“We saw a very healthy fusion of bids in the room with telephone or other absentee bidders, which always creates a dynamic and interesting day,” commented President Paul Hart. “We look forward to completing another highly successful year of auctions with our upcoming December 2nd sale.”

## Top Ten Lots

| Lot  | Description   | Buyer            | Estimate          | Realized |
|------|---|------------------|-------------------|----------|
| 11   | Château Pétrus 2000 (1 imperial (6l))<  | American Private | \$30,000-\$45,000 | \$53,325 |
| 162< | Romanée Conti, Domaine de la Romanée Conti 1962 (5 btls)  | American Private | \$22,000-\$32,000 | \$35,550 |
| 97   | Château Mouton-Rothschild 1945 (3 btls)   | American Private | \$12,000-\$18,000 | \$23,700 |
| 110  | Château Lafite-Rothschild 1959 (4 magnums)  | American Private | \$16,000-\$24,000 | \$23,700 |
| 420  | Romanée Conti, Domaine de la Romanée Conti 1934 (1 btl)   | American Private | \$10,000-\$15,000 | \$20,145 |
| 41   | Romanée Conti, Domaine de la Romanée Conti 1999 (1 btl)   | American Private | \$10,000-\$15,000 | \$16,590 |
| 419  | Château Pétrus 1982 (1 dbl. magnum (3l))  | American Private | \$10,000-\$15,000 | \$16,590 |
| 470  | Romanée Conti, Domaine de la Romanée Conti assortment 1999:<br>Romanée-Conti (1btl)<br>La Tâche (3 btls)<br>Richebourg (2 btls)<br>Romenée-St.-Vivant (2 btls)<br>Grands-Echézeaux (2 btls)<br>Echézeaux (2 btls) | American Private | \$10,000-\$15,000 | \$16,590 |
| 574  | Château Pétrus 1989 (1 dbl magnum (3l))   | American Private | \$6,000-\$9,000   | \$16,590 |
| 7    | Château Cheval-Blanc 2000 (1 imperial (6l))   | American Private | \$10,000-\$15,000 | \$15,405 |

**Sold Total:** \$1,834,593

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

Lots Offered: 963

Sold by Lot: 96.3%

Lots Sold: 927

Sold by Value: 98.2%

Hart Davis Hart's next auction will take place on Saturday, December 2nd at Chicago Athletic Association, located at 12 S. Michigan Ave. For more information or to order a catalog, please call 312.482.9996 or go to [www.hdhwine.com](http://www.hdhwine.com).

## 2006-2007 Auction Calendar

- December 2, 2006
- February 3, 2007
- March 31, 2007

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