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HART DAVIS HART WINE CO. BREAKS WINE AUCTION RECORDS IN CHICAGO
September 17th Auction Fetches Record Total--\$2.2 Million

(September 19—Chicago, IL)— Hart Davis Hart launched its Fall wine auction season on Saturday in Chicago with a highly charged auction that tallied \$2.2 million, a record total for a commercial wine auction in Chicago. 97% of the lots sold by value. The sale exceeded its pre-auction estimate, with roughly one third of the lots soaring above their individual estimates. Bidders participated from 34 states, as well as Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, Iceland, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Singapore, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

The core of the auction was an extensive selection from an important American collector, which was brimming with many of the greatest wines of the 20th Century. Strong results were achieved throughout the consignment, including a double magnum of Chateau Petrus 1961 (estimate \$17,000-22,000) that sold to a North American collector for \$35,100. “We were thrilled to begin our season with such a spectacular sale” commented Michael Davis, President & CEO, “there was intense interest in older wines with impeccable provenance and many of the results were dramatic.” The singular selection from an important American collector realized \$1,679,020, the highest total ever achieved at auction in Chicago for a single collection.

Rare Burgundy was in high demand, with notable results including a case of La Tache, DRC 1990 (estimate \$15,000-20,000) that fetched \$28,080, a DRC Assortment case from the same vintage (estimate \$10,000-14,000) that commanded \$21,060, and a two bottle offering of the rare Musigny 1949 from Comte Georges de Vogue (estimate \$5000-6500) that sold for \$12,870. “Phone bidders were particularly active throughout the day,” noted Paul Hart, President & COO, “and the competition for fine Burgundy was particularly fierce.”

The next auction for Hart Davis Hart will be in November. Originally scheduled for November 19, the auction has been expanded to accommodate a groundswell of exciting consignments, and will now be held on Friday, November 18 as well as Saturday, November 19. “We are delighted to extend the auction over two days” says John Hart, Chairman, “a growing number of collectors now view Chicago as a dynamic venue for buying and selling wines.”

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TOP TEN LOTS

Lot	Description	Estimate	Realized	Buyer
248	1961 Château Pétrus (1 double magnum)	\$17,000-22,000	\$35,100	N. American Private
140	1990 La Tâche Domaine de la Romanée-Conti (12 btls.)	\$15,000-20,000	\$28,080	N. American Trade
139	1990 La Tâche Domaine de la Romanée-Conti (12 btls.)	\$15,000-20,000	\$25,740	N. American Private
141	1990 Domaine de la Romanée-Conti Assortment (12 btls.)	\$10,000-14,000	\$21,060	N. American Private
252	1982 Château Pétrus (5 btls.)	\$8,000-11,000	\$12,870	N. American Trade
526	1949 Musigny, Comte Georges de Vogue (2 btls.)	\$5,000-6,500	\$12,870	N. American Trade
183	1949 Château Mouton-Rothschild (6 btls.)	\$7,500-10,000	\$11,700	N. American Trade
251	1975 Château Pétrus (13 btls.)	\$7,000-9,000	\$11,700	N. American Trade
856	1997 Screaming Eagle Cabernet Sauvignon (6 btls.)	\$6,000-8,000	\$10,530	N. American Trade
256	1989 Château Pétrus (6 btls.)	\$6,000-8,000	\$10,238	N. American Trade

About Hart Davis Hart Wine Co.

In October 2004, Michael Davis and Paul Hart, the most experienced wine auctioneers in America, partnered with world-renowned fine wine purveyor John Hart of John Hart Fine Wine to form Hart Davis Hart Wine Co. The company combines live wine auctions with a state-of-the-art wine website and retail operation, and is backed by a trusted and highly experienced team, offering the most personalized service of any fine and rare wine company in the United States.

Auction catalogs for the November sale will be available through the website or by calling Hart Davis Hart (hdhwine.com; 312.482.9996.) Individual catalogs are \$25 (\$39 international), and annual subscriptions, providing at least four catalogs, are \$80 (\$120 international). The expanded website allows bidders to view and search the auction catalog and place absentee bids online.

Bidders are encouraged to attend the auction in person, but Hart Davis Hart welcomes bids by phone, fax or through the website. Bidding procedures and Conditions of Sale are outlined in the Auction Catalogue. Buyer's premium is 17% of the hammer price. For more information, contact Hart Davis Hart at 312.482.9996 or go to hdhwine.com.

Many of the company's clients opt to purchase wine through their sophisticated website, hdhwine.com. The retail selection at Hart Davis Hart includes the best new releases, along with rare wines sourced from private cellars with impeccable provenance. The inventory is updated daily and may be searched by vintage, rating, keyword and price.

To view a complete list of hammer prices from the September 17th sale, visit hdhwine.com. For more information on upcoming auctions and buying and selling wine through Hart Davis Hart Wine Co., please contact Hart Davis Hart at 312.482.9996 or visit hdhwine.com.

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