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**HART DAVIS HART WINE CO. BREAKS OWN RECORD FOR LARGEST AND
HIGHEST GROSSING WINE AUCTION IN CHICAGO HISTORY,
DRAWING NEARLY \$3.5 MILLION**

Unprecedented Two-day Sale November 18th and 19th Garnered Unprecedented Results

(November 22—Chicago, IL)— Hart Davis Hart Wine Co. held a blockbuster two-day auction in Chicago on Friday and Saturday, November 18th and 19th, closing a highly successful first year of wine auctions. The auction tallied nearly \$3.5 million, setting a new record for the largest wine auction ever held in the 25 year history of wine auctions in Chicago. This breaks a record set by Hart Davis Hart only two months ago when \$2.2 million was sold at the company's September sale. Bidders participated from 33 states as well as Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, Indonesia, Iceland, Japan, Puerto Rico, Singapore, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. Roughly one third of the lots achieved prices above the pre-auction estimates. 97% of the lots sold, and an astonishing 99% sold by value.

"We are thrilled with the response to the auction, particularly since the sale spanned a two-day period. There were an enormous number of absentee bidders competing against a very active sale room. The room was nearly full on Friday, and most of the bidders returned on Saturday, including bidders from China, Singapore and both coasts of the U.S." noted John Hart, Chairman. "The extensive private cellar that dominated the Friday session drew intense interest, and the collection greatly exceeded its pre-auction estimate, realizing nearly \$1.1 million on its own," Hart added.

The top lot of the auction was a thirty-bottle vertical collection of a Californian cult wine, Screaming Eagle. Consisting of three bottles of every vintage produced to date (1992-2002), the unique lot brought \$47,970, selling to a North American private collector. One of the most interesting lots of the auction was an extremely rare and hand-blown marie-jeanne (the equivalent of approximately 3 btls.) of Chateau Haut-Brion 1918. The magnificent bottle had been estimated to bring \$10,000-15,000, but after an intense round of bidding, the bottle sold for \$25,470.

"We made a decision to move the auction venue from the second floor to the Main Dining Room of the Chicago Athletic Association. The room has a commanding view of Millennium Park and was filled with sunlight throughout both days. The sunny view did its part to maintain the energy level in the saleroom," said President & COO Paul Hart.

Hart Davis Hart held its first auction in January 2005, and closes its first full year of auctions with total auction sales of \$9.6 million. "We've had a very exciting and gratifying first year of auctions. In a highly competitive niche market, we exceeded our projections. Hart Davis Hart is now well-positioned in the wine auction market, and we look forward to building on our great success in 2006," commented Michael Davis, President and CEO.

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TOP TEN LOTS

Lot	Description	Buyer	Estimate	Realized
1463	Screaming Eagle Vertical Collection (30 btls.)	NA Private	\$40,000-60,000	\$47,970
1724	Petrus 1982 (12 btls.)	NA Private	\$20,000-30,000	\$28,080
218	Haut-Brion 1918 (1 marie-jeanne)	NA Private	\$10,000-15,000	\$25,740
1420	Petrus 1989 (12 btls.)	NA Private	\$11,000-16,000	\$18,720
1723	Petrus 1975 (12 btls.)	NA Private	\$10,000-15,000	\$15,210
1746	Romanee-Conti Collection 1990 (11 btls.)	NA Private	\$10,000-15,000	\$15,210
1371	Petrus 1975 (10 btls.)	NA Private	\$8000-12,000	\$12,870
633	Chambertin, Rousseau 1969 (2 btls.)	NA Private	\$1200-1800	\$11,700
102	Batard-Montrachet, Michel Niellon 1992 (12 btls)	NA Dealer	\$5000-7500	\$9945
1465	Haut-Brion 1989 (6 magnums)	NA Private	\$6000-8500	\$9945

Sold Total: \$3,490,496

Sold by Lot: 97%

Sold by Value: 99%

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.

Hart Davis Hart's next auction will take place on Saturday, January 28th at the Chicago Athletic Association, 12 S. Michigan Ave. Auction catalogs 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, hdhwine.com, 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 starting with the January 2006 auction is 18% of the hammer price. For more information, contact Hart Davis Hart at 312.482.9996 or go to hdhwine.com.

2006 Auction Calendar

Date of Auction	Deadline for Receipt of Property
January 28, 2006	November 21, 2005
April 8, 2006	January 30, 2006
June 24, 2006	April 17, 2006
September 16, 2006	July 10, 2006

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 November 18th and 19th 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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