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**OVER \$2.1 MILLION SOLD AT HART DAVIS HART WINE CO.'S
JANUARY 27th-28th AUCTION IN CHICAGO**

(January 30, 2006—Chicago, IL)— Hart Davis Hart Wine Co. held its first auction of the New Year on January 27-28, resulting in another highly successful sale. Preceded by a comparative tasting of Vintage 1985-1986 Bordeaux on the evening of the 26th, the auction attracted bidders from 37 states, as well as China, Brazil, Japan, Switzerland, Mexico, Germany and Iceland. The two day auction posted impressive statistics, with 96% sold by lot and a total of over \$2,100,000 sold.

Classic Bordeaux dominated the results. Rare oversize bottles of impeccable provenance created a frenzy of bidding, such as a double magnum of Chateau Latour 1961 (estimate \$10-15,000) commanded \$12,980, a double-magnum of Chateau Petrus 1971 (estimate \$4000-6000) brought \$10,030, and a single magnum of Chateau Latour 1959 (estimate \$3500-5500) fetched \$4956. Younger Bordeaux vintages also fared well. The 1990 vintage sold at a brisk rate, with cases of Chateaux Lafite, Latour, Margaux, and Haut-Brion realizing \$4130, \$8850, \$8850, and \$4956 respectively. The 1996 vintage garnered considerable interest as well, with cases of Chateaux Lafite and Latour commanding \$4956 and \$4720 respectively. Other notable Bordeaux results included a 24 vintage vertical collection of Chateau Petrus (estimate \$11-16,000) that sold for \$20,060, and a full case of Chateau Petrus 1970 (estimate \$9000-13,000) which commanded \$15,340.

“We were deeply gratified by the results today” noted Chairman John Hart. “The market remains robust, and we witnessed a tremendous depth of interest in Bordeaux and Burgundy.”

Among Burgundy highlights were a 1996 Vintage DRC Assortment (estimate \$6500-9500) that sold for \$14,160, a six bottle lot of Vosne-Romanee, Cros Parantoux 1990 from Meo-Camuzet which brought \$4720, and a three bottle offering of Romanee-Conti 2000 (estimate \$5000-7000) which sold for \$8260. Californian wines were also popular among bidders. A ten vintage magnum vertical of Harlan Estate (estimate \$5500-8500) fetched \$11,800.

The most unusual offering of the auction was an extensive selection of Single-Malt Scotch, which was 100% sold with most of the lots hammering above the high estimate. “We were confident that the response to this group would be strong, but the level of interest in the Single-Malt Scotch far exceeded our expectations” noted Vice-President Ben Ferdinand.

All figures include the 18% buyer’s premium.

The next auction will take place on April 7th and 8th. Among the highlights will be a magnificent selection of Bordeaux from a St. Louis collector, featuring pristine bottles of Chateau Petrus 1961 (estimate \$3000-\$4500 per bottle) and two full cases of Chateau Lafleur 1982 (estimate \$11,000-\$16,000 per case.) There will be a pre-auction tasting at 10:00 a.m. on

Friday, April 7th, immediately followed by the first session of the auction. The auction will resume with a second session on Saturday, April 8th at 10:00 a.m. A buffet luncheon is available on both days. Hart Davis Hart Wine Company auctions are open to the public. Please visit hdhwine.com or 312.482.9996 to order a catalogue or for more information.

Hart Davis Hart Wine Co. Upcoming Events: Exclusive Pingus Tasting in Chicago

Hart Davis Hart's next event will be an exclusive tasting and dinner with world-renowned winemaker, Peter Sisseck, of Dominio de Pingus on Wednesday, March 8th. This historic evening will take place in the private dining room of restaurant *TRU*. Pingus, which is considered the greatest wine to emerge from Ribera Del Duero since Vega Sicilia, is highly sought-after by collectors from around the world, where a single bottle can sell for upwards of \$1000. James Beard award-winning chef Rick Tramonto, in conjunction with sommelier Scott Tyree, will create a unique six-course menu to pair with the wines. The dinner will include a comprehensive tasting of this legendary wine from six vintages, as well as additional fine and rare wines provided by Hart Davis Hart Wine Co. Space is extremely limited and is on first come, first serve basis. Please call Jacqueline Cellini at 310.573.5597 or email jcellini@hdhwine.com to secure a reservation.

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 Friday and Saturday, April 7th and 8th 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 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
April 7-8, 2006	CLOSED
June 23-24, 2006	April 17, 2006
September 15-16, 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 January 27th and 28th 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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