

**THE STEVEN VERLIN COLLECTION EXCEEDS \$7 MILLION AT HART DAVIS
HART WINE CO. AUCTION IN CHICAGO ON MAY 4th and 5th
*The Spectacular Two-Day Auction is 100% Sold***

(May 9, 2007; Chicago, IL)—Records were shattered in Chicago on May 4th and 5th, as Hart Davis Hart held a historic single-owner wine auction, The Steven Verlin Collection, showcasing a portion of the personal cellar of the late Steven Verlin, one of the founding partners of Veritas Restaurant in New York. Bidders participated from 44 states as well as Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Finland, Iceland, Indonesia, Japan, Monaco, Netherlands, Puerto Rico, Singapore, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. The two-day sale of nearly 1900 lots was **100% sold**, and the total hammer price exceeded the pre-auction high estimate. The final tally was \$7,127,613, one of the most significant wine auction results achieved worldwide.

The auction, held at Tru Restaurant, began with a celebratory flourish when Grae Verlin, Steven's widow, presented the crowd of bidders with a Methuselah of Roederer Cristal 1990. It was served to the lucky attendees along with Orville Redenbacher popcorn popped in truffle oil, a signature pairing of her late husband. The mood in the sale room was buoyant as attendees ordered bottles from Tru's wine list while vying with phone bidders, internet bidders and each other for the many rarities being offered. With wine flowing and world records being set, the event was an appropriate celebration of the life of such a passionate collector.

Bordeaux dominated the auction, and a veritable library of vintages was on the block, spanning 1870 through 2000. A number of rare and exciting large format bottles were included in the sale, many of which sparked fierce bidding.

In addition to offering one of the most historic and well-known wine collections, Hart Davis Hart launched new technology that allowed bidders to participate in the live auction via the Internet. Seventy bidders registered online, heard the live auction in real-time via an Internet link, and bid against the auction room via their computers.

Top Ten Lots

LOT #	Lot Description	Price
540	1990 Château Pétrus (1 Imperial)	\$59,750
107	1947, Château Mouton Rothschild (1 Imperial)	\$53,775
1243	1992 Montrachet, Domaine Ramonet (1 Nebuchadnezzar)	\$53,775
245	1982 Château Pétrus (12 btls.)	\$47,800
323	1982 Château Le Pin (9 btls.)	\$47,800
936	1989 Château Pétrus (2 double-magnums)	\$45,410
307	1982 Château Lafleur (1 Jeroboam)	\$43,020
325	1971 La Tâche, Domaine de la Romanée-Conti (11 btls.)	\$41,825
462	1989 Château Pétrus (12 btls.)	\$38,240
1503	2000 Château Pétrus (12 btls.)	\$38,240

Notable Bordeaux results, including some of the many record prices:

Wine	Estimate	Price
(12) Château Gruaud-Larose 1961	\$4000-6000	\$7767 (record)
(1) Jeroboam Château Latour 1962	\$7000-10,000	\$15535 (record)
(1) Imperial Château Pétrus 1975	\$14,000-20,000	\$26,290 (record)
(12) Château Cheval-Blanc 1982	\$8000-12,000	\$16,730
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(12) Château Lafite 1982	\$9000-14,000	\$21,510
(6) Magnums Château Lafite 1982	\$10,000-15,000	\$23,900 (record)
(12) Château Latour 1982	\$9500-14,000	\$21,510 (record)
(1) Imperial Château Petrus 1990	\$24,000-36,000	\$59,750 (record)
(12) Château Haut-Brion 1995	\$2000-3000	\$4541
(12) Château Latour 1995	\$3000-4500	\$5736 (record)
(12) Château Lafite 1996	\$4500-6500	\$10,755 (record)
(12) Château Latour 1996	\$3800-5500	\$8962 (record)
(12) Château Cheval-Blanc 2000	\$8000-12,000	\$19,120

The offerings also included a broad selection of the finest Burgundy, Rhone, Spanish, Italian, and Californian wines.

Highlights include:

Wine	Estimate	Price
(12) Clos de la Roche, VV, Ponsot 1993	\$4800-7500	\$10,755
(3) magnums Vosne-Romanée, Cros Parantoux, Jayer 1990	\$8000-12,000	\$32,265
(12) Vega Sicilia, Unico 1966	\$7500-11,000	\$16,730
(12) Côte Rôtie, Landonne, Guigal 1999	\$4500-6500	\$9560
(12) Côte Rôtie, La Mordorée, Guigal 1991	\$2600-3800	\$4200
(1) Methuselah Ermitage, Cuvée Cathelin 1995 J.L. Chave	\$2600-3800	\$5019

All Figures Inclusive of 19.5% Buyers Premium

Hart Davis Hart Wine Co. will hold its next sale on Saturday June 2nd. For more information on Hart Davis Hart Wine Co., please call 312.482.9996 or visit hdhwine.com.