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Fine and Rare Wines: Pristine Rarities from the Cellar (Sale 2950)

Fine and Rare Wines: Vintage European Treasures (Sale 2902)

Hong Kong – 8 September 2012 (Saturday) – Top Ten

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

Sold: HK\$ 42,316,604	US\$ 5,454,610	£ 3,414,950	€ 4,307,830
Lots Sold: 726	Lots Offered: 751	Sold by Lot: 97%	Sold by Value: 98%
Exchange Rate: HK\$1 = US 0.1289/£ 0.0807/€ 0.1018			

Sale/Lot	Description	Estimate (HK\$)	Purchase Price	Buyer
Sale 2950/ Lot 88	Château Mouton Rothschild Vertical – Vintage 1945-2008 <i>Pauillac, 1er cru classé.</i> 66 bottles	800,000-1,200,000	HK\$ 1,089,000 US\$ 140,372 £ 87,882 € 110,860	Anonymous
Sale 2950/ Lot 86	Château Lafite Rothschild Vertical – Vintage 1945-2008 <i>Pauillac, 1er cru classé.</i> 64 bottles	800,000-1,200,000	HK\$ 968,000 US\$ 124,775 £ 78,118 € 98,542	Anonymous
Sale 2950/ Lot 87	Château Latour Vertical – Vintage 1945-2008 <i>Pauillac, 1er cru classé.</i> 64 bottles	800,000-1,200,000	HK\$ 871,200 US\$ 112,298 £ 70,306 € 88,688	Anonymous
Sale 2950/ Lot 108	1990s Romanée-Conti Vertical <i>Domaine de la Romanée-Conti</i> 7 bottles	600,000-700,000	HK\$ 786,500 US\$ 101,380 £ 63,471 € 80,066	Asian Private
Sale 2950/ Lot 109	2000s Romanée-Conti Vertical <i>Domaine de la Romanée-Conti</i> 6 bottles	400,000-500,000	HK\$ 605,000 US\$ 77,985 £ 48,824 € 61,589	Asian Private
Sale 2902/ Lot 557	Pétrus — Vintage 1990 <i>Pomerol, cru exceptionnel. Château-bottled</i> 12 bottles	300,000-380,000	HK\$ 423,500 US\$ 54,589 £ 34,176 € 43,112	Asian Private
Sale 2950/ Lot 2	La Tâche — Vintage 1990 <i>Domaine de la Romanée-Conti</i> 10 bottles	300,000-400,000	HK\$ 338,800 US\$ 43,671 £ 27,341 € 34,490	Asian Trade
Sale 2950/ Lot 89	Romanée-Conti — Vintage 2004 <i>Domaine de la Romanée-Conti</i> 4 bottles	220,000-280,000	HK\$ 338,800 US\$ 43,671 £ 27,341 € 34,490	Asian Private
Sale 2950/ Lot 3	La Tâche — Vintage 1971 <i>Domaine de la Romanée-Conti</i> 11 bottles	220,000-320,000	HK\$ 314,600 US\$ 40,552 £ 25,388 € 32,026	Asian Private
Sale 2950/ Lot 94	DRC Assortment — Vintage 1996 <i>Domaine de la Romanée-Conti</i> 12 bottles	190,000-260,000	HK\$ 290,400 US\$ 37,433 £ 23,435 € 29,563	Asian Private

Hong Kong – Christie’s sales of *Fine and Rare Wines: Pristine Rarities from the Cellar* and *Vintage European Treasures* on Saturday, 8 September 2012 totalled HK\$ 42,316,604/ US\$ 5,454,610, and was 97% sold by lot and 98% sold by value.

Charles Curtis MW, Head of Wine for Christie’s Asia commented, “We are thrilled with the success of our autumn season’s opening sales. Results across the board exceeded our expectations. Incredible energy and excitement filled the saleroom as buyers vied for top lots of supreme quality and provenance. There were active bidders participating not only onsite in the salesroom, but also over the telephone and through Christie’s LIVE™. The first of the two back-to-back sales achieved a 100% sold rate, and was led by three exceptional collections of Bordeaux wine. The Château Mouton-Rothschild, Lafite-Rothschild and Latour were each represented by a pristine vertical with vintages ranging from 1945 to 2008, the Mouton achieving HK\$ 1,080,000, the Lafite at HK\$960,000, and the Latour for HK\$ 864,000. Competitive bidding ensued over Burgundies from both Domaine de la Romanée-Conti (DRC) and older claret, indicative of an increasingly discerning group of buyers with clearly defined collecting tastes.

Our single-owner Vintage European Treasures sale that followed immediately achieved robust results of 98% sold by value. This significantly larger and more diverse sale was led by Pétrus, with a case of 1990 selling for HK\$ 420,000, followed by an assortment of 1985 DRC that achieved HK\$ 288,000. Other key highlights of the sale included strong results for classic wines hailing from Italy and Spain. We look forward to an excellent series of sales this November at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre”.

Simon Tam, Head of Wine for Christie’s China added, “The results of the September 8 sales in Hong Kong confirm several industry observations. Wine lovers are seeking quality wines for short to mid-term cellaring, and to serve as perfect gifts in time for festive occasions surrounding the Mid-Autumn Festival. The market in Greater China is becoming increasingly sophisticated every sale as buyers grow progressively knowledgeable about grape variety and provenance, and develop a keen interest in the culture surrounding wine. This widened appreciation has lead buyers to refine their palates and selectively bid for classic Bordeaux vintages, rare wines from Burgundy, and bottles from revered regions such as Condrieu, Hermitage, Rioja, to name a few. We anticipate that this heightened sophistication, the underlying trend characterizing this market, will only continue to prosper.”

Images of select top lots as well as images from the auction hall can be downloaded here:

<http://cshk.myftp.org/2012%20Fall%20Christie's%20Hong%20Kong%20Auctions/Wine%20September%20Sale/Results/>

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<http://www.christies.com/lotfinder/salebrowse.aspx?intSaleId=23887&lotviewtype=list>

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