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Christie's Finest and Rarest Wines and Spirits Spring Auctions 2019

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**THE FIRST CHRISTIE'S WHISKY AUCTION
IN HONG KONG SELLS 100%**



Hong Kong – On 24th and 25th May, Christie's Finest & Rarest Wines and Spirits Featuring Prestigious Collections & Exceptional Whisky auctions totaled HK\$58,017,250/US\$7,438,109 with an exceptional sell-through rate of 85% by lot and 91% by value. The sales attracted global interest from over 20 countries across four continents and welcomed new registrants. A total of 15% of the 1717 lots saw online activity, the highest, since we are holding wine auctions in Hong Kong. The sale, which offered 1717 lots took 20 hours – a record for any Christie's wine sale in Hong Kong.

Christie's first sale dedicated to whisky in Asia was 100% sold, achieving HK\$3,898,750 /US\$499,840 against its low estimate of HK\$1.9 million, with lot 5477, composed of 10 bottles of Macallan Single Malt Vertical 1960-1969, selling for HK\$525,000/ US\$67,308 and becoming the top lot of the sale followed in third position by lot 5496 - Karuizawa Geisha collection 1999-2000 (5 bottles) realizing HK\$475,000 / US\$60,898.

The overall Top Lot of the 2-day sale was lot 6505 two Magnums of Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, 1999, Grand Cru, Cote des Nuits, which realized HK\$875,000/US\$112,180. Also, on offer were six prestigious private collections of exceptional wines from Bordeaux, Burgundy, Rhône, Australia, Champagne, Italy, California, Chile, Madeira and Germany. Each of these collections achieved strong results.

Tim Triptree MW, International Director & Specialist, Wine Department, commented "The stellar results achieved in our first whisky auction in Hong Kong – selling 100% - as well as for the superlative Bordeaux and Burgundy vintages and rare bottles from the world's iconic Estates and regions, embody our successful curatorial strategies in offering the most sought-after and finest wines in Asia. We look forward to continuing this strong momentum in our auctions on 5th & 6th June in London."

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