

CHRISTIE'S

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[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

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Fine and Rare Wines With A Focus On Italy Thursday, 20 April 2006

Total: £480,200	Lots Offered: 816	Lots Sold: 683	Sale No: 7220
\$858,117	Sold by Lot: 84%	Sold by £: 90%	\$1.787 / €1.446
€694,369			

LOTS	£	\$	€	Estimate	Buyer
504	£13,750	\$24,571	€19,883	£1,500-2,000	Asia Trade
Krug--Vintage 1952, 6 magnums					
WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR A CASE OF CHAMPAGNE					
612	£ 13,199	\$23,587	€19,086	£9,600-12,000	Asia Trade
Romanée-Conti Grand Cru--Vintage 2002, 6 bottles					
564	£ 10,450	\$18,674	€15,111	£7,000-8,000	Asia Private
Château Pétrus--Vintage 2000, 3 magnums					

Comment: Chris Munro, Specialist in charge of the sale

“A very pleasing result with the Focus on Italian wines proving very popular with both private and trade buyers alike. Following a successful master class in late March presented by winemaker Giorgio Rivetti, from Piedmont, the Italian section was 90% sold by value. Prices for rare and blue chip French classics continue to remain at the peaks set earlier in the year. The top lot, £13,750 for a case of Krug 1952 in magnums, set a new world record price for a case of champagne at auction, hugely exceeding its pre-sale estimate of £1,500-£2,000.”