

CHRISTIE'S

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[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

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Fine Wines including the Royal & SunAlliance Wine Collection and Vintage Cigars Thursday, 19 – Friday, 20 May 2005

Total: £830,000	Lots Offered: 2118	Lots Sold: 1435	Sale No: 7043
\$1,526,370	Sold by Lot: 67%	Sold by £: 74%	\$1.839 / €1.450
€1,203,500			

Comment: Chris Munro, specialist in charge of the sale:

“A mammoth five session sale including Fine Wines and Vintage Cigars resulted in some spectacular prices. A superb, rare full case of Hermitage La Chapelle from the famed '61 vintage took the top spot fetching £41,800. We were particularly pleased with The Royal & SunAlliance Wine Collection which was 100% sold. Other highlights included a 40 case parcel of Mouton Rothschild 1970 selling at £1,155 per case and the Upmann, Dunhill Seleccion Suprema No. 207 making £12,100.”

LOTS	£	\$	€	Estimate	Buyer
717	£41,800	\$76,870	€60,610	£35,000-45,000	South American Trade
Hermitage, La Chapelle--Vintage 1961, 12 bottles					
1320	£12,100	\$22,252	€17,545	£6,000-8,000	UK Trade
H. Upmann, Dunhill Seleccion Suprema No. 207--6½ in, 100 cigars					
119	£5,390	\$9,912	€7,815	£4,400 - 5,000	European Trade
Château Pétrus--Vintage 1990, 6 bottles					
96	£4,840	\$8,901	€7,018	£3,400 - 3,800	European Trade
Château Cheval-Blanc--Vintage 1982, 12 bottles					
118	£4,730	\$8,699	€6,859	£3,000 - 3,500	European Trade
Château Margaux--Vintage 1990, 12 bottles					
150	£4,400	\$8,092	€6,380	£3,600 - 4,000	Asia Trade
Château Lafite-Rothschild--Vintage 1982, 12 bottles					
149	£4,400	\$8,092	€6,380	£3,600 - 4,000	Asia Trade
Château Lafite-Rothschild--Vintage 1982, 12 bottles					
718	£3,960	\$7,282	€5,742	£ 3,400 - 4,200	Canadian Private
Hermitage, La Chapelle--Vintage 1978, 12 bottles					
174	£3,740	\$6,878	€5,423	£3,000-3,500	Asia Trade
Château Margaux--Vintage 1990, 12 bottles					
175	£3,520	\$6,473	€5,104	£3,000-3,500	UK Trade
Château Margaux--Vintage 1990, 12 bottles					