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FINEST AND RAREST WINES including a superb private collection of Hermitage La Chapelle

London – Thursday 20 September 2007

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

Sold: £1,794,397	\$3,592,383	€2,558,810	Sale No: 7420
Lots Sold: 921	Lots Offered: 1,104	Sold by Lot: 83%	Sold by £: 95%
£: \$ 2.002	£: € 1.426		

Lot	Price			Estimate	Buyer
616	£123,750	\$247,747	€176,467	£40,000-50,000	UK Trade
<i>Hermitage, La Chapelle – Vintage 1961, 12 bottles</i>					
EUROPEAN AUCTION RECORD FOR A CASE OF WINE					
615	£112,500	\$225,225	€160,425	£40,000-50,000	UK Trade
<i>Hermitage, La Chapelle – Vintage 1961, 12 bottles</i>					
774	£25,875	\$51,802	€36,898	£10,000-12,000	Asian Private
<i>Bonnes-Mares Grand Cru – Vintage 1971, 12 bottles</i>					
217	£22,500	\$45,045	€32,085	£6,000-8,000	Asian Private
<i>Château Mouton-Rothschild – Vintage 1961, 12 bottles</i>					
617	£21,375	\$42,793	€30,481	£4,000-5,000	French Trade
<i>Hermitage, La Chapelle – Vintage 1961, 4 bottles</i>					
216	£20,250	\$40,540	€28,876	£10,000-15,000	UK Trade
<i>Château Latour – Vintage 1961, 12 bottles</i>					
214	£19,125	\$38,288	€27,272	£7,000-9,000	UK Trade
<i>Château Latour – Vintage 1959, 12 bottles</i>					
213	£19,125	\$38,288	€27,272	£10,000-15,000	UK Trade
<i>Château Latour – Vintage 1959, 12 bottles</i>					
277	£18,000	\$36,036	€25,668	£10,000-15,000	Anonymous
<i>Château Lafite-Rothschild – Vintage 1982</i>					
670	£16,875	\$33,784	€24,064	£4,200-5,000	Asian Private
<i>Hermitage, La Chapelle – Vintage 1978</i>					

"In this thrilling sale a single case of the famed 1961 *Hermitage La Chapelle* broke the record for the most expensive case of wine ever sold at auction in Europe – and in the process set a world auction record for a case of wine from the Rhone, achieving a eye-popping £123,750 for 12 bottles. Remarkably, the price also surpassed the record for a case of Burgundy set in May of this year at Christie's New York, illustrating the continued ascent of Rhone in the international wine markets. Thirst continues unabated as international demand for the very finest wines continues to make auction the most attractive route to market for both buyers and sellers. This Autumn, we may very well see the record for any case of wine ever sold at auction, six magnums of Mouton 1945 sold at Christie's Los Angeles in September last year for £183,511, broken as the wine market continues its expansion in a highly confident market place. Christie's is delighted to remain at the forefront of these international developments, and is proud to hold all three case records, for Bordeaux, Burgundy – and now Rhone." **Said Chris Munro, Director of Wine**

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