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**THE WINE CELLAR OF THE LATE, GREAT ALAN CLARK M.P. TOTALS  
£52,767 AT CHRISTIE'S IN LONDON**

**Fine Wines Including The Cellar Of The Late Alan Clark M.P. & Rare Burgundy  
Direct From Domaine Dujac  
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**London** - A select range of fine wines from the cellar of the late Alan Clark M.P were sold today for £52,767 by Christie's, the world's leading wine auctioneer, in the sale of *Fine Wines Including The Cellar Of The Late Alan Clark M.P. & Rare Burgundy Direct From Domaine Dujac* at King Street. The 38 lot collection was 100% sold and the top lot was a case of 24 half-bottles of Château d'Yquem, 1967 which sold for £8,250.

"Today's sale is a fitting tribute to a truly unique wine collector in this, the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of Alan Clark's passing," said David Elswood, International Head of the Christie's Wine Department after the sale. "He was a passionate man of classic tastes which also extended to the world of fine wines, proven by extensive international interest both in the room, by commission and on the telephone for every wine in the 38 lot collection."

Featuring some of the most sought-after and rarest wine of the post-war years, the wines were recently removed from Saltwood Castle, near Hythe in Kent and were offered for sale by Alan Clark's wife, Jane. In excellent condition and well-preserved, the bottles were formerly part of a well-chosen collection Clark had amassed at his family home – and were stored in the optimum, cool conditions in the Undercroft wine cellars, at the heart of the Castle buildings.

**Top 3 Wine Highlights:**

**1) Château d'Yquem, 1967**, a case of 24 half-bottles

Sold: £8,250

**2) Château Palmer, 1961**, a case of 12 bottles

Sold: £7,700

**3) Château d'Yquem, 1967**, a case of 12 half-bottles

Sold: £4,180

“I had put the chairs out on the lawn, but drizzle started. I got a bottle of Yquem 67 on ice – the first this year. We sat in the red library. The Yquem did its work on an empty stomach and I sparkled.” (extract from *The Alan Clark Diaries – Into Politics 1972-1982*)

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### **Wine image available on request**

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