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\$3.3 MILLION EVENING SALE PROVIDES A FITTING FINALE FOR A WEEK OF WINE CELEBRATIONS AT CHRISTIE'S NEW YORK

First Wine Auction To Offer Christie's LIVE® Online Bidding: Internet Sales Total \$320,000

New York – Yesterday's *The Evening Sale: Fine And Rarest Wines* auction held at Christie's New York brought to an end a week of wine celebrations. Festivities included a Leroy Master Class and Dinner with Mme. Lalou Bize-Leroy at the St. Regis Hotel, a Hospices de Beaune Master Class hosted by Christie's Senior Consultant Anthony Hanson MW, and an Endowment Auction for the Institute of Masters of Wine.

The Evening Sale totaled \$3,337,588 and was 93% sold. The auction also marked the first Christie's wine sale to utilize Christie's LIVE®, the real-time, multi-media auction feature that allows clients to remotely bid live from the comfort of their home or office.

Clients registered online from Europe, Asia as well as the Americas, and successfully bid on 22 lots for an online total of \$318,778. The top Internet lot of the night was the Right Bank Bordeaux four-case 2000 vintage superlot that realized \$56,400. Christie's LIVE® sales accounted for a remarkable 15% of total sold lots, illustrating the growing popularity and easy acceptance of this new technology, launched by Christie's in July 2006.

David Elswood, International Head of the Wine Department, and Richard Brierley, Head of Wine Sales, Christie's Americas, say: "This week in New York had a real sense of occasion, with Christie's proud to offer the best in tastings, events and auctions to a continually growing client base. We were particularly delighted with the success of Christie's LIVE®

during the Evening Sale that further encourages this growth, and we were very happy to be joined by colleagues from Los Angeles, London and Amsterdam who helped us prepare for our third Evening Sale. The \$3.3 million auction marks our largest Evening sale to date.”

Top lots in the sale included three jeroboams of 1978 Romanée-Conti that realized \$211,500, 50 cases of 1995 Château Margaux that fetched \$199,750, and a superlot of ten 6-bottle cases of Screaming Eagle, with vintages stretching from 1993 to 2003, that totaled \$176,250.

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Notes to Editors:

Christie’s International Wine Department is the leading global fine wine auctioneer, with nine sale locations around the world and a dedicated team of specialists across Europe and North America. In 2005 the Department once again claimed pole position in the market, with an annual sales total of \$41,968,232.

Christie’s remains the only international wine auctioneer to sell on both sides of the United States – and in Europe, the only auction house to hold regular sales outside London.