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***Finest & Rarest Wines
Including Historic Vintages from the
Cellars of Château Latour***

Hong Kong – Christie's International Wine Department returns to Asia on November 29th with the most exciting selection of wine ever seen in any wine sale in the region. Featuring 245 lots of blue-chip wines, this sale will be a feature on the calendars of wine collectors not only throughout Asia, but around the world.

Leading the sale is a totally unique and unrepeatable selection from the reserve cellars of Château Latour. No other single property has done more to establish the global recognition of Bordeaux wines in general and the ultimate quality and reliability of the finest 'First Growths' of the region. This sale will feature a selection covering the period of 1865 to 2005 - all removed directly from the property and shipped to Hong Kong specifically for inclusion into this landmark auction. The 127 lots are valued in the region of HK\$10million.

Frédéric Engerer, President of Château Latour, says, "*Many people know the wines of Château Latour well, yet there are others who are still discovering them. This is why we are so delighted to be bringing this significant consignment of some of our rarest bottles and greatest vintages to Hong Kong, for this Christie's auction. These wines have never left the property. For exacting collectors, seeking perfection of provenance, these bottles may be considered as ideal reference points. Added to which, in some cases - like the magnum of 1900 - this will be one of the very last opportunities to acquire such rarities, where the chateau has no more left....*"

The Latour selection is complimented by some of the finest wines from the most pristine private collections held within the UK. The main factor that links these lots together is that the vast majority have never been traded or moved from the original situation of their owner's own cellar and as such are true 'one-owner' wines that are so highly-coveted by collectors today.

Highlights include:

	<i>Château Latour 1961</i> Lot 21 One Imperial of Château Latour 1961 <i>Estimate is HK \$500,000 - 600,000</i> Lot 22 A Jeroboam of Château Latour 1961 <i>Estimate: HK \$ 390,000 - 490,000</i> Lot 23 6 Magnums of Château Latour 1961 <i>Estimate HK\$ 480,000 - 680,000</i> Lots 24 and 25 12 bottles each of Château Latour 1961 <i>Estimate HK\$ 450,000 - 650,000</i>
	<i>Domaine de Romanée Conti 2005</i> Lot 145 AN ASSORTMENT CASE OF THE MAGNIFICENT 2005 VINTAGE FROM THE DOMAINE DE LA ROMANEE-CONTI Romanée-Conti (1 bottle) La Tâche (3 bottles) Richebourg 2 Romanée-Saint-Vivant 2 Grands- Echézeaux 2 Echézeaux 2 <i>Estimate: HK\$390,000 - 450,000</i>
	<i>The Pétrus 1982</i> Lot 128 AN INCREDIBLY RARE ORIGINAL WOODEN CASE OF PETRUS 1982 WITH PERFECT PROVENANCE - A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY <i>Estimate HK\$400,000 - 600,000</i> Recently removed from the immaculate cellar of a French country home, where it has lain undisturbed since delivery after purchase en-primeur. The present case was purchased en primuer and has remained under the original family's ownership since delivery, carefully resting in the cellar of their home in Eastern France under perfect conditions. The <i>Certificat de Propriété</i> now in Christie's possession, was signed and dated by Jean-Francois Moueix on 9th September 1983. It attests to the purchase of 1/25 of a barrel, represented by these 12 bottles of Chateau Pétrus Vintage 1982.

Auction:

*Finest And Rarest Wines Including Historic Vintages
From The Cellars Of Château Latour*
Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

Saturday, November 29, 2008
7:30pm

Notes to Editors:

- Christie's International Wine Department is the leading global fine wine auctioneer, with ten sale locations around the world and a dedicated team of specialists across Europe and North America - and now Asia.
- Christie's International Wine Department reported its best year ever in 2007, with a global auction total of \$71,647,944/£36,003,991/€52,925,868.
- 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 - and now, only auctioneer to sell across three continents.
- **Christie's was the first auction house to sell wine in Asia**, conducting sales in the late 90's through to 2001 in Singapore, Tokyo and Hong Kong.
- Christie's offers the most sought-after wines, and sells the most notable wines at the most notable prices – Christie's hold the case records for Rhone and Bordeaux wines – and \$345,000 for a case of Mouton-Rothschild 1945 remains the outright world-auction record, set at Christie's Los Angeles in 2006.

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About Christie's

Christie's is the world's leading art business with global art sales in 2007 that totalled £3.1 billion/\$6.3 billion. This marks the highest total in company and in art auction history. For the first half of 2008, art sales totalled £1.8 million / \$3.5 billion. Christie's is a name and place that speaks of extraordinary art, unparalleled service and expertise, as well as international glamour. Founded in 1766 by James Christie, Christie's conducted the greatest auctions of the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, and today remains a popular showcase for the unique and the beautiful. Christie's offers over 600 sales annually in over 80 categories, including all areas of fine and decorative arts, jewellery, photographs, collectibles, wine, and more. Prices range from \$200 to over \$80 million. Christie's has 85 offices in 43 countries and 14 salerooms around the world including in London, New York, Los Angeles, Paris, Geneva, Milan, Amsterdam, Tel Aviv, Dubai, Hong Kong and Zurich. Most recently, Christie's has led the market with expanded initiatives in emerging and new markets such as Russia, China, India and the United Arab Emirates, with successful sales and exhibitions in Beijing, Mumbai and Dubai.

*Estimates do not include buyer's premium