



**HOSPICES
DE BEAUNE**

CHRISTIE'S

**RECORD RESULTS AGAIN FROM THE HOSPICES DE BEAUNE WINE
SALE AT €6,305,002 MILLION* - A 19% INCREASE ON 2012**

**FIRST TIME “LA PIECE DES PRESIDENTS” HAS BEEN BOUGHT BY A
CHINESE BUYER FOR €131,000**



Clotilde Courau, Jean-Pierre Castaldi and François de Ricqlès, President Christie's France

**The sale totaled € 6,305,002 including premium
333 barrels of red wine and 110 of white wine realised €6,168,122 including premium
The President's Barrel made €131,000**

**The White wines: +20% to previous year
The Red wines: +28% to previous year
Average price per barrel at €13,013: +26.6% to previous year
Sale total is up by 19% to previous year**

THE TRADITIONAL WAY OF SELLING WINE IN BARRELS

Beaune - This year the Domaine des Hospices de Beaune offered 333 barrels of red wine and 110 of white wine. The sale featured 30 cuvées of red wine and 13 of white. Combined with *La Pièce des Présidents* and alcohols, the entire sale totalled €6,305,002 / £5,277,917 / \$8,497,251, a record result for any Hospices de Beaune wine sale (the previous record was €5,9 million, established in 2012).

Since 2005, Christie's has partnered with the Hospices de Beaune, and together they not only organize the yearly sale in Beaune but also tastings of the Hospices de Beaune wines all over the world, and across Asia, where the first tasting took place in 2010.

Michael Ganne, director of Christie's wine department in Paris, said after the sale: *"We are very pleased with the strong result, establishing a new record for a sale of the Hospices de Beaune. Despite one of the smallest crops of the past 30 years, Christie's attracted buyers from 21 countries, bidding strongly for the 43 cuvées offered tonight."*

Anthony Hanson, Master of Wine and Christie's Senior Consultant added: *"Many records were broken at the 153rd Hospices de Beaune auction. Stars amongst the red wine Cuvées were the two Clos de la Roche Grands Crus, with an average price per barrel of €63,166. The Mazis-Chambertin and the three Cuvées of Corton Grands Crus registered major increases. Amongst the Grands Crus white highlights were the remarkable prices of Bâtard-Montrachet Dames de Flandres, Corton-Vergennes Paul Chanson and Corton-Charlemagne Roi Soleil. The latter two established all-time records. These magnificent results confirm the remarkable commitment and high standards of the Hospices de Beaune vignerons, and winery teams – who have together produced exceptional wines in 2013."*

THE PRESIDENT'S BARREL SELLING FOR €131,000

Since 1978 the Hospices has donated each year one or more barrels, known as Pièce des Présidents, to be auctioned for carefully selected charitable purposes. From the 1945 vintage onwards, an Honorary President has presided over each wine sale. This year, the president's barrel was a Meursault-Genévrières, Premier Cru, Cuvée Philippe le Bon, of 456 litres, which fetched €131,000 /£108,730 /\$175,540 and was purchased by Didier Volland, of Société S.B.E.N. for the Chinese business woman Yan Hong Cao.

This year's Presidency was taken by Clotilde Courau, chairperson of the charity Petits Princes, who declared the 153rd Hospices de Beaune auction open. Jean-Pierre Castaldi represented the second charity Papillons Blancs, based in Beaune. Ms Courau took the hammer, alongside Christie's main auctioneer François de Ricqlès to knock down the President's barrel, at €131,000. The proceeds will be shared amongst the two charities.

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** total including the premium, the President Piece and the spirits*

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