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CHRISTIE'S FINEST WINES AND SPIRITS

LIVE AUCTION: Friday, 7 December 2018

TOTAL: \$3,015,521
81% Sold by Value, 81% Sold by Lot

SPECTACULAR RESULTS FOR TWO EXCEPTIONAL PRIVATE COLLECTIONS:

- THE LIBERTY HALL MUSEUM COLLECTION OF HISTORIC MADEIRA AND
- AN EXTRAORDINARY COLLECTION OF PRE-PROHIBITION WHISKEY



The Liberty Hall Museum Collection of Historic Madeira
Top lot: Old Sercial Madeira 1846, 15-gallon demi john per lot
Price realized: \$39,200



Extraordinary Collection of Pre-Prohibition Whiskey from J.B. Leonis
Top lot: J. H. Beam Old Style Brookhill, Sour Mash 1912
9 quarts per lot, **Price realized: \$26,950**

New York – Christie's New York **Finest Wines and Spirits Including the Liberty Hall Museum Collection of Historic Madeira and an Extraordinary Collection of Pre-Prohibition Whiskey** achieved a total of **\$3,015,521** with 81% sold by value and 81% sold by lot. The top lot of the sale was a 15-gallon demi john of **Old Sercial Madeira, 1846**, from The Liberty Hall Museum Collection of Historic Madeira, which sold for **\$39,200**. Taking place concurrently was the **Wine Online Sale** (19 November – 5 December), which realized a total of \$519,278 with 100% sold by value and 86% sold by lot.

Chris Munro, Head of Wine Department, Americas, comments: *"Both of our featured collections of Madeira and Pre-Prohibition American Whiskey witnessed exceptional results. Clients from throughout the United States and around the globe fought to acquire these exceptionally rare lots. The sale was a watershed moment for these incredibly rare and sought-after American whiskeys as hammer prices smashed through our pre-sale estimates."*

Day Session, Lots 1-516, 10am

The day sale witnessed strong results for the remarkable collection of fine wines including rare Burgundy from renowned Domaines. Notable results included a full case of **Château d'Yquem 1959** in its original Nicolas wooden case, which achieved \$18,375, and a twelve bottle cases of **Heitz Martha's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon** from the famed 1974 vintage in their original cartons, more than doubled its low estimate realizing \$34,300. Additionally, the selection of wine from the personal cellar of Dr. Robert Maliner performed exceptionally well.

Evening Session, Lots 517-796, 6pm

The evening session included probably the greatest collection of historic Madeira and spirits ever to be offered for sale at auction in the United States. Led by **The Liberty Hall Collection of Rare Madeira** (lots 557-616), top lots included unique demi johns, recently discovered in the historic property in New Jersey, including an **Old Sercial Madeira** which sold for \$39,200. The twenty single-bottle lots of the mythical, eighteenth century Lenox Madeira also performed with exceptional results.

The auction closed with an unprecedented collection of 100-year-old pre-prohibition whiskey belonging to Jean-Baptiste Leonis recently discovered on the West Coast (lots 744-787). Many lots exceeded initial estimates by multiples, including **J. H. Beam Old Style Brookhill Sour Mash 1912**, 9 quarts per lot, which realized \$26,950, against a low estimate of \$3,800.

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Day Session (Lots 1-516) Notable Results



Henri Mayer Richebourg 1985
3 bottles per lot
Price realized: **\$36,750**



Pétrus 1966
12 bottles per lot
Price realized: **\$23,275**



Heitz, Martha's Vineyard, Cabernet Sauvignon 1974
12 bottles per lot
Price realized: **\$31,850**

Evening Session (Lots 517-796) Notable Results



Hermitage Pure Rye Whiskey,
WA Gaines 1908
5 quarts per lot
Price realized: **\$22,050**



Lenox Madeira
Imported by the late Robert Lenox Esq. via Philadelphia in 1796. Bottled in the Summer of 1798 Re-bottled in June 1888
1 quart per lot
Price realized: **\$14,700**



Macallan Millennium
1 bottle per lot
Price Realized: **\$34,300**



J. H. Beam Old Style Brookhill Sour Mash 1912
9 quarts per lot
Price realized: **\$26,950**



Old Crow Bourbon 1912
12 quarts per lot
Price realized: **\$22,050**



Hermitage Whiskey Bottled in Bond 9 Years Old 1914
24 pints per lot
Price realized: **\$23,275**

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