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RESULTS:

The Benjamin Ichinose Collection of Fine and Rare Wines

Online | 16-31 July 2020

SALE TOTAL: \$2,340,800

THE HIGHEST TOTAL FOR AN ONLINE WINE SALE AT CHRISTIE'S

98% SOLD BY LOT | 229% HAMMER ABOVE LOW ESTIMATE

76 WORLD AUCTION RECORDS



Lot 252
Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, Romanée-Conti 1970
1 jeroboam per lot
Estimate: \$40,000-60,000
Price Realized: \$75,000
WORLD AUCTION RECORD



Lot 274
de Vogüé, Cuvée Vieilles Vignes Musigny 1971
6 bottles per lot
Estimate: \$9,000-15,000
Price Realized: \$43,750
WORLD AUCTION RECORD

Results - Christie's New York Wine Department's single owner online-sale [The Benjamin Ichinose Collection of Fine and Rare Wines](#), (July 16-31) totalled **\$2,340,800**, the highest total ever achieved for an online wine sale at Christie's, with **98%** sold by lot, **100%** sold by value, and **229%** hammer above low estimate. There was global participation with registered bidders from **27** countries and **34%** first-time registrants. Throughout the sale there were **76** world auction records set.

The top lot of the sale was a jeroboam of **Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, Romanée-Conti 1970**, which achieved \$75,000. Notable results also included 6 bottles of **de Vogüé, Cuvée Vieilles Vignes Musigny 1971**, which realized \$43,750 against a low estimate of \$9,000; a bottle of **Petrus 1961** that achieved over three times its low estimate selling for \$18,750; a magnum of **Château Mouton-Rothschild 1929**; which sold for four times its low estimate achieving \$16,250; and two bottles of **Château Haut-Brion 1929**, which realized over four times the low estimate selling for \$17,500. There were strong results throughout the sale recognizing Christie's ability to reach buyers for all categories, from rare Burgundy to Bordeaux and also Port, Madeira and the Mosel. We were particularly pleased with the exceptional prices for one of the greatest offerings of mature wines from California ever to appear at auction.

Chris Munro, Head of Department, Americas Fine Wine & Spirits, remarks, "This collection represented one of those rare opportunities to acquire great wines from an impeccable source, and our clients responded with enthusiasm. Well cellared, bought with strict guidance from importers and producers from a hugely knowledgeable and loved collector, we are delighted to report that nearly every bottle offered from this impeccable collection found a new home. The exceptionally strong results, including a number of world record prices, witnessed in this sale demonstrates the success of Christie's Online platform's ability to showcase important collections to the broadest possible global audience. This tremendous sale result is a fitting tribute to one of the wine world's greatest collectors."

Bartholomew Broadbent, CEO, Broadbent Selections, notes, "The trusted alliance between Christie's and the Ichinose family began shortly after my father, Michael Broadbent, founded the wine department in 1966. Ben Ichinose began buying in the early days of Christie's wine auctions and a lifelong, now two generational, family friendship ensued. Buying and collecting the greatest imaginable wines, many from Christie's which have re-appeared in today's sale, the Ichinose cellar was the last of the surviving great iconic American cellars. The two men died within a year of each other but I cannot express how delighted my father was when I told him that Ben's daughter, Louise, had entrusted Christie's with the enormous responsibility of taking the pride and joy of her father's valuable collection to auction. This multi-record breaking sale demonstrates that Christie's is still at the forefront of the world of wine auctions, as it has been since 1966, and the legacy of my father's career continues."

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Notable Results | The Benjamin Ichinose Collection of Fine and Rare Wines | 16-31 July 2020

76 WORLD AUCTION RECORDS ACHIEVED | SELECT HIGHLIGHTS LISTED BELOW



LOT 74
Château Mouton-Rothschild 1973
1 imperial per lot
Estimate: \$2,000 - 3,500
Price Realized: \$10,000
WORLD AUCTION RECORD



Lot 101
Petrus 1961
1 bottle per lot
Estimate: \$5,500-8,000
Price Realized: \$18,750
WORLD AUCTION RECORD



LOT 282
Armand Rousseau Chambertin 1961
1 bottle per lot
Estimate: \$3,000 - 5,000
Price Realized: \$16,250
WORLD AUCTION RECORD



LOT 114
Château Ausone 1961
1 magnum per lot
Estimate: \$1,200-2,000
Price Realized: \$6,875
WORLD AUCTION RECORD



LOT 118
Château Cos d'Estournel 1961
1 magnum per lot
Estimate: \$1,200-1,600
Price Realized: \$3,750
WORLD AUCTION RECORD



LOT 61
Château Mouton-Rothschild 1929
1 magnum per lot
Estimate: \$4,000-7,000
Price Realized: \$16,250
WORLD AUCTION RECORD



LOT 278
de Vogüé, Chambolle-Musigny Les Amoureuses 1971
7 bottles per lot
Estimate: \$14,000-22,000
Price Realized: \$43,750
WORLD AUCTION RECORD



Lot 464
Heitz, Martha's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 1975
4 magnums per lot
Estimate: \$2,800-3,500
Price Realized: \$17,500
WORLD AUCTION RECORD



LOT 183
Château Trotanoy 1961
1 magnum per lot
Estimate: \$6,000 - 10,000
Price Realized: \$21,250
WORLD AUCTION RECORD



Lot 3
Bollinger, Brut R.D. 1961
6 magnums per lot
Estimate: \$6,000-9,000
Price Realized: \$10,625



LOT 93
Château Cheval-Blanc 1947
1 bottle per lot
Estimate: \$8,000-14,000
Price Realized: \$17,500



Lot 17
Château Lafite-Rothschild 1961
1 imperial per lot
Estimate: \$6,000-10,000
Price Realized: \$18,750



LOT 358
Mixed Domaine Leflaive, Bienvenues-Bâtard-Montrachet
7 bottles per lot
Estimate: \$1,800 - 3,000
Price Realized: \$21,250



LOT 570
Quinta do Noval 1931
1 bottle per lot
Estimate: \$2,000 - 4,000
Price Realized: \$9,375
WORLD AUCTION RECORD



LOT 34
Château Latour 1949
1 magnum per lot
Estimate: \$4,000-6,000
Price Realized: \$17,500

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