

# CHRISTIE'S

Grands Crus Part II: Finest and Rarest Wines From The Superlative Collection of Christen Sveaas

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Sale no: 1952 – Top Ten

**THE \$6.8 MILLION SVEAAS WINE SALE, THE HIGHEST AUCTION TOTAL IN CHRISTIE'S LOS ANGELES HISTORY, PROVIDES A FITTING FINALE TO THE SALEROOM'S FALL 2007 SEASON**

***La Chapelle, Hermitage, Paul Jaboulet Aîné, Vintage 1961, 12 bottles, for \$252,000 (€173,793) / European Trade***

*Château Yquem, Vintage 1945, 12 bottles, for \$132,000 (€91,034) / European Trade*

*Château Latour, Vintage 1945, 12 bottles, for \$126,000 (€86,897) / Asian Private*

*Château Mouton-Rothschild, Vintage 1945, 12 bottles, for \$120,000 (€82,759) / Asian private*

*La Tâche, Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, Vintage 1978, 12 bottles, for \$78,000 (€53,793) / Asian Private*

*Romanée-Conti, Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, Vintage 1991, 12 bottles, for \$78,000 (€53,793) / Asian Private*

*Romanée Conti, Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, Vintage 1993, 12 bottles, for \$78,000 (53,793) / Asian Private*

*Château Cheval Blanc, Vintage 1921, 12 bottles, for \$72,000 (€49,655) / European Trade*

*Château Latour, Vintage 1961, 12 bottles, for \$66,000 (€45,517) / European Trade*

**Los Angeles** – Christie's Los Angeles Fall 2007 season of sales conducted in its newly-refurbished galleries ended on an exceptional high note Saturday, with the *Grands Crus Part II: Finest and Rarest Wines From The Superlative Collection Of Christen Sveaas* totaling \$6,806,280, the highest auction total for any sale ever held at Christie's Los Angeles during its 10 years of auction operations. Coupled with the \$3,866,625 *California, Western and American Art* sale, and the 100% sold \$3,613,620 *Quintessential Modern Cellar Evening Sale*, both held two weeks ago in Beverly Hills, the season of sales for Los Angeles stands at \$14,286,525.

As part of the celebrations surrounding the Sveaas auction, a gala dinner at Christie's in Beverly Hills was held on the Friday evening before the sale in honor of the legendary Norwegian collector, and immediately after the sale on Saturday, **Christen Sveaas announced a donation of \$1 million to the Elton John AIDS Foundation (UK)**, the largest HIV/AIDS grant-making charity within the UK.

**The most notable wine lot of the season was a very rare case of 1961 Hermitage, La Chapelle that sold during *Grands Crus Part II* for a remarkable \$252,000 against a \$80,000-120,000 estimate. In doing so, it became the most expensive case of Rhône wine ever sold in the United States.**

David Elswood, Head of Christie's International Wine Department and Richard Brierley, Head of Wine Sales, Christie's Americas, say: "This single-owner collection from the cellars of Christen Sveaas has provided the largest-ever sale total in any category for our Los Angeles saleroom. In a select 784-lot sale, we saw ...**a new United States record price for a dozen bottles of the legendary Hermitage, La Chapelle 1961 which sold for \$252,000.**