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## Sotheby's Presents MAGNIFICENT WINES FROM THE PARK B. SMITH COLLECTION



Featuring:

- Over 1,000 Lots from One of the World's Finest Cellars -
- An Incredible Selection of Large Format Bottles -

11 November in New York

NEW YORK, 12 September 2017 – Sotheby's is honored to present the sale of [Magnificent Wines from the Park B. Smith Collection](#) on 11 November in New York. Emerging from one of the most

internationally recognized cellars, this exceptional selection is led by Bordeaux, which makes up nearly 80% of the sale's value, in addition to superb wines from the greatest producers in Burgundy and Italy. The sale is expected to bring \$3/\$4.3 million.

Bordeaux highlights include significant quantities of the five First Growths: Haut-Brion, Lafite, Latour, Margaux and Mouton Rothschild, which when added to La Mission Haut-Brion, Pétrus and Le Pin, accounts for 33% of the sale by volume and 56% by value, mostly from the renowned 1982, 1989, 1990, 1996 and 2000 vintages.

## SUPERLATIVE LARGE FORMAT BOTTLES



from Smith's legendary cellar.

The Park B. Smith Collection is remarkable for having an outstanding number of large format bottles, with over half of the lots being offered in Magnums, Double Magnums and larger bottle sizes. By volume, nearly 55% of the wine in this sale is offered in large format. There are 1,729 Magnums, which gives new and seasoned collectors a rare opportunity to acquire wines in what is widely and wisely considered the optimal size for aging, directly

Sotheby's was honored to offer wines from Smith's renowned cellar in November 2006; the dedicated sale totaled \$5.3 million and set a new auction record for the most expensive wine lot ever sold at auction at that time – an outstanding 50 cases of renowned **1982 Château Mouton Rothschild**, which sold for \$1,051,600. This remains the second highest most valuable wine lot sold at auction and the record for the most expensive Bordeaux lot sold at auction.

*Robert M. Parker Jr., prominent wine critic, who Mr. Smith calls "my closest friend in life", commented: "Park Smith has been a dear friend and mentor for over three decades. We met because of his passion for wine, and when I was invited to his home for a tasting, I was astonished by the depth, provenance, beauty, and diversity of his wine collection. I have*



been in the business of evaluating wines for just short of 40 years, been blessed to travel the world and see wine cellars that are considered legendary in their home countries. Yet, I have never seen a cellar of such exceptional wines and one of such breadth as Park's. Those fortunate enough to acquire some of Park's vinous treasures will be getting wines bought with meticulous attention to detail. In essence, they are as pristine as a wine can possibly be. In short, the sale of these wines is a once in a lifetime opportunity from the single greatest wine cellar and collection I have ever witnessed."

Due to the very long and close friendship between Park B. Smith and Robert Parker, all the tasting notes in the auction catalogue are by Robert M. Parker. Smith traveled extensively with Parker and their palates often aligned; as a result it is no surprise that there are thirty-seven 100 point wines representing 12% of the sale, and 203 wines with 95 points or more comprise 58% of the auction.

*Jamie Ritchie, Sotheby's Worldwide Head of Wine remarked: "It is a great honor to offer such a wonderful selection of wines from Park B. Smith's collection in a special single-owner auction in New York. While Park is perhaps best known as a renowned collector, he is also a savvy businessman, accomplished restaurateur, and steadfast philanthropist – all of which are qualities that are reflected in his illustrious cellar. Over the last 45+ years, Park has amassed a collection of wines that exhibits not only his wealth of knowledge but also celebrates his genuine passion for the wine community, to which he has devoted a large part of his life and continues to champion. It is a privilege to help Park do what he loves most: share his love of wine with others."*

## THE COLLECTOR



Park B. Smith started collecting wine over 45 years ago, when he converted his root cellar into a wine cellar in the 1970s. The now 8,000 sq ft cellar, complete with a kitchen and dining room, illustrates Smith's voracious appetite for enjoying wine. A large percentage of the cellar comes from California and the Rhône, neither of which are featured in this sale, because he enjoys them too much.

As a result of his very close friendship with Parker, Smith was an early supporter and collector of the new wave of wines coming from the Napa Valley in the early 1990s. As for the Rhône, Smith is known as “Mr. Châteauneuf-du-Pape”, with an astonishing collection of nearly 12,000 bottles. Today, references to Châteauneuf-du-Pape can be seen throughout Smith’s home and office; in 2004, he was made an Honorary Vigneron by the producers of Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

## **THE RESTAURATEUR**

Smith’s appetite for purchasing wine, and the realization of how many bottles he owned, led him to partner with Steve Verlin and open Veritas restaurant in 1998. The wine-centric restaurant, located in New York City’s Flatiron district, was ground-breaking. Smith’s cellar focusing on Bordeaux, Rhône and California was a perfect fit with Steve’s Burgundy and Champagne. Once combined with chef Scott Bryan’s excellent food, Veritas became a go-to dining destination and led the way for American restaurants to magnify their wine selection, and for sommeliers to play an important role in a restaurant’s success. Over Veritas’ fifteen-year history, thousands of bottles were opened and enjoyed by wine lovers from all over the world.

## **THE BUSINESSMAN**

Since 1967, Smith has been in the textile business, owning and operating Park B. Smith, Ltd., a privately held New York-based home furnishings business, supplying many of the retailers who are household names across the United States. Founded on the belief that the definition of fashion is constant change, the Park B. Smith Company offers an ever-changing mix of home textiles, along with gifts and accessories.

## **THE PHILANTHROPIST**

Loyalty and giving back have long been important to Smith, who graduated from The College of the Holy Cross in 1954. His experience there had a profound impact on the rest of his life, leading him to adopt the Jesuit credo “men and women for others” as an important principle in his life. Among his many contributions to the college, Smith constructed four buildings at Holy Cross: *Carol and Park B. Smith Wellness Center*, *Carol and Park B. Smith Hall*, *Linda and Park B. Smith Laboratories*, as well as *Linda Johnson Smith Soccer Stadium*. Smith has since become the largest donor in the institution’s history.

In addition to his ongoing support of his alma mater, Smith is also an active contributor to the Marines Corps Law Enforcement Foundation (MC-LEF), which provides scholarships to children who

have lost a parent serving in the United State Marine Corps or any federal law enforcement agency. Smith himself served in the Marine Corps, where he first discovered his passion and love for wine while stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### LARGE FORMAT BOTTLES:

Over 3,349 Total Literage – The Equivalent of 4,466 Regular Bottles

- 3,904 Bottles
- 1,729 Magnums
- 206 Double Magnums
- 23 Imperials
  
- Bottle Literage: 2928 Liter
- Magnum Literage: 2593.5 Liters
- Double Magnum Literage: 618 Liters
- Imperial Literage: 138 Liters
  
- 3,904 Bottles: 47% of lots
- 4,466 Bottle Equivalents of Magnums & Larger: 53% of lots
- 8,370 Bottle Equivalent Total

### 100 POINT WINES:

The Equivalent of 1,000 750ml Bottles, Representing 12% of the Total Number of Bottles in the Sale

- 37 Different 100 Point Wines
- 64 Half Bottles
- 466 Bottles
- 167 Magnums
- 26 3-Liter
- 8 Imperials
- Nearly 200 Gallons of 100 Point Wine

### 95 POINTS & OVER WINES:

- 203 Different Wines
- 3,728 Bottles
- 58% of Sale by Volume

### BORDEAUX:

#### CHÂTEAU MARGAUX

Over 50 Lots and 14 Vintages, Featuring 20 Half Bottles, 225 Bottles, 74 Magnums, 17 Double Magnums, 3 Imperials:

- 12 Bottles 1982 Margaux, Estimate \$7,500 - \$11,000 Each (3 Lots)
- 5 Magnums 1982 Margaux, Estimate \$6,000 - \$9,000
- 12 Bottles 1986 Margaux, Estimate \$4,200 - \$6,000 Each (5 Lots)

- 6 Magnums 1990 Margaux, Estimate \$8,500 - \$10,000
- 3 3-Litres 1990 Margaux, Estimate \$6,000 - \$8,500
- 1 6-Litre 1990 Margaux, Estimate \$6,000 - \$8,500
- 6 Magnums 1996 Margaux, Estimate \$6,000 - \$8,500 Each (3 Lots)
- 3 3-Litres 1996 Margaux, Estimate \$6,000 - \$8,500 Each (2 Lots)

#### CHÂTEAU MOUTON ROTHSCHILD

Over 70 Lots and 21 Vintages, Featuring 300 Bottles, 108 Magnums, 10 Double Magnums, 4 Imperials:

- 1 Magnum 1953 Mouton Rothschild, Estimate \$4,000 - \$6,000 Each (2 Lots)
- 1 Magnum 1959 Mouton Rothschild, Estimate \$4,500 - \$6,500 Each (2 lots)
- 12 Bottles 1982 Mouton Rothschild, Estimate \$11,000 - \$16,000
- 5 Magnums 1982 Mouton Rothschild, Estimate \$9,000 - \$13,000
- 6 Magnums 1986 Mouton Rothschild, Estimate \$6,500 - \$9,500
- 1 6-Litre 1986 Mouton Rothschild, Estimate \$4,500 - \$6,500 each (4 Lots)
- 12 Bottles 2000 Mouton Rothschild, Estimate \$15,000 - \$20,000 Each (6 Lots)

#### CHÂTEAU LAFITE

Over 60 Lots and 18 Vintages of Château Lafite, Featuring 14 Half Bottles, 164 Bottles, 74 Magnums, 14 Double Magnums, 3 Imperials:

- 2 Magnums 1953 Lafite, Estimate \$8,000 - \$12,000
- 1 Magnum 1959 Lafite, Estimate \$5,000 - \$7,000
- 5 Magnums 1982 Lafite, Estimate \$22,000 - \$32,000
- 1 6-litre 1986 Lafite, Estimate \$6,500 - \$9,500 Each (3 Lots)

#### CHÂTEAU LATOUR

Over 45 Lots and 15 Vintages, Featuring 26 Half Bottles, 170 Bottles, 75 Magnums, 12 Double Magnums, 2 Imperials:

- 5 Magnums 1982 Latour, Estimate \$14,000 - \$20,000
- 1 6-Litre 1986 Latour, Estimate \$2,800 - \$4,000
- 6 Magnums 1990 Latour, Estimate \$6,000 - \$8,500 Each (2 Lots)
- 3 3-Litres 1990 Latour Estimate \$6,000 - \$8,500
- 1 6-Litre 1990 Latour, Estimate \$4,200 - \$6,000
- 12 Bottles 2000 Latour, Estimate \$9,000 - \$12,000 Each (4 Lots)
- 6 Magnums 2000 Latour, Estimate \$9,000 - \$12,000

#### CHÂTEAU HAUT-BRION

Over 60 Lots and 17 Vintages, Featuring 14 Half Bottles, 206 Bottles, 94 Magnums, 17 Double Magnums, 1 Imperial:

- 1 Magnum 1953 Haut-Brion, Estimate \$2,400 - \$3,500
- 1 Bottle 1959 Haut-Brion, Estimate \$1,500 - \$2,200 Each (2 Lots)
- 12 Bottles 1982 Haut-Brion, Estimate \$6,000 - \$8.500
- 12 Bottles 1989 Haut-Brion, Estimate \$12,000 - \$16,000

- 5 Magnums 1989 Haut-Brion, Estimate \$10,000 - \$15,000
- 3 3-Litres 1989 Haut-Brion, Estimate \$10,000 - \$30,000
- 1 6-Litre 1989 Haut-Brion, \$13,000 - \$18,000

## PÉTRUS

Over 50 lots and 12 Vintages, Featuring 65 Bottles, 38 Magnums, 8 Double Magnums, 2 Imperials:

- 2 Magnums 1982 Pétrus, Estimate \$14,000 - \$20,000
- 5 Magnums 1988 Pétrus, Estimate \$12,000 - \$16,000
- 3 Magnums 1989 Pétrus, Estimate \$18,000 - \$26,000
- 1 6-Litre 1989 Pétrus, Estimate \$30,000 - \$40,000
- 12 Bottles 1990 Pétrus, Estimate \$30,000 - \$45,000
- 1 6-Litre 1995 Pétrus, Estimate \$12,000 - \$16,000
- 1 3-Litre 1996 Pétrus, Estimate \$6,000 - \$9,000
- 1 3-Litre 1998 Pétrus, Estimate \$9,000 - \$12,000 Each (2 Lots)
- 5 Magnums 1998 Pétrus, Estimate \$20,000 - \$30,000

## LE PIN

Over 10 Lots and 5 Vintages, Featuring 12 Bottles, 28 Magnums:

- 2 Magnums 1985 Le Pin, Estimate \$2,800 - \$4,000
- 5 Magnums 1995 Le Pin, Estimate \$14,000 - \$20,000
- 6 Magnums 1996 Le Pin, Estimate \$17,000 - \$24,000
- 3 Magnums 1998 Le Pin, Estimate \$12,000 - \$18,000

## **OTHER BORDEAUX HIGHLIGHTS:**

- 12 Bottles 1982 La Mission Haut Brion, Estimate \$8,500 - \$12,000
- 12 Bottles 1989 La Mission Haut Brion, Estimate \$8,500 - \$12,000
- 1 3-Litre 1990 Montrose, Estimate \$1,600 - \$2,400 Each (2 Lots)
- 2 3-Litre 1989 Lynch Bages \$2,000 - \$3,000
- 5 Magnums 2003 Ausone, Estimate \$6,000 - \$8,000
- 6 Magnums 2000 Angelus, Estimate \$3,000 - \$4,000
- 12 Bottles 1982 Cheval Blanc, Estimate \$6,500 - \$8,500 Each (2 Lots)
- 12 Bottles 1990 Cheval Blanc, Estimate \$7,000 - \$11,000 Each (2 Lots)
- 6 Magnums 2000 Cheval Blanc, Estimate \$6,500 - \$9,000 Each (2 Lots)
- 7 Bottles 2000 La Fleur, Estimate \$7,000 - \$10,000
- 3 3-Litre 1989 La Conseillante, Estimate \$3,800 - \$5,000
- 6 Bottles 1989 Haut-Brion Blanc, Estimate \$7,000 - \$10,000
- 24 Half Bottles 2001 Yquem, Estimate \$4,800 - \$7,000

## **BURGUNDY:**

- 1 6-Litre 1988 Montrachet, DRC, Estimate \$20,000 - \$30,000
- 1 3-Litre 1990 La Tache, DRC, Estimate \$16,000 - \$22,000 Each (2 Lots)
- 4 Magnums 1996 Chevalier Montrachet, Leflaive, Estimate \$7,000 - \$10,000
- 6 Bottles 1989 Corton Charlemagne, Coche-Dury, Estimate \$16,000 - \$22,000

- 5 Bottles 1993 Corton Charlemagne, Coche-Dury, Estimate \$8,500 - \$12,000
- 4 Bottles 1995 Corton Charlemagne, Coche-Dury, Estimate \$6,000 - \$8,000

#### ITALY:

- 6 Magnums 1990 Barbaresco Santo Stefano Di Deive Riserva, Bruno Giacosa, Estimate \$12,000 - \$17,000 Each (2 Lots)
- 6 Magnums 1996 Barbaresco Asili Riserva, Bruno Giacosa, Estimate \$3,500 - \$5,000
- 6 Magnums 1990 Barbaresco Sorì Tildin, Gaja, Estimate \$4,500 - \$6,000
- 1 12.5-Litre 1955 Barolo Riserva Speciale, Aldo Conterno, Estimate \$5,000 - \$7,500
- 12 Bottles 1990 Barolo Cannubi Boschis, Luciano Sandrone, Estimate \$4,800 - \$6,500 Each (2 Lots)
- 6 Magnums 1967 Barolo, Cantina Mascarello, Estimate \$2,400 - \$3,200
- 2 Magnums 1985 Sassicaia, Estimate \$7,000 - \$9,500
- 1 3-Litre 1990 Le Pergole Torte, Montevervine, Estimate \$2,400 - \$3,500 Each (2 Lots)

#### CHAMPAGNE:

- 6 Magnums 1985 Dom Perignon Rose, Estimate \$6,500 - \$9,500
- 12 Bottles 1990 Louis Roederer Cristal Brut, Estimate \$4,200 - \$6,000 Each (2 Lots)
- 6 Magnums 1990 Louis Roederer Cristal Brut, Estimate \$4,500 - \$6,500
- 1 3-Litre 1989 Louis Roederer Cristal Brut, Estimate \$1,600 - \$2,600

#### SPAIN:

- 1 3-litre 1995 Pingus, Estimate \$2,600 - \$3,200
- 12 Bottles 1996 Pingus (OWC), Estimate \$4,000 - \$6,000
- 1 Magnum 1982 Vega Sicilia Unico, Estimate \$900 - \$1,200

#### PORT:

- 5 Bottles 1948 Graham, Estimate \$2,000 - \$3,000
- 6 Bottles 1955 Graham, Estimate \$1,800 - \$2,600
- 12 Bottles 1963 Graham, Estimate \$2,800 - \$2,600
- 12 Bottles 1963 Fonseca, Estimate \$2,200 - \$3,200
- 12 Bottles 1963 Taylor, Estimate \$2,400 - \$3,500

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