

# Sotheby's EST. 1744 Wine

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## SEASON OPENER SALE EXCEEDS HIGH ESTIMATE WITH \$2.7 MILLION



### Strong Global Bidding with Over 25% of Lots Sold Online

**NEW YORK, 11 September 2017** – On 9 September, Sotheby's opened the New York season of Wine auctions with the outstanding sale of Finest & Rarest Wines, which brought \$2.7 million. Exceeding its estimate of \$1.7/2.4 million, the sale saw 95% of lots sold with strong bidding from North America, Europe, South America and Asia; over a quarter of the lots on offer were purchased by online bidders. Treasures from the family cellar of a physician – an impeccable Bordeaux-focused

collection— and The Classic California Collection, led by superlative offerings from Heitz Cellar and Mayacamas Vineyards, sold exceptionally well, achieving \$247,729 (estimates \$135,950-\$195,800) and \$272,976 (estimates \$154,750-\$224,300) respectively.

*Connor Kriegel, Sotheby's Wine's Head of Auction Sales in New York, commented: "Today's exceptional results are a harbinger of an impressive fall season to come at Sotheby's Wine. The global market took notice of the extraordinary quantities and superlative storage of The Classic California collection, leading to astonishing prices for Heitz Martha's Vineyard and Mayacamas. Elsewhere, demand for blue chip wines such as 1989 Haut Brion, Henri Jaye and DRC remains incredibly strong. We look forward to our next sale in New York on 21 October."*

### **HIGHLIGHT LOTS**

Lot 342: 3 BT Romanee-Conti, DRC 2003, Est. \$22,000 - \$32,000, Achieved \$46,550

Lot 1: 12 BT Chateau Haut-Brion 1989, Est. \$15,000 - \$20,000, Achieved \$23,275

Lot 352: 4 MAGS Chateau Lafite 1959, Est. \$11,000 - \$15,000, Achieved \$23,275

Lot 318: 6 BT Chateau Lafite 2000, Est. \$5,500 - \$7,500, Achieved \$13,475

Lot 1167: 1 JERO Chateau Mouton Rothschild 1982, Est. \$6,500 - \$9,000, Achieved \$13,475

Lot 56: 12 BT Domaine Leroy, Pommard Les Vignots 1990, Est. \$4,500 - \$7,000 Achieved \$11,025

Lot 700: 10 BT Mayacamas Cabernet Sauvignon 1974, Est. \$3,000 - \$4,000, Achieved \$7,350

Lot 55: 3 BT Bourgogne Rouge, Henri Jaye 1985 Est. \$2,000 - \$3,000, Achieved \$5,880

Lot 659: 12 BT Heitz Cellar, Cabernet Sauvignon, Martha's Vineyard 1985 Est. \$1,600 - \$2,200, Achieved \$5,145

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*\*Estimates do not include buyer's premium and prices achieved include the hammer price plus buyer's premium.*

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