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THE TWO CONTINENTS COLLECTION – THE PRIVATE CELLAR OF IRWIN KOTOVSKY ONLINE: PART I

Sold 100% By Lot | 124% Hammer Above Low Estimate

and

FINE AND RARE WINES ONLINE: FEATURING THE RUAN COLLECTION

Sold 94% By Lot | 111% Hammer Above Low Estimate

TOTAL: \$2,252,188



Lot 542
Barbeito, Terrantez 1802
1 bottle per lot
Price Realized \$22,500
WORLD AUCTION RECORD
The Private Cellar of Irwin Kotovsky



*Irwin Kotovsky enjoying a meal at
Maxim's*



Lot 66
Petrus 2000
6 bottles per lot
Price Realized \$40,000

The Ruan Collection

LOS ANGELES – Christie’s Americas Wine Department is pleased to announce outstanding results with the recent sales of [The Two Continents Collection – The Private Cellar of Irwin Kotovsky Online: Part I](#) and [Fine and Rare Wines Online: Featuring the Ruan Collection](#) for a total of **\$2,252,188**.

The Two Continents Collection – The Private Cellar of Irwin Kotovsky Online: Part I, totaled \$1,343,438, with 100% sold by lot and 124% hammer above low estimate. The sale saw competitive bidding around the globe with over 20 auction records set. The sale featured 582 lots and represented the world’s most sought-after wines. Mr. Kotovsky, a passionate collector, assembled a spectacular cellar over his lifetime. Outstanding results were achieved for Madeira and Port, a Barbeito, Terrantez 1802 (1 bottle per lot) which sold for \$22,500, 11 times higher than its low estimate.

Fine and Rare Wines Online: Featuring the Ruan Collection totaled \$908,750 94% by lot and 111% hammer above low estimate, the featured Ruan collection was 100% sold by lot and saw competitive bidding with participation from 14 countries. Throughout the sale several auction records were set. The auction featured 245 lots from the greatest winemaking regions around the globe, the top lot of the sale was a superlative Petrus 2000 (6 bottles per lot) which sold for \$40,000.

Chris Munro, Head of Department, Wine and Spirits, Christie’s Americas, commented: *“The results of our two featured cellars from Irwin Kotovsky and John Ruan III reflect the careful curation of these outstanding wine collections. These White Glove collections were both 100% by lot, far exceeding their pre-sale estimates. Offered in dual on-line sales, the auctions garnered interest from our global client base, bidding was competitive and intense. Spectacular results throughout with multiple world records across all categories.”*

SELECT RESULTS | THE TWO CONTINENTS COLLECTION – THE PRIVATE CELLAR OF IRWIN KOTOVSKY | APRIL 6 – 18



Lot 149
Petrus 1992
12 bottles per lot

Price Realized \$25,000



Lot 374
Armand Rousseau, Chambertin-Clos de
Bèze 2007
6 bottles per lot

Price Realized \$15,000



Lot 383
Domaine Leflaive, Chevalier-Montrachet
1998
12 bottles per lot

Price Realized \$11,250

SELECT RESULTS | FINE AND RARE WINES ONLINE: FEATURING THE RUAN COLLECTION | APRIL 7 – 19



Lot 4
Château Lafite-Rothschild 1982
12 bottles per lot
Price Realized \$30,000



Lot 52
Château Mouton-Rothschild 2000
12 bottles per lot
Price Realized \$23,750



Lot 214
Screaming Eagle 2008
2 bottles per lot
Price Realized \$8,125
WORLD AUCTION RECORD

The Ruan Collection

RECORDS – THE TWO CONTINENTS COLLECTION – THE PRIVATE CELLAR OF IRWIN KOTOVSKY ONLINE PART I

- [Lot 40](#) – 3 bottles - Philipponnat, Clos des Goisses 1982 Price Realized \$2,125
- [Lot 63](#) – 1 bottle - Château Lafite-Rothschild 1888 Price Realized \$6,250
- [Lot 124](#) – 1 imperial - Château Mouton-Rothschild 1991 Price Realized \$3,750
- [Lot 142](#) – 2 magnums - Château La Mission-Haut-Brion 1985 Price Realized \$5,625
- [Lot 157](#) – 1 bottle - Château Gruaud-Larose 1918 Price Realized \$875
- [Lot 158](#) – 1 bottle - Château Gruaud-Larose 1918 Price Realized \$937
- [Lot 160](#) – 2 double-magnums - Château Gruaud-Larose 1964 Price Realized \$3,000
- [Lot 252](#) – 1 bottle - Chateau Angelus 1961 Prize Realized \$1,062.50
- [Lot 324](#) – 2 bottles - Château Filhot 1935 Price Realized \$937.50
- [Lot 352](#) – 1 bottle - Armand Rousseau, Mazy-Chambertin 1990 Price Realized \$1,625
- [Lot 362](#) – 5 bottles - François Bertheau, Chambolle-Musigny, Les Amoureuses 2003 Price Realized \$1,500
- [Lot 369](#) – 2 bottles - Comte Georges de Vogüé, Chambolle-Musigny, Les Amoureuses 2004 Price Realized \$2,250
- [Lot 383](#) – 12 bottles - Domaine Leflaive, Chevalier-Montrachet 1998 Price Realized \$11,250
- [Lot 404](#) – 18 bottles - Bouchard Père et Fils, Chevalier Montrachet 1992 Price Realized \$6,000
- [Lot 408](#) – 3 bottles - Jacques Prieur, Montrachet 1993 Price Realized \$1,375
- [Lot 410](#) – 12 bottles - Jacques Prieur, Montrachet 1994 Price Realized \$4,375
- [Lot 411](#) – 10 bottles - Ramonet, Chassagne-Montrachet, Boudriotte 1994 Price Realized \$1,625
- [Lot 442](#) – 1 magnum - Gaja, Sorì San Lorenzo 1988 Price Realized \$812.50
- [Lot 482](#) – 1 bottle - Ridge, Monte Bello, Merlot 1974 Price Realized \$750
- [Lot 542](#) – 1 bottle - Barbeito, Terrantez 1802 Price Realized \$ 22,500
- [Lot 559](#) – 1 bottle - Blandy's, Sercial 1871 Price Realized \$1,187.50
- [Lot 564](#) – 1 bottle - Blandy's, Sercial B.G. 1884 Price Realized \$1,625

RECORDS – FINE AND RARE WINES ONLINE: FEATURING THE RUAN COLLECTION

- [Lot 102](#) – 1 double-magnum - Château Pontet-Canet 1973 Price Realized \$437.50
- [Lot 106](#) – 12 bottles - Vieux-Château-Certain 1998 Price Realized \$4,000
- [Lot 154](#) – 11 bottles - La Spinetta, Barolo, Vigneto Campe 2003 Price Realized \$1,875
- [Lot 194](#) – 3 bottles - Diamond Creek, Volcanic Hill, Cabernet Sauvignon 1982 Price Realized \$812.50
- [Lot 195](#) – 3 bottles - Diamond Creek, Red Rock Terrace, Cabernet Sauvignon 1985 Price Realized \$687.50
- [Lot 214](#) – 2 bottles - Screaming Eagle 2008 Price Realized \$8,125

BROWSE LOTS IN THE SALE:

- **THE TWO CONTINENTS COLLECTION – THE PRIVATE CELLAR OF IRWIN KOTOVSKY ONLINE: PART I [RESULTS](#) AND [IMAGES](#)**
- **FINE AND RARE WINES ONLINE: FEATURING THE RUAN COLLECTION [RESULTS](#) AND [IMAGES](#)**

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