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# TURNING WINE INTO WATER



**London** – Christie's announces that the *Fine and Rare Wine* auction at King Street on Thursday, 23 October 2014 presents 65 lots, sold on behalf of Decanter Magazine, to benefit WaterAid and their commitment to providing safe access to water across Africa and Asia. The sale also offers wines with exceptional provenance including ports from the Symington family reserves.

The first 65 lots of the sale, offered on behalf of Decanter Magazine, are drawn from the sample bottles submitted to their 2014 World Wine Awards. The proceeds will be donated in full to benefit the international charity, WaterAid, who are dedicated to the provision of domestic water, sanitation and hygiene education across Africa and Asia. Their work is fundamental; over a billion people do not have access to safe water in these areas. Each case contains 12 different bottles from the region or country indicated and all are packed in new Christie's cartons following inspection and selection by Decanter staff. Vintages range mainly from 2008-2013. All are drawn from the 'over £10' category of the 2014 Decanter World Wine Awards (full results of which are available at [www.decanter.com](http://www.decanter.com)).

**A range of samples, from lots 1 to 65, will be available at the pre-sale tasting at 9.30-10.30am  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

Further sale highlights include Symington Ports which have been individually selected by Charles Symington from the family reserves. They feature Graham's, Dow, Warre's, Cockburn and Quinta do Vesuvio. The collection also presents carefully chosen, previously unreleased for sale, vintages in large formats including a 15 litre bottle of the iconic Graham's 2000 (estimate: £550-650). The lot is offered together with 2 seats on the Graham's boat in the annual Barco Rebello race, held during the festival of São João.

Also on offer is an outstanding collection of 19<sup>th</sup> century Claret, recently removed from the cellars of a country house in Wales which, amongst others, can be traced back to private reserves at Château Lafite and the cellars of an 18<sup>th</sup> century Bordeaux Mansion and includes the incredibly rare second wine of Château Margaux from the 1900 vintage. Estimates range from £100 to £4,000.



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### Tasting

A range of samples, lots 1 to 65, from the 2014 Decanter World Wine Awards sold to benefit



King Street

Thursday, 23 October 2014

09:30 am

### AUCTION:

*Fine and Rare Wines Including Finest Port from the Symington Family Reserves*

King Street

Thursday, 23 October 2014

10:30 am

### About Christie's

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*\*Estimates do not include buyer's premium. Sales totals are hammer price plus buyer's premium and do not reflect costs, financing fees or application of buyer's or seller's credits.*