



**HOSPICES
DE BEAUNE**

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155th HOSPICES DE BEAUNE WINE AUCTION

**THANKS TO THE EXCEPTIONAL 2015 VINTAGE
AND THE GENEROSITY OF THE BUYERS, THE SALE ACHIEVES
€11,347,609 / £8,011,412 / \$12,175,984***

**A GENEROUS FRENCH BENEFACTOR ACQUIRES THE CHARITY BARREL
“PIÈCE DES PRÉSIDENTS” AT €480,000 SETTING A NEW RECORD**



Claire Chazal, Christophe Lambert and François de Ricqlès, selling the Pièce des Président's Barrel at €480.000

The sale totaled €11,347,609 including premium.

**458 barrels of red wine and 117 of white wine achieved €10,885,899 including premium.
The President's Barrel sold for €480,000.**

The White wines: +37.82% compared to 2014

The Red wines: +39.05% compared to 2014

The average price per barrel is €18.880, +37.3% compared to 2014

THE TRADITIONAL WAY OF SELLING WINE IN BARRELS

This year, the *Climats de Bourgogne* were included in UNESCO's World Heritage List. The Hospices de Beaune and Christie's are delighted to have achieved another record sale, with a grand total of over €11M.

The Domaine des Hospices de Beaune offered 458 barrels of red wine and 117 of white wine during the sale. The auction featured 33 Cuvées of red wine and 15 of white. Combined with *La Pièce des Présidents* and the spirits, the entire sale totalled €11,347,609, a new record result for any Hospices de Beaune wine sale (the previous record was €8,082,525 established in 2014). Today, we also established a record for any barrel sold during the Hospices de Beaune sale with the Clos de la Roche, Cuvée Cyrot-Chaudron which sold for 117,700 euros.

Antoine Jacquet, Director of the Hospices de Beaune commented: « *Despite the events that occurred on November 13 in Paris, we took the decision to maintain this charity auction to benefit the hospital. The funds resulting from the sale of the Pièce des Présidents will be equally shared between l'Institut Curie, The Fondation pour la recherche sur les AVC, and the Fédération Nationale des Victimes d'Attentats & d'Accidents Collectifs (FENVAC). I am particularly pleased that Ludivine Griveau, vineyard-manager and wine-maker of the domaine has joined our team this year, given the exceptional quality of the vintage* ».

Ludivine Griveau, vineyard-manager and wine-maker of the domaine declared: “*We could not have hoped for better results to celebrate this exceptional 2015 vintage. Particularly favorable weather throughout the growing season allowed Burgundy's great vine varieties - Pinot Noir and Chardonnay - to express the region's terroirs beautifully*”.

Since 2005, Christie's has partnered with the Hospices de Beaune, together organising not only the yearly sale in Burgundy, but also arranging dinners and tastings of the Domaine's wines in the USA, Europe and, since 2010, across Asia. This year, South America experienced the wines and traditions of this extraordinary auction thanks to our presence in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo.

Agathe de Saint Céran, Head of the Hospices de Beaune sale: « *After a minute of silence and the National Anthem sang by the whole saleroom, the négociants as well as private buyers from around the world paid tribute to the victims of the Parisian attacks by their presence and participation. Indeed, this year, 60% of the barrels were acquired by the négociants and 40% by private buyers. We registered bids from Europe (76%), Asia (19%), and the United States of America (5%).* »

THE PRESIDENT'S BARREL

SOLD FOR 480,000 euros



Since 1978, the Hospices de Beaune have each year donated one or more barrels, known as the *Pièce des Présidents*, to be auctioned for carefully selected charitable purposes. From the 1945 vintage onwards, an Honorary President has presided over each wine sale. This year, the president's barrel, containing 228 liters of Corton-Renardes Grand Cru - Cuvée des Présidents, was sold to benefit two charities. Claire Chazal represented the Institut Curie and Christophe Lambert stood in for the *Fondation pour la recherche sur les AVC*. A generous French benefactor acquired it by setting a new record with

480,000 euros. This year, in the light of the Paris terrorist attacks on November 13, **Claire Chazal** declared: “In the aftermath of the tragic events, the *Pièce des Présidents* will also be dedicated to the victims’ families. I am pleased and moved to be here today. It was necessary to maintain the auction. I am representing the *Institut Curie* which develops innovative therapeutic and diagnostic techniques such as immunotherapy. And **Christophe Lambert** added: “I stand here today for the *Fondation pour la recherche sur les AVC*, as also for the *Institut Curie* and in order to support the victims of the terrible acts which happened in Paris. It is important that we should all be united against these acts, so that such as such tragic events do not happen again.”

** Total including buyer’s premium, the President’s Barrel and the spirits*

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