

**165th Hospices de Beaune Wine Sale Achieves €18.8m / \$21.5m,
Introducing a 52nd Cuvée and Attracting Record Global Participation**

The Third Highest Total in its History



Cédric Klapish, Alice Taglioni, Martin Solveig and Vincent Lacoste with Sotheby's auctioneer, Aurélie Vandevoorde, during the sale of the Presidents' Barrel © Micha Patault / Sotheby's

BEAUNE, SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2025 – Today, at the historic Hospices de Beaune charity wine auction in Burgundy, record levels of global participation drove the final total to €18,754,670 / \$21,496,368 (an aggregate of €20,223,043 / \$23,509,670) – the third highest in the auction's history.*

The centrepiece of the auction was a unique barrel of Pommard Premier Cru Les Rugiens, selected as this year's *Pièce des Présidents* (Presidents' Barrel) and generously donated by the Hospices Civils de Beaune to raise funds for two charities of its choosing. Cédric Klapisch, Vincent Lacoste, Alice Taglioni and Martin Solveig – luminaries from France's film and music industries and ambassadors for the EHCO association and the Robert-Debré Children's Brain Institute** – joined Sotheby's auctioneer Aurélie Vandevoorde to spur bidding among the 700 attendees in the Halle de Beaune, delighting the crowd with humour and heartfelt encouragement. When the final hammer came down some twenty minutes later, the price had reached €400,000 - an auction record for a 228 litre Premier Cru *Pièce des Présidents*.***

Even before the 552-lot sale began, appreciation for the wines of the Hospices de Beaune – produced under the expert direction of estate manager Ludivine Griveau and her team – was evident, with a record number of registered participants by Sotheby’s at the Hospices de Beaune.

The strong demand was reflected in an average hammer price per barrel of red and white wines of €33,930, representing a 4.6% increase on 2024 and marking the fifth consecutive year in which the average price per barrel has exceeded €30,000.

Also leading the results were two barrels of Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru, Cuvée Dames de Flandres, which sold for €400,000 each, establishing - for the second consecutive year - a record price for a barrel of this exceptional white Grand Cru cuvée.

Following the presentation of the estate’s first fully certified organic wines at last year’s sale, this year’s auction was equally momentous, marked by the introduction of a 52nd cuvée – Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru, Cuvée François Faiveley – made possible through an exceptional donation from Domaine Faiveley, located within the Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru appellation. The two barrels sold for €165,000 and €170,000.

In total, 428 barrels of 34 red wines, 111 barrels (including two half-barrels) of 18 white wines, 11 barrels of eaux-de-vie, and the Presidents’ Barrel were offered.

Separate from the Presidents’ Barrel - and as per tradition - proceeds from the auction support the *Hospices Civils de Beaune*’s hospital programme. Funds raised from the 165th sale will contribute to the hospital’s major investment initiatives to modernise its facilities, including the ongoing construction of a new 15,000 m² hospital building to replace the first modern-era structure of the Hospices, dating from 1971; and the rebuilding of the hospital in Seurre.

Guillaume Koch, Director and Chairman of the Board of the Hospices Civils de Beaune, said: *“We are delighted to have just achieved the third-largest sale in our history. Once again, the white wines held some wonderful surprises, including a new record for the most valuable barrel ever sold (excluding the Pièce des Présidents) with the Bâtard-Montrachet.”*

Marie-Anne Ginoux, Managing Director, Sotheby’s France, said: *“It is an honour and a source of pride for Sotheby’s to have been entrusted with the Hospices de Beaune auction, a responsibility that inspires our team to ensure its continued success. The enthusiasm surrounding this 2025 edition has been remarkable, with record levels of participation and collectors travelling from around the world to take part in this historic event. Our shared goal remains clear: to celebrate Burgundy’s winemaking heritage while raising vital funds for the Hospices Civils de Beaune. Above all, this sale is a testament to the shared generosity of everyone involved – from the négociants and the local community to our international buyers – whose support makes this event truly exceptional.”*

Célian Ravel d’Estienne, Head of Wine Auction Sales, Sotheby’s France, said: *“This year’s Hospices de Beaune auction has been outstanding. We have seen a continued increase in the price per barrel for both red and white wines, with new records achieved for individual cuvées –*

testament to the extraordinary skill and dedication of Ludivine Griveau and her team. It has been a pleasure to share these exceptional wines with collectors around the world, from events in Paris and London to dinners in Jakarta, Taipei, Chicago, São Paulo, and beyond. The enthusiasm and appreciation from the international wine community attests not only to the quality of the wines but also the enduring appeal of Burgundy's finest."

*The overall hammer total of €18,754,670 includes the €400,000 raised by the Presidents' Barrel, the only lot in the sale to exclude buyer's premium fees. The hammer total excluding the Presidents' Barrel was €18,354,670. The highest ever hammer total of €28.9m was achieved in 2022; the second highest total of €23.3m in 2023.

**Represented at the auction by Cédric Klapisch and Vincent Lacoste, the EHCO association is a non-profit organisation dedicated to helping handicapped children in the Côte-d'Or region. Represented at the auction by Alice Taglioni and Martin Solveig, the Robert-Debré Children's Brain Institute is a pioneering research and care facility located in Paris, dedicated to understanding and supporting children's cognitive development.

***The record price for a 'Presidents' Barrel was set in 2022 at €810,000, for a barrel of Corton Grand Cru.

Summary of the Key Facts and Figures

- Aggregate total: €20,223,043
- Hammer total: €18,754,670
- Hammer total excluding the Presidents' Barrel: €18,354,670
- Average price per barrel for the red and white wines: €33,930 (excluding eaux-de-vie and the Presidents' Barrel) - an increase of 4.6% on 2024
 - Average price per barrel for the reds: €27,480
 - Average price per barrel for the whites: €58,580
 - Average price per barrel for the Grands Crus: €86,290
 - Average price per barrel for the Premiers Crus: €23,180
- Cuvée auction records included: Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru, Cuvée Dames de Flandres at €400,000; Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru, Cuvée François de Salins at €155,000; Beaune Blanc Premier Cru Clos des Mouches, Cuvée Hugues et Louis Bétault at €60,000
- 24 events showcasing Hospices de Beaune wines held around the world, in 17 locations
 - Including six new destinations: Abu Dhabi, Bangkok, Copenhagen, Jakarta, Madrid and São Paulo
- Duration of sale: six and a half hours (presided over by Aurélie Vandevoorde and Pierre Mothes, who have had the privilege of supporting the Hospices de Beaune for the past five years)

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About the Hospices Civils de Beaune

The history of the Hospices Civils de Beaune began in 1443, when Nicolas Rolin and Guigone de Salins decided to build a hospital: the Hôtel-Dieu. The founders' act of charity and patronage established a tradition that has seen the Hospices de Beaune endure throughout history in exceptional conditions. Today, the Hospices Civils de Beaune comprises the Beaune hospital centre, and the Arnay-le-Duc, Seurre and Nuits-St-Georges hospitals. The Hospices Civils de Beaune is the support establishment for the Groupement Hospitalier de Territoire du Sud Côte-d'Or.

The originality of this hospital institution lies in the size and nature of its assets, which include, on the one hand, a historic monument, the 15th-century Hôtel-Dieu, which has not welcomed elderly patients or residents since the early 1980s; and, on the other hand, a prestigious 60-hectare Beaune wine-growing estate of the finest Burgundy appellations. All these vineyards come from bequests and donations, and their production is auctioned every year on the 3rd Sunday in November, as part of the world's most famous charity auction. Thanks to its heritage, this hospital plays a key role in the two major activities of Beaune and the surrounding region: tourism and wine.

The auction is the most famous and oldest charity wine auction in the world (1859). Proceeds from the sale are earmarked for the upkeep of the hospital's heritage and the modernization of its equipment and buildings. True to its founding values, each year the Hospices Civils de Beaune supports one or more charities by donating the profits from the sale of a unique barrel of wine, known as the "Pièce de Charité".

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