

Whisky sales break the records in Edinburgh

Bonhams Whisky department in Edinburgh has recorded its most successful year ever, with total sales of £919,000.



Martin Green with the Dalmore 50 year-old which sold for £26,250 in December 2017

The auction house held its first whisky sale in 2008, and now holds sales four times a year at its Queen Street HQ as well as four sales in Hong Kong, including its first-ever online only sale.



Ahead of the June sale Martin Green has a good look at what will be sold.

Bonhams Whisky specialist in Edinburgh, Martin Green told us : “2017 has been a bumper year for Bonhams whisky sales in Scotland.

“Since we started selling whisky at auction in 2008, the market has grown steadily year on year, but 2017 has been exceptional. We are undoubtedly benefitting from the global interest in collecting whiskies which is now very much an international pursuit.

“We have regular bidders from all over the world, including China, Hong Kong, Singapore Japan and Taiwan, all the countries of mainland Europe, north and south America as well, of course, as Scotland and the rest of the UK.”



Martin Green checks on the contents before the Bonhams Whisky Sale on 4 October 2017

Top results at Bonhams Edinburgh in 2017 include:

- Dalmore-50 year old-1926 sold for £26,250 in December 2017
- The Bowmore Trilogy: Black Bowmore-42 yearold-1964 Gold Bowmore-44 year old-1964 White Bowmore-43 year old-1964 sold for £25,000 also in December 2017
- The Macallan Millennium Decanter 50 year old 1949 sold for £21,250 in June 2017
- The Macallan Select Reserve-25 year old – 1946 sold for £15,625 in October 2017



Port Ellen distillery closed in 1983 and the whisky has become sought after in the collecting world.