

Will this be the most expensive bottle of whisky yet?

This is the second bottle of the rare Macallan 60 year old-1926, which has been put up for sale at Bonhams in Edinburgh in a year. This one has a label designed by the eminent, internationally acclaimed, British pop artist Sir Peter Blake who designed the cover for Sgt Pepper for the Beatles in 1972.

This label bears an uncanny resemblance to the album cover, not in terms of the subject, but the way the image is crowded with figures and detail.



The detail on the specially commissioned label The Macallan leads the Bonhams Whisky Sale on 6 March 2019 starting at 11.00 am at 22 Queen Street, and is estimated to fetch between £500,000-700,000. It has been consigned by a UK collector who acquired the bottle on its release in 1986.

If you want to know what the whisky inside the bottle might taste like then read this article [here](#).



Managing Director of Bonhams in Edinburgh Charles Graham Campbell holds the rare bottle very carefully indeed. The whisky lay at Macallan for over 60 years in an oaken cask brought from Jerez, before it was bottled in 1986. Only 12 bottles with the label designed by Sir Peter – most popularly known for co-creating the cover for The Beatles 1972 album *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* – were issued.

One of the bottles sold in May 2018 at Bonhams Hong Kong for £751,703 (HK\$7,962,500). At the time, this set a world record for a bottle of whisky at auction, and is still the highest price paid for a Macallan-60 year old-1926 from the Blake series.

Describing the whisky Bonhams whisky specialist Martin Green said, "It is dark honey-gold in colour, and is almost inconceivably smooth with a luscious hint of dry-sweetness in the malt."

Other highlights of the sale include:

- Laphroaig-14 year old-1970 bottled in Scotland for Osteria Apostoli, Milan. Estimate: £20,000-22,000.
- Two bottles of Dalmore-50 year old-1926. Estimate: £15,000-20,000 each.
- Bowmore-40 year old-1955. Estimate: £15,000-20,000
- Springbank-1952. Estimate: £15,000-18,000.



The bottle in its original case will be sold on 6 March 2019 in Edinburgh