

Bottle of 1926 Macallan sold in Edinburgh

There were only 25 potential bidders in the room and most of them were waiting to see how much lot 76 might make. Certainly the press at the back of the room were, and cameras clicked furiously as the hammer came down at a minute past noon today.

In common with other lots this morning the eventual bidder was not in the room and bids were made online and on the telephone.

This was a bottle of 1926 Macallan bottled in 1986 in a bottle bearing a Peter Blake label. Peter Blake designed the album cover for The Beatles Sgt Pepper album and this bears some resemblance with all the detail in it.

Bottle of MacAllan 1926 with Peter Blake label sells [@bonhams1793](#) for £500,000 – over £600k with premium <pic.twitter.com/uesMatFjTX>

– Edinburgh Reporter (@EdinReporter) [March 6, 2019](#)

Charles Graham Campbell auctioned it, beginning at £360,000 and taking a bids at £20,000 increments up to £500,000 on the telephone in just under two and a half minutes.



Charles Graham Campbell begins the sale of Lot 76
It was sold to an overseas bidder for £615,073 with buyer's premium added so no records were set this morning, but it shows the healthy state of the whisky market. Other lots were selling fast at a wide variety of prices from hundreds to tens of thousands.



Managing Director of Bonhams in Edinburgh Charles Graham

Campbell holds the rare bottle very carefully indeed. A previous Peter Blake bottle 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.

There were 12 bottles commissioned bearing the Blake label and a further twelve bearing the Valerio Adami label.



Lots sold all morning at a wide range of prices.