



## WHAT'S ON AUCTION



AUCTIONEER David Elswood. | Matt Stowe  
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### WHAT AM I BID?

When the Christie's auctioneer slammed down the final gavel on the Nederburg Auction 2018 in Paarl yesterday, the New World's oldest wine industry auction had sold wines from 64 of the country's top producers for R5.264 million.

Despite news this week that South Africa is in recession, buyers broke expectations in acquiring premium aged wines. Among the notable closing bids were R19 000 paid for three 750ml bottles of Nederburg Vintage Port 1964; R15 000 for three 750ml bottles of Chateau Libertas 1968 and R8 000 for a six-bottle case of Zonnebloem Pinotage 1978.

Younger varieties also achieved prices reflecting the value local and international buyers are placing on South African wines. The Le Riche Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2010 sold between R5 500 and R6 500 per six-bottle case, depending on the lot size. | **NICOLA JENVEY**