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Bonhams Aston Martin Sale - 4th June 2005 - Review

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Bonhams successfully auctioned a total of £2,409,549 Aston Martin Motor Cars and Automobilia at this year's all-Aston Sale. Held at the customary immaculate Works Service premises at Newport Pagnell, a highlight was the 'Hunter Green' Collection being sold in individual lots totalling £875,400 (including buyer's premium).

Some variations in price were apparent within the extraordinary nine cars built to identical specification and registered in 1990. The **1990 V8 Vantage** was hotly tipped pre-Sale and was duly hammered down to a premium-inclusive price of £133,500 that must set the standard for these cars. Bizarrely the much-fancied **1990 V8 Vantage Volante 'Prince of Wales'** fetched a lowish estimate £122,500, while the less subtle **1990 V8 Vantage Volante** went all the way to £144,500. The other cars were pretty well on-estimate but worthy of note is the **1990 V8 Zagato** selling for £84,000 - at just 902 recorded miles the European buyer has got one of the finest examples available at a price that may well look a bargain in years to come.

Two jaw-dropping figures were achieved outside the 'Hunter Green' cars. The first was for the much-anticipated **1966 DB6 Vantage Volante 'Short Chassis'** (one of three cars made). Strong bidding within the saleroom as well as on the 'phone from potential buyer worldwide pushed the final hammer price to £255,000, that's £282,000 including buyer's premium. £29,900 would buy you a **1990 Virage** with £6,000 to spare - it's also what someone paid for Lot 127, the **DB5 Convertible Hardtop** and everyone in the room was amazed at the price. The **1964 DB5 Convertible** sold for a high market £150,000.



Of the other cars a couple of real bargains stand out, the **1955 DB2 2/4** for £23,575, and the **1968 DB6 Auto** for £30,475. Both cars looked to be finished well in nice (Dark Green) paintwork and ready for a summer's enjoyment. The **1994 Supercharged Vantage** Formerly the Property of His Royal Highness, The Sultan of Brunei looked a nice car for £77,400, while another car with famous previous ownership, Lennox Lewis's **1994 Virage Limited Edition Coupé** sold for £41,100.

Two **DB7 Zagatos** were entered, the **2003 DB AR1 Roadster** sold for £122,500, while the aggressive-looking **2003 Zagato Coupé** was bid to £120,000 but was one of the few lots not to sell. Both **Lagondas** did, for only reasonable amounts as is customary for the post-war marque, the **1953 2.6/3-Litre Drophead Coupé** going for £19,550, while the **1963 Rapide**, the 1961-1964 AMOC Concours winning car, achieved £23,000.



Prior to the Motor Car Sale, Toby Wilson auctioned nearly 100 lots of Automobilia, a highlight of which must be the **Pur-Sang Rose DBR1 Half-Scale Child's Car** selling for £17,250 - that's a 50% increase on the £11,500 achieved for a similar model in last year's Sale.

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