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Bonhams at Monaco 20th May 2006 - Preview

Swelled by the inclusion of entries from two collections, Bonhams have assembled over 100 motor car entries to their annual Monaco auction. As usual there's a good selection for the 'high rollers' attending both the modern and historic grand prix.

The Rosso Bianco Collection in Germany is world renowned as the home of examples of just about every significant supercar or racing sports car ever made. Having recently changed ownership, some of the cars are to be sold and have been included in this sale. As museum exhibits the running condition of many of the cars is probably not of the first order, however their originality probably is. Cars entered include a 1964 Ferrari Lusso Berlinetta, EURO 200,000 - 250,000, a 1963 Maserati 3500 Vignale Spyder, EURO 65,000 - 85,000 and the ex-Scuderia Subalpina, Mille Miglia, Briggs Cunningham Collection 1935 Maserati 4CS-1100/1500 at EURO 650,000 - 750,000.



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1963 Maserati 3500 Vignale Spyder - EURO 1975 Lancia Stratos HF Competition-Liveried -EURO 140,000 - 180,000

The other set of cars had been amassed by Portuguese collector Vitor Ribeiro and comprises some elegant touring cars such as the Ex-Cher, 1971 Mercedes-Benz 280SE 3.5 Cabriolet at EURO 80,000 - 120,000 or the ex-Peter Finch, 1962 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud II Saloon at EURO 38,000 - 48,000, as well as traditional GT cars like the 1972 Ferrari Dino 246GT Berlinetta, EURO 65,000 - 75,000 and 1964 Jaguar E-Type 3.8-Litre Series I Roadster, EURO 50,000 - 60,000, the latter a nice example in black with tan leather interior.



The headlining car must of course be the 1963 Ferrari 250GT Berlinetta Lusso Competizione ('Refer Dept.' for price) that we have previewed before on Classic Driver. Extensively advertised in the press, the car is unique in being the only example of the model to see active international competition in-period. With an alloy-bodied competition 250GT SWB valued at (say) \$US2.75m, and a 'street' Lusso at \$350K it's a brave man who'd put a price on this one! We'll see on the day.

Other interesting cars of note include the RHD 1965 Ferrari 275GTB/6C Berlinetta at EURO 320,000 -360,000, and the **1974 Lancia Stratos Stradale Coupé** EURO 120,000 - 140,000, a car that appears to mildly-prepared for rallying. There's also a fantastic 1968 Shelby GT-350, EURO 55,000 - 65,000, with 'Select-O-Matic' transmission (that's 'auto' to you and I). These cars go for big money in the US, it'll be



1960 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud II Drophead Coupe - EURO 140,000 - 160,000 1965 Ferrari 275GTB/6C Berlinetta - EURO 320,000 - 360,000

And a Monaco sale would not be complete without a **Miura**, or **Bugatti EB110GT** and **F40**. Rest assured these, and many similar, are all in the catalogue.

The Sale also includes an extensive selection of Automobilia and will be held at the Musée Automobile de la Collection de S.A.S, Le Prince de Monaco on Saturday 20th May 2006. Automobilia Sale at 3.00 pm, Motor Cars at 5.00 pm.

To see the complete lotlisting please click **HERE**.

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