
Bonhams Les Grandes Marques à Monaco - 10th May 2008 - Preview

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Another fat tome from Bonhams arrived this morning, bursting with entries for the annual sale coinciding with the Monaco Grand Prix and the Grand Prix de Monaco Historique. A quick riffle through the glossy pages reveals that this is still one of *the* international sales of the year, with 11 rather special Ferraris jostling for page-space with 10 Mercedes (from 1927 to 1972), six Astons, six Maserati, and a healthy sprinkling of Bentley, Jaguar, Bugatti (EB110 GT and 1932 T55 Super Sport), Porsche (911 road and race) and the rest.

Pictured above is the **275 GTB racer** built new in 1964, and displayed at the **1965 New York Auto Show** by **Luigi Chinetti Motors**. Today, this 313bhp Ferrari is an obvious contender for a wide range of historic races and, indeed, in recent years has taken part in the **Le Mans Classic**, **Gentlemen Drivers**, and the like. The estimate is EURO 650,00 - 750,000.



Staying on the Italian theme, EURO 350,000 – 400,000 could secure you the **1983 Lancia 037 Group B** (ex-Totip team, Miki Biasion) or, moving away from the competition theme, a road-going version of the 037 from the same year (pictured, confusingly, in the pit-lane), which might be yours for as little as EURO 120,000 – 160,000.

1969 Ferrari 365 GTS Spyder - EURO
500,000 - 800,000

1953 Aston Martin DB2 Vantage Saloon - EURO
140,000 - 150,000

The six **Aston Martins** on offer range from a 'mint' (and no, that doesn't refer to the green paintwork) **1953 DB2 Vantage**, right-hand drive and fully restored; through to a far more affordable **1975 V8** – claimed to be in 'exceptionally original condition'.

1956 Mercedes-Benz 300SL 'Gullwing'
Coupé - EURO 345,000 - 380,000

1974 Porsche 911 3.0-Litre Carrera RS Group 3
Coupé - EURO 310,000 - 360,000

Of the 10 **Mercedes** in the sale, six are from the private collection of an official Dutch dealer – and prime among these is the **1956 'Gullwing'**. This car has remained in the same ownership since 1979 and, we're told, has covered just 52,000km from new. The EURO 345,000 – 380,000 estimate seems very realistic.

1967 Jaguar XKSS 3.8-Litre Replica by Lynx - EURO
170,000 - 240,000

1967 Maserati Mistral 4000 Coupé - EURO
60,000 - 80,000

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