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Artcurial 'Automobiles Sur Les Champs', Paris 7 November 2010 - Review



Paris-based auctioneers Artcurial held a highly successful first 'Champs Elysées' sale which grossed 2.7m euros. Top-selling car was the 1970 Lamborghini P400 Miura S which sold to a French collector for 379,600 euros.

The sale was held in the private garage of the **Hotel Marcel Dassault**, Artcurial's headquarters. While the **1956 Mercedes-Benz 300 SL 'Gullwing'** (estimate: 350,000 - 400,000 euros) failed to sell, an impressive 85% sale of the motor cars did, mostly bang on estimate.

The **Aston Martin** marque maintained its popularity in collecting circles with all four cars finding new homes. The **1958 DB Mk III** (188,100 euros) came out on top, with the rather nice 'garage' (rather than 'barn') find **1952 DB2 Vantage** (pictured top) achieving 106,100 euros.

The French collectors' market has a traditional fondness for all things Italian so, in addition to the sale-leading **Miura**, other cars moving into new ownership included the **1971 Lamborghini Espada 400 GT** (29,500 euros), the **1987 Ferrari 328 GTB** (a 'you wouldn't get this in the UK' 49,500 euros) and the **1964 Alfa Romeo 2600 Cabriolet** (a solid 53,100 euros).

On the home-grown front, the rare **1971 Citroën DS 21 Berline Lorraine by Chapron** wafted majestically to 68,400 euros, while the **ex-1961 Geneva Show 1962 Facel Vega Facellia F2 Cabriolet** went for 47,200 euros and the original-condition, late-model **1976 Alpine A110 1300 VC**, for 43,600 euros.

Artcurial's next sale will be at **Paris Rétromobile on 4 February 2011**.

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