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## <u>Artcurial Auction 'Automobiles sur les Champs', Paris, 13 June</u> 2011: Review

1968 Ferrari 275 GTB/4: Sold for 789,364 euros

Paris-based auction house Artcurial grossed 5.3m euros at its recent 'Automobiles sur les Champs' sale. As expected, at 789,364 euros, the Serre Collection 1968 Ferrari 275 GTB/4 was the top-selling car.

Also from the estate of the reclusive Frenchman were further 'No Reserve' entries which included the magnificent 1935 Hispano Suiza K6 by Letourneur & Marchand (451,212 euros), the 1931 Bugatti Type 46 Coupé four-door by Vanvooren (208,259 euros) and an office favourite, the 1967 Lancia Flaminia Touring Cabriolet which comfortably broke its 25,000 – 45,000 euros estimate, selling for 54,252 euros.

Elsewhere in the catalogue, the LHD 1966 Aston Martin DB6 Vantage sold for a quite extraordinary - and possibly record-breaking - 282,152 euros, the 1957 Mercedes 300 SL Roadster 523,986 euros, and the 1956 Porsche 356A Carrera Speedster 367,242 euros.

Interestingly, neither the four-cam Ferrari nor the 356A Carrera Speedster had 'matching numbers' engines.

In the Ferrari's case, though, a car was found which carried the correct engine and a swap could well be made in the near future.

1966 Maserati Mistral: Sold for 44,817 euros

It wasn't all plain sailing on the Champs-Élysées, as none of the Chapron-bodied Citroëns found new owners, and nor did the Belgian Mercedes collector's three saloons.

The 1969 Lamborghini Miura S did not find a buyer on the night but was sold the following day, for 330,000 euros.

Artcurial's next 'Automobiles sur les Champs' motor car sale, its third, will be in Paris on 30 October 2011.

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