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## Italian Exotics to Star at Coys' 4 Dec 2012 London Sale

### **Lead**

Auctioneer Douglas Jamieson should be wishing clients at Coys' forthcoming pre-Christmas sale a hearty Buon Natale!, as a significant part of the catalogue is of Italian origin.

There are, for example, TWO Lamborghini Miuras. One is from 1967 and converted by the factory in period to SV specification. The other ticks two all-important boxes in today's market: it's in 'barn-find' condition, a metallic brown car ripe for restoration; and it enjoyed celebrity ownership in period, having been bought by Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis as a gift for his friend (magnificently coiffured and a popular singer of the time) Stamatia Kokotas in the early 1970s. Estimate: GBP 320,000 - 370,000.

Joining the Lamborghinis are no fewer than four Ferraris (including a rare-in-RHD, silver-with-red-hide 1979 512 BB, for GBP 95,000 - 110,000), a 1956 Lancia Aurelia B24 Series One Convertible (GBP 150,000 - 170,000) and two Maseratis, both of which are competitively priced and firm favourites in the Classic Driver office.



The 1966 Quattroporte is an example of the car that delivered killer performance from its 450S-derived V8 but, as a four-seater, was a discreet, practical alternative to British and Italian GTs of the period. And who doesn't appreciate Maserati 3500 GTs? This for-restoration, 1963 example is estimated at GBP 38,000 - 45,000.

Elsewhere in the catalogue, there's the customary 300SL (a red with red hardtop, disc-braked 1961 car), a super-desirable LHD 1965 Aston Martin DB5 (and a genuine 'Vantage', too, for GBP 330,000 - 380,000), three Porsche 356s and a pair of wonderful Bentley shooting brakes.

All in all, a super selection of cars for Christmas. Prior to the motor cars, Coys will offer over 350 lots of automobilia, including many original film posters. Do have a browse through Coys' website for these: there's some great stuff there.





Coys' 4 December 'True Greats' auction will be held at the Lindley Hall of the Royal Horticultural Society, Vincent Square, London SW1P 2QW. Automobilia will start at 13:00, motor cars at 19:00 prompt.

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