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Meet the cream of Bonhams' Chantilly Arts & Elegance crop

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On Sunday 30 June during the Chantilly Arts & Elegance, Bonhams will hold an auction in which a beautifully curated selection of collector cars will cross the block, spearheaded by a beautiful BMW 507 that's estimated to sell for 1.8-2.2m euros. These are our highlights...

We're thrilled that Chantilly Arts & Elegance is back this year after its hiatus in 2018. In its new mid-summer slot, the event doesn't clash with the Goodwood Revival like it did when it was held in September and should, therefore, attract more visitors and an even better selection of concours entrants. Having had a sneak peek of the entry list, we can confirm this to be the case. Bonhams has compiled an equally special catalogue for <u>The Chantilly Sale</u> and with just 39 lots, the onus is very much on quality.





As mentioned, a beautiful navy blue 1959 BMW 507 leads the way. And while that's a truly gorgeous car, we think the ex-Works 1952 Gordini Type 15S, which was driven in the period by motorsports greats including Juan Manuel Fangio and Jean Behra, is a more special proposition and every bit as beautiful. It's been given a pre-sale estimate of 700,000-1m euros.





There can be few more thrilling cars in which to go for a Sunday drive this summer than the full-fat 1966 Shelby Cobra 427 (est. 850,000-950,000 euros), while few cars would look as graceful parked in pride of place outside your local coffee shop than the Chapron-bodied 1962 Citroën DS19 Décapotable (170,000-200,000 euros).



What of our favourite? We're surprisingly taken with the very handsome 1964 Maserati Sebring, whose Vignale lines strike the perfect balance between feminine and muscular. In our eyes, it's every bit as pretty as a Ferrari 330 GTC, and at 60,000–90,000 euros, a hell of a lot cheaper. You can find our 10 favourites from The Chantilly Sale listed below or, alternatively, browse the entire catalogue in the Classic Driver Market.

Our 10 favourites from Bonhams in Chantilly

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