

## Elixir of Life at Charterhouse

A bottle of Chartreuse is expected to sell for £1,000 in the Charterhouse November 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> two day auction in Sherborne.

“It is amazing to think that this bottle of Chartreuse, which has been around for decades, has never been opened,” commented Paul King, Charterhouse wine expert. “Personally, I am not sure I could resist the temptation to open and try it for that length of time!”

Chartreuse was originally created in 1605 by French Carthusian Monks using a recipe for an elixir of long life. The secret recipe contains more than 130 different plants and flowers is usually known by just two of the monks.

The liqueur, which improves with age generally matures after 40 years and even today the formula remains a mystery which investigation methods have not been able to penetrate.

The bottle, which has resided in the cellar of a Dorset country house for decades, was discovered by Charterhouse when the owner decided to have a clear out of items surplus to their needs.



**Single bottle of Chartreuse, discovered in the cellar of a Dorset country house**

Now entered in the Charterhouse auction of wine, port and spirits, this single bottle is expected to sell for £600 - £1,000.

Charterhouse are now accepting further entries for their busy November auction programme with classic and vintage cars on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November followed by wine, port, spirits, silver, jewellery, watches & Asian Art on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> November.

For further information regarding these specialist auctions, or to arrange a home visit, contact **Paul King or Richard Bromell** and the team of experts at Charterhouse, The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne **01935 812277** or email **[info@charterhouse-auction.com](mailto:info@charterhouse-auction.com)**