

WORLD'S LARGEST WINE BOTTLE

The largest bottle of wine in the world was auctioned recently at a weekend auction, containing 173 standard bottles of Beringer Cabernet Sauvignon.

The bottle was auctioned at Sotheby's in New York and fetched the substantial price of \$55,812. The full hammer price of \$47,500 was donated to charity.

The bottle, which was certified by the Guinness Book of Records, stands 4.5 feet tall, with a similar circumference. The bottle is filled with 130 liters of Beringer Private Reserve Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2001. Well off the scale of normal bottle sizes, the bottle was named 'Maximus'. The largest traditional bottle size is a Nebuchadnezzar, which holds just 20 bottles. The Maximus was specially made in the Czech Republic, with a Portuguese cork measuring 130mm by 75mm.

Morton's Steakhouse, a U.S.-based chain of restaurants, commissioned the bottle to celebrate its 25th anniversary. The proceeds from the sale will go to the anti-hunger charity Share Our Strength.