

'World's oldest champagne' sells for \$156,000

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Eleven bottles of some of the world's oldest champagne sold for more than 156,000 US-dollar at an auction in Finland today after 170 years at the bottom of the sea, international news sources said.

The bottles are part of a batch of around 150 champagne bottles divers stumbled upon last July in a two-masted schooner which had run aground sometime between 1825 and 1830.

Bloomberg said that six bottles were Juglar, a house that disappeared in 1829, four were Veuve Clicquot and one was Heidsieck. With interest from Champagne makers, the sellers were watching after a 30,000 euro (\$37,720) a bottle record set in the last sale, though the Paris-based auction house of Artcurial Briest-Poulain-F.Tajan had placed an estimate of just 10,000 euros each.