



Chateau Impney (161)

Wed, 7th Dec 2016, Chateau Impney

Lot 9

Estimate: £90000 - £100000 + Fees

2012 Bentley Mulsanne

Registration No: LJ12BCO

Chassis No: SCBBA63Y1BC016089

Mot Expiry: Dec 2017

- One owner from new and 2,400 recorded miles

- Supplied by Jack Barclay and part of an extensive London-based collection

'The Mulsanne offers the owner-driver a truly enjoyable experience at the wheel. Most owners of this kind of car will prioritise refinement over driver appeal, so we must mark the Mulsanne down. But if your taste is for a sporting drive whatever type of car it comes in, the Mulsanne could well be the best luxury saloon in the world' (Autocar Magazine, Matt Prior)

Hailed as the first 'clean sheet' Bentley design in eighty years (as opposed to a Rolls-Royce or Volkswagen dictated one), the Mulsanne was launched at the world famous Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in 2009 where one determined enthusiast bid \$550,000 for the privilege of owning the first customer car. Massively engineered, the newcomer utilised a brand new chassis that featured all-round independent air suspension (double wishbone front / multi-link rear), vented four-wheel disc brakes (complete with ABS), Drive Dynamics Control (incorporating Comfort, Sport and Bentley modes) and speed sensitive power assisted steering. Accounting for some thirty hours of the six to nine weeks it takes to build each Mulsanne, its 6.75 litre OHV twin-turbocharged V8 was credited with developing 505bhp and 752lbft of torque. Allied to eight-speed ZF automatic transmission, the mighty powerplant enabled the 2585kg luxury four-door saloon to accelerate from 0-60mph in 5.1 seconds and onto 184mph. The opportunities to appreciate such performance on today's roads are few and far between. Thankfully, the same cannot be said of the Mulsanne's exterior and interior finishes with Bentley giving customers the choice of 114 paint colours, 21 carpet hues, 9 wood veneers, plus 24 interior leather hide shades as standard. Although, ticking too many options boxes quickly raised the £225,000 base price to over £300,000. In many ways an anachronism when compared to its lighter, more efficient four-wheel drive Bentley siblings, the rear-wheel drive Mulsanne remains unapologetically British and all the better for it.

Offered for sale with clear title by order of the High Court, this particular example has formed part of an extensive London-based private collection since it was purchased from Jack Barclay as an ex-demonstrator for £229,000. First registered on 29th March 2012 and finished in Tungsten over Moonbeam with Anthracite-piped Linen hide upholstery, 'LJ12 BCO' was built with a rear view camera, six-disc CD player, ambient interior mood lighting, adaptive cruise control, NAIM

stereo, seat ventilation, jewel fuel filler cap, 3D retractable Flying 'B' mascot, embroidered Bentley emblems and polished 21in Classic alloy wheels. An HPI check reveals that (a) the Bentley has had no former keepers and (b) it is not recorded on their stolen, finance, security watch or insurance write off databases. While a UK Government Vehicle MOT History search shows that the luxury saloon was first MOT tested at 2,317 miles on 27th March 2015. Now displaying some 2,400 miles to its odometer, this imposing Mulsanne will hopefully possess a fresh MOT certificate by the time of sale. Offered for sale with owner's handbook, service handbook (recording services at 782 and 1,853 miles), Jack Barclay New Vehicle Invoice, quick reference guides and sundry paperwork.

PLEASE NOTE: This lot possesses a MOT certificate valid until 1st December 2017 and now shows some 2,900 miles to its odometer.