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Messina Hof Winery and Resort Reports Largest Harvest in 30 Year History

HOUSTON (September 19, 2007) – Messina Hof, the fastest growing award-winning winery and resort in Texas announced the 2007 Harvest Festival as the most successful Harvest Festival in the vineyard's 30 year history.

Paul and Merrill Bonarrigo welcomed wine enthusiasts from all over Texas and the US during July and August 2007 to assist them in picking, stomping and celebrating the productive vines of 2007. Harvest Festival attendance increased by more than 36 percent this year marking the 30th anniversary as the highest attended Messina Hof Harvest in history.

The inaugural Moonlit Harvest that kicked off this summer's festivities was sold out and will now become an annual tradition. The overwhelming response to the Moonlit Harvest created Messina Hof's newest offering – the weekly Sunset Tours. The Sunset Tours are scheduled every Friday at 7 p.m. The one-hour tour includes a flight of three wines paired with tapas selections from the Wine Bar menu, which vary each week. Due to the popularity of the Sunset Tours, Messina Hof's newest offering, reservations are recommended.

In addition to the increase in attendance at Messina Hof's Harvest Festival, the winery experienced a 30 percent increase in grape production this year. "While Texas vineyards experienced disastrous harvest seasons due to flooding and bad weather in general, Messina Hof has experienced a stellar production level despite the wet summer conditions," said Paul Bonarrigo, co-founder of Messina Hof. "Not only was the crop larger than normal, the quality was much better as well," he added.

The Messina Hof Harvest Festival is an exhilarating five-weekend event featuring a wide variety of food and wine events including the Moonlit Harvest; Harvest picking and stomping; Wine and Food Seminars; Harvest Murder Mystery Dinners; and Harvest Vintner's Dinner.

About Messina Hof Winery and Resort

Messina Hof Winery and Resort was established in 1977 by Co-Founders Paul and Merrill Bonarrigo. Now celebrating its 30th anniversary, Messina Hof was founded on family values, romance and tradition. Messina Hof is the leader in the establishment of the Texas wine industry and ranks as one of the fastest growing, most award-winning wineries in the state.

More than 50 varieties of wine are produced at the winery located in Bryan, Texas. Messina Hof Winery and Resort also boast on their 100-acre property including the Vintage House Restaurant and Villa, which was voted "Most Romantic hideaway in the USA," by Arrington's Inn Travel.

For more information on Messina Hof Winery and Resort, please visit www.messinahof.com