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## **Messina Hof Winery and Resort Announces Vintner's Dinner at Carmelo's in Houston and in Austin**

HOUSTON — (January 1, 2007) Carmelo's Vintner Dinner

Paul Bonarrigo and Carmelo Mauro will be hosting their 9th annual "Two Gentlemen from Sicily" Vintner Dinner at both the Houston and Austin locations of Carmelo's Ristorante on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007, respectively. The dinners will honor their ancestry with an exploration of authentic Italian wine and cuisine. The event will be hosted by Paul and Merrill Bonarrigo, co-founders, owners and winemakers for Messina Hof, and Paulo wineries, and Carmelo Mauro, chef and restaurateur owner Carmelo's in Houston and Austin.

Carmelo Mauro opened his "Old World" Italian restaurant in 1978. In 1985 he opened his second restaurant in Austin. Carmelo's Italian Restaurant was chosen by the National Pizza and Pasta Association as their 1993 "Pasta Maker of the Year," and was also named a 1997 honoree in the Blue Chip Enterprise Initiative.

WHEN:

Houston: Tuesday, January 23 at 6:30 pm

Austin: Wednesday, January 24, 2007, 6:30 pm

Messina Hof Winery and Resort, [www.messinahof.com](http://www.messinahof.com), established in 1977, is celebrating their 30th anniversary. Founded on family values, romance and tradition, Messina Hof has led 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 types of wine are produced at Messina Hof Winery, located in Bryan, Texas. Sharing the Estate with the Winery are The Vintage House Restaurant and The Villa, voted "most romantic hideaway in the USA," by Arrington's Inn Traveler.

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