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**** MEDIA ALERT ****

Messina Hof Winery featured at Ciro's Italian Grill Vintner's Dinner

WHAT: Bryan comes to Houston!

The co-founders of Messina Hof Winery & Resort, Paul and Merrill Bonarrigo, are traveling from Bryan, Texas to entertain guests of Ciro's Italian Grill in Houston. Paul and Merrill will share their stories and wine expertise as they enjoy a lavish meal complemented by the ideal Messina Hof wine. In addition to the Vintner's Dinner, Ciro's Italian Grill features Messina Hof wines on their everyday wine menu.

Call (713) 467-9336 for reservations. For more information, please visit www.ciros.com.

WHEN: **Tuesday, February 26, 2008**

COST: \$50 per person (plus tax and gratuity)

WHERE: Ciro's Italian Grill
9755 Katy Freeway
Houston, Texas 77024

MENU: **Appetizers:** Roasted bell pepper and fresh mozzarella paired with *Messina Hof Pinot Grigio*, Linguine Romano paired with *Messina Hof Barrel Reserve Merlot*

Entrée: Choice of Tilapia Monariti or Italian Kabob paired with *Messina Hof Private Reserve Shiraz*

Dessert: Chocolate Dipped Cannoli paired with *Messina Hof Papa Paulo Port*

Messina Hof Winery and Resort

Messina Hof Winery and Resort was established in 1977 by Co-Founders Paul and Merrill Bonarrigo. 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.

Four time winner of the "Top Texas Wine" at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Messina Hof wines are handcrafted at the winery, located in Bryan, Texas. Messina Hof Winery and Resort also boast on their 100 acre property the Vintage House Restaurant, origin of *Vineyard Cuisine* Cook Book, the Villa, which was voted "Most Romantic Bed and Breakfast in the USA" and the Wine Master's Room Wine Bar, voted best wine by the glass in the Brazos Valley.

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

About Ciro's Italian Grill

Ciro's Italian Grill was founded on casual ambience, attentive service, and wonderful Italian food. They offer specialties that span the regions of Italy with mouth watering appetizers, pizzas, soups and entrees typical of Tuscany, Sicily and Southern Italy. An extensive heart-healthy menu including antipasti, pastas and entrees complete with calorie count, fat percentage and fat gram count. Ciro's Italian Grill boasts a full bar and cigars are available to enjoy on the patio.

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