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**** MEDIA ALERT ****

Messina Hof Winery featured at Bistro Le Cep Texas Independence Day Vintner's Dinner

WHAT: It's Texas Independence Day!

On March 2, 1836, Texas declared its independence from Mexico and became the Republic of Texas. On March 3, 2008 Bistro Le Cep, together with Messina Hof Winery & Resort, will come together to celebrate the Lone Star State's history with a Texas-sized dinner and celebration fit for a hero of the Alamo.

Guests will celebrate Texan's defeat of Santa Anna and split from Mexico by dining on a five-course meal complemented by wine from Messina Hof, an award-winning Texas winery.

Call (713) 783-3985 for reservations. For more information, please visit www.bistro-lecep.com.

WHEN: **Monday, March 3, 2008**
7 p.m.

COST: \$69.50 per person (plus tax and gratuity)

WHERE: **Bistro Le Cep**
1112 Westheimer @ Wilcrest
Houston, Texas 77042

MENU: Bay Shrimps with Avocado on Crisp Greens Topped with Tortilla Chips paired with *Messina Hof Pinot Grigio*

Fresh Gulf Seafood Newburg in a Patty Shell paired with *Messina Hof Unoaked Chardonnay*

Roulade of Texas Antelope, Wild Rice and Cranberry Chutney paired with *Messina Hof Private Reserve Merlot*

Roasted Sirloin of Beef au Jus, Scalloped Turnips, Carrots and Green Beans paired with *Messina Hof Paulo Cabernet Sauvignon*

Chocolate Mousse Almond Cookie and Dulce de Leche Ice Cream paired with *Messina Hof Angel Late Harvest Riesling*

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 Bistro Le Cep

Bistro Le Cep is an ideal place to meet friends and enjoy companionship, fine wine and good food. Casual dress and European style hospitality combine to create an ambience that is warm and friendly.

Bistro cuisine knows no boundaries. The variety of dishes can change with every season and yet, all can be seriously be labeled "authentic bistro" dishes. Bistro Le Cep offers specialties from different regions of France in addition to crusty baguettes, pâtés, and a well-selected wine list from around the world.

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