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**** MEDIA ALERT ****

Paul and Merrill Bonarrigo of Messina Hof Winery & Resort to Present at Fort Worth Dietetic Association Scholarship Event

WHAT: Messina Hof Winery & Resort co-founder Paul and Merrill Bonarrigo will discuss the health benefits of wine and guide guests through the pairing experience. Their presentation will cover Resveratrol – the antioxidant wonder drug, red wine versus white wine benefits, and trends in Texans' wine consumption patterns. An audience of at least 100 will consist mainly of dietitians, but members of the general public will also be in attendance.

In addition, Messina Hof Winery & Resort is donating a Private Tour and Tasting for 20, a signed *Vineyard Cuisine Cookbook*, and a signed bottle of Paulo, the champion of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, to the silent auction and raffle that will take place prior to the presentations.

Event Itinerary:

6 p.m. – Registration, appetizers and the Silent Auction benefiting the Fort Worth Dietetic Association Scholarship

7 p.m. – Speakers and Presentations

- Teresa Wagner, MS, RD, LD with Dairy Max on health aspects of cheese (approximately 10 to 15 minutes)
- Belinda Boshell, MS, RD, LD on health benefits of chocolate (approximately 10 to 15 minutes)
- Paul and Merrill Bonarrigo on health benefits of wine (approximately one hour)

WHEN: Thursday, February 21, 2008
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

WHERE: Brazos Ballroom at Lockheed Martin Recreation Association
Clubhouse

3400 Bryant Irvin Road
Fort Worth, TX 76109

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.