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Paul Bonarrigo of Messina Hof Winery Recognized with “Chairman’s Award” from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Wine Competition Committee

HOUSTON, Texas (March X, 2008) – Paul Bonarrigo, co-founder of Messina Hof Winery and Resort, the fastest growing award-winning winery and resort in Texas, recently received the Chairman’s Award from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Wine Competition Committee.

Bonarrigo accepted the award, a set of silver spurs, at the 2008 Rodeo Uncorked! Roundup and Best Bites Competition February 18, 2008 at the Reliant Astrodome. The award was given to Bonarrigo and three others for going above and beyond to make the HLSR Wine Competition an overwhelming success since inception in 2003.

“We presented Paul with the Silver Spurs because he has helped us since we started the Rodeo Wine Competition five years ago,” Bear Dalton, chairman of the Rodeo Wine Committee, said. “He is one of our biggest supporters and this award gives us a chance to show him our gratitude and appreciation.”

Specifically, Bonarrigo worked with the HLSR Wine Committee to produce the oversized bottles necessary for the Rodeo Uncorked! Champion Wine Auction in addition to the wine donations made by Messina Hof. He also continues to play an important role as the liaison between the Texas wine industry and the Rodeo Wine Competition.

“It was a great honor and an even greater surprise to receive this award,” said Bonarrigo. “Messina Hof and I are happy to support the Houston Rodeo and help support their goal of raising money for youth and education, preserve Western heritage and provide family entertainment.”

About 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 and winner of the "Best in Show" at the 2008 San Antonio International Wine Competition, 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.

Captions for attached photos:

Best Bites 1: Rodeo Wine Committee Chairman Bear Dalton present Paul Bonarrigo and James Kramer with the Silver Spurs Chairman Award.

Best Bites 2: Paul Bonarrigo and James Kramer with their Silver Spurs.