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**TAMU Roadrunners Host 2008 “Run Thru the Vines”
at Messina Hof Winery and Resort**

Texas Winery provides route for race during Texas A&M Parent’s Weekend

BRYAN, Texas (March X, 2008) - Messina Hof Winery and Resort, the fastest growing award-winning winery and resort in Texas, announced they will provide the course for the 31st annual TAMU Roadrunner’s “Run Thru the Vines” during Texas A&M Parents Weekend.

The 5k and 10K Fun Run and Walk will be held Saturday, April 12, 2008 and will benefit Aggie Habitat for Humanity and Texas A&M Roadrunners. Messina Hof Winery and Resort will be the starting point for both the races, and starting time is 9 a.m. The unique trail will wind through the vineyard and surrounding country roads.

“We are excited to be able to provide the runners with such a distinctive course,” said Merrill Bonarrigo, Texas A&M alumna and co-founder of Messina Hof Winery. “Messina Hof has always been close to the TAMU community, and we applaud these students for organizing the event and raising money for their organization and Habitat for Humanity.”

The race is open to anyone and even strollers are welcome on the course. The top male and female of the 10K will be awarded \$100. In addition, the top 3 males and females from each age division will be awarded and there will be drawings for door prizes throughout the day.

The event is separated into eight age divisions: 18 & under, 19-24, 25-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70 and over. Registration is available at 8:15 on April 12, but everyone is encouraged to pre-register.

For more information, registration fees, or to pre-register, please visit www.runthruthevines.com.

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.

About TAMU Roadrunners

TAMU Roadrunners was founded in 1963 and is a sports club for all levels. They encourage fitness through running and travel to San Antonio, Austin, Houston and New Orleans to participate in different road races. TAMU Roadrunners also offer group runs four days a week and a new beginners group on Monday evenings. Dues are \$30 annually, or \$20 for one semester and includes a Roadrunners t-shirt and participation in road trips.

For more information, visit <http://recsports.tamu.edu/runners/index.html>.