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Messina Hof Winery Showcase at Texas Reds Steak and Grape Festival

Texas Winery to lead festival with a wine tasting, transportation to tour and taste, and host of the Texas Reds Jazz Brunch

HOUSTON (May X, 2008) – Messina Hof Winery and Resort, the fastest growing award-winning winery and resort in Texas, is hosting a Texas Reds Jazz Brunch, offering a shuttle service to the Messina Hof Winery, and participating in the festival's wine tasting in support of their hometown's 2nd Annual Texas Reds Steak and Grape Festival sponsored by the City of Bryan Friday, June 20 through Sunday, June 22, 2008.

The Texas Reds Steak and Grape Festival will showcase the best of the "reds" that Texas offers – red wine and red meat.

The 2008 festival kicks off with a day-long wine tasting on Saturday, June 21 featuring all types of wine including Texas reds. Sixteen award-winning wineries are participating in the tasting, including Messina Hof Winery.

To satisfy Texans' well-known craving for red meat, an estimated 30 cooking teams will compete in the 2008 Steak Cook-off Saturday June 21 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Crowds will also enjoy live musical entertainment from several performers and various booths filled with arts, crafts and treasures from Downtown Bryan. A Kids Zone will guarantee fun for the entire family.

"The Texas Reds Festival has become such a popular event, and we're thrilled that the event attracts visitors to Bryan to show off our wonderful city. Each year we look forward to sharing our wine and participating in the events that make the festival so enjoyable," said Paul and Merrill Bonarrigo, co-founders of Messina Hof Winery and Resort.

The Texas Reds Steak and Grape Festival will be located in Downtown Historic Bryan. For tickets and more information, visit www.texasredsfestival.com or call (979) 209-5528.

Messina Hof Winery and Resort Texas Reds Festival events include:

Texas Reds Steak and Grape Festival Wine Tasting

Messina Hof will participate in the famous Texas Reds wine tasting on Saturday, June 21 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the HEB Wine Cellar located on Main Street in front of the Palace Theater in Bryan.

Shuttle Service to Messina Hof Winery

The festival is offering a free shuttle service from the festival to the Messina Hof Winery and back every 30 minutes. Participants can get a glimpse of how award-winning Texas wine is created by taking a tour of the Messina Hof Winery.

Texas Reds Steak and Grape Festival Jazz Brunch

Messina Hof wraps up the Texas Reds Steak and Grape Festival with a Jazz Brunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, June 22 at the Messina Hof Vintage House Restaurant. Jazz musician Mike Lafavour will entertain guests with a mixture of jazz and country hits as they feast on the following menu:

Continental Display: Assorted chilled juices, coffee, assorted bagels, croissants, pastries, muffins, fresh fruit

Chef Manned Omelet Station: Onions, scallions, tomatoes, bacon, ham, sausage, peppers, mushrooms, cheddar cheese and Monterey jack cheese.

Rosemary Roasted Red Potatoes

Carving Station: Virginia Baked Ham, served with condiments and sliver dollar rolls

Smoked Salmon Display: With traditional garnishes

Cheese Blintz: Delicate crepe shells filled with a sweetened cream cheese and fruit

The Texas Reds Jazz Brunch will be located at The Vintage House Restaurant at the Messina Hof Winery at 4545 Old Reliance Road. Cost of the brunch is \$49.99 per person with a portion of the proceeds going back to Texas Reds Festivals. For more information or to make reservations, please call 800-736-9463 ext 34.

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.