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## Messina Hof Winery and Resort Hosts 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Harvest Celebration

**BRYAN, Texas** (June 18, 2008) – Messina Hof, the fastest growing award-winning winery and resort in Texas, is celebrating their Harvest from July 18 to August 17, 2008, announced Paul and Merrill Bonarrigo, co-founders of Messina Hof Winery & Resort in Bryan, Texas.

Harvest is a time when guests can experience the century-old tradition of making wine by picking and stomping of the grapes. Wine lovers, including special guests and local celebrities, will roll up their sleeves and pants and partake in the first phase of wine making with the Messina Hof Family.

After guests hand-pick the grapes straight from the vine, the fun of squashing begins. Not only will they get their feet wet, they will be rewarded for their hard work with a Harvest Cuisine Dinner prepared by the award-winning culinary team of Messina Hof's The Vintage House restaurant.

"Harvest is our favorite time of year here at Messina Hof Winery," said Paul Bonarrigo. "It gives us a chance to share our love of making award-winning wine with people who not only love wine, but love having a good time!"

The second annual Moonlit Harvest will be an enchanted evening not to be forgotten. The romantic evening will kick off the first harvesting of the grapes as guests pick grapes from the vineyards, then stomp them under a beautiful sunset on Friday, July 18, 2008. Guests also receive a Messina Hof Harvest souvenir t-shirt to imprint with their purple feet after stomping. After the grapes have been crushed, they will enjoy a multiple-course special dinner at The Vintage House Restaurant.

Harvest is an exciting five-week celebration featuring a wide variety of food and wine events including the Moonlit Harvest, Harvest, Harvest Murder Mystery Dinners, and the Harvest Vintner's Dinner each weekend.

Harvest events in chronological order:

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### **Moonlit Harvest**

**Friday, July 18, 2008**

The second annual "Moonlit Harvest" includes picking and stomping the grapes, a souvenir t-shirt, and a Vineyard Cuisine dinner at The Vintage House for \$69.95 plus tax and gratuity.

### **Harvest Daytime**

**Saturday, July 19, 2008 – Sunday, August 17, 2008 (Saturday and Sunday only)**

**Option 1:** All day activities: including picking, stomping, t-shirt, lunch, food and wine pairing seminar

8 a.m.

Cost - \$69.95 plus tax and gratuity on Saturdays

\$59.95 plus tax and gratuity on Sundays

**Option 2:** Picking, stomping plus t-shirt

8 a.m.

Cost - \$39.95 plus tax and gratuity

**Option 3:** Picking, stomping and lunch

8 a.m.

Cost - \$39.95 plus tax and gratuity

**Option 4:** Food and wine pairing seminar

1:30pm

Cost - \$19.95 plus tax and gratuity

**Extra t-shirt:** \$19.95 plus tax

### **Murder Mystery Dinners**

**Saturday, July 19, 2008 – Saturday, August 15, 2008**

All Murder Mystery Dinners begin at 6:30 PM and cost \$69.95 plus tax and gratuity.

Mystery Dinner theme's are as follows:

July 19 - "Pirate Murder Mystery"

July 26 - "Celebrity Celebrations"

August 2 - "Storm Survivors"

August 9 - "Case of the Missing Matchmaker"

August 15 - "Murder on the Mound"

### **Harvest Vintner's Dinners**

**Friday, July 25, 2008 – Saturday, August 16, 2008**

All Vintners' Dinners begin at 6:30 PM. Cost of the dinners range from \$69.95 to \$125 plus tax and gratuity.

Harvest Vintner's Dinner's are as follows:

July 25 - French Chateau Wines

August 1 - Beringer Wines

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August 8 – Terlato Wines

August 16 – Grand Finale – Italian Wines

Messina Hof Winery is located at 4545 Old Reliance Rd. in Bryan, TX.

For more information or to register to be a part of this unforgettable experience, please call (800) 736-9463 ext. 34.

To choose your Harvest Festival package now, please visit  
[http://www.messinahof.com/docs/MH\\_%20Harvest\\_Reg\\_Form\\_08.pdf](http://www.messinahof.com/docs/MH_%20Harvest_Reg_Form_08.pdf).

For information or reservations for the Villa Bed & Breakfast at Messina Hof, please call (800) 736-9463 ext. 22.

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#### **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, 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.

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