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**\*\* MEDIA ALERT \*\***

## **Messina Hof Winery and Resort Headlines the Wine & Food Week in the Woodlands**

**WHAT:** Come and experience how Texas wine mixes with Latin flavor at Wine & Food Week in the Woodlands.

Messina Hof Winery and Resort will join 500 other wineries and 50 restaurants to promote the environment at the Fourth Annual Wine and Food Week in the Woodlands presented by HEB from June 2 to June 8, 2008 in the Woodlands. The festival is the first major culinary and wine event in the country to "Go Green" and will raise money for the U.S. Green Building Council in Houston. This year's theme is South America.

Messina Hof Winery and Resort will be participating in the following festival events:

### **HEB Wine Walk at Market Street**

Participants stroll Market Street visiting host retailers welcoming wine industry representatives among them Paul and Merrill Bonarrigo, co-founders of Messina Hof Winery and Resort. Enjoy the beat of steel drum music and the sizzling sounds of visiting Aruba Chefs preparing fresh island fare in Central Park. The Ruinite Lambrusca coach offers free shuttle from Gold Lot parking to the start. Visit Artist and Author Alley and meet special visitors.

Thursday, June 5, 5:30 p.m.  
HEB at Market Street  
9595 Six Pines Road  
The Woodlands, TX 77380  
Cost - \$50 advance tickets, \$55 at the door

### **Friday Night on the Northshore – Value Wines Happy Hour**

A community style Happy Hour event where value wines retailing for under \$15 are showcased in a fun & casual environment.

Perfect for those just entering the world of wine, friends out on the town or the enthusiast hunting new finds. Mix, mingle, and enjoy! This year's event enhanced by the sponsorship of St. Tammany Parish, also known as Louisiana's Northshore, a lovely destination just across the lake from New Orleans. Enjoy the flavors of Louisiana while discovering the wines of the world.

Friday, June 6, 5:30 p.m.

The Woodlands Marriott Waterway, Town Hall A

1601 Lake Robbins Dr

Spring, TX 77380

Cost - \$38

### **World Class Texas Wines**

Find out how Texas Wines are making the national scene. Meet Paul Bonarrigo of Messina Hof Winery and other Texas winemakers and winery owners who will share their award-winning wines with participants in this informative, interactive meet and greet.

Wine served will include:

- Messina Hof Papa Paulo Port
- Pleasant Hill Winery – Blanc de Bois
- Llano Estacado
- Brennan Vineyards Viognier 2007
- Fall Creek Vineyards Meritus 2004

Saturday, June 7, 3 p.m.

The Woodlands Marriott Waterway Hotel

1601 Lake Robbins Dr

Spring, TX 77380

Cost - \$38

### **Wine Rendezvous Grand Tasting & South American Chef Showcase**

The Premiere Event! 2008 Theme - Exploring South America with chefs from South America. Enjoy a flavor-filled taste of South America! Featuring visiting Chefs from Peru, Chile & Argentina serving South American cuisine along with, over 500 wines. The exclusive Continental Airlines "Premium Lounge" will feature the finest wine selections in a comfortable, executive lounge setting.

In addition to South American chefs over 40 culinary experts from Aruba, Louisiana, and coast to coast will come in to join the best of the best of Houston. And, as the first destination culinary and wine event in the Country, the preparations will feature, organic, sustainable and farm to market foods! Sandy, Gluck, Editor of Everyday Foods will present the first ever Chef of Chefs Awards, after live on-stage chef demonstrations. The event will also feature a live auction will 100 percent of the proceeds going to the U.S. Green Building Council.

Saturday, June 7, 7 p.m.  
Marriott Waterway Convention Center  
1601 Robbins Drive  
The Woodlands, Texas 77380  
Cost - \$98

Wine & Food Week in the Woodlands requests that all media interested in these events fill out a media credential form located at [www.wineandfoodweek.com/media/mcr.pdf](http://www.wineandfoodweek.com/media/mcr.pdf) .

**WHEN:** June 2 – June 8, 2008

**WHERE:** The Woodlands

**COST:** Varies for each event, Visit [www.wineandfoodweek.com/tickets.php](http://www.wineandfoodweek.com/tickets.php) or call 713-557-5732 for tickets.

#### **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 the Wine and Food Week in the Woodlands**

Wine & Food Week, produced by Wine & Vine Time Productions, is the first comprehensive culinary event to promote green living. Owner Clifton and Constance McDerby are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life and health of Houstonians by educating the novice to the aficionado on wines and fine dining featuring organic ingredients. Since its inception in 2005, Wine & Food Wine has donated more than \$120,000 to local charities.