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

### **Messina Hof Winery and Resort Hosts “Pesto Cooking Class”**

**WHAT:** One can't be sure who exactly concocted the aromatic herb paste, now called pesto.

Messina Hof Co-founders Paul and Merrill Bonarrigo, set out to Italy this May to learn more about the country's legendary pesto. There, they discovered a pesto that's world- renowned and has been celebrated as early as 1600 A.D.

Liguria, the small mountainous region on the Mediterranean Sea where Paul and Merrill settled, has a culinary tradition derived from the use of a few simple ingredients available in ancient times. Liguria and the rest of the provinces within the region, combined basil, battered garlic, parmesan cheese, pine-seeds and pure Liguria extra virgin oil to create one of the best known sauces in the region- pesto.

This month's cooking class will reveal the secrets of this very original pesto as well as the unique variations you can create on your own.

For more details or to make a reservation, call 800-736-9463, ext. 234.

**WHEN:** Thursday, July 10, 2008  
6:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** The Vintage House Restaurant  
Messina Hof Winery and Resort

4545 Old Reliance Rd  
Bryan, Texas 77808

**COST:** Price per person \$65 plus tax and gratuity

**MENU:** Traditional Basil Pesto: Tossed with shrimp, mussels, green onions, tomatoes and penne pasta

Asian Pesto: Dipping sauce for duck wontons

Sun Dried Tomato Pesto: On avocado, proscuitto and goat cheese pannini

Walnut and Arugula Pesto: Roasted with pork satay

Malaysian Coconut Lime Pesto: Pan roasted Cod with julienne snap peas and red peppers

Mint-Orange-Pecan Pesto: Over Chocolate paté and Ivory crème anglaise

### **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, 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.