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The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo International Wine Competition is Back...And, So Is Messina Hof!

Are We Seeing Double?

BRYAN, TX 03-01-05 - The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo announced the Grand Champion of this year's second annual International Wine Competition, held on November 6 & 7, 2004, featured over 1300 wines from all over the world. And guess what?

MESSINA HOF WON GRAND CHAMPION AGAIN!

Messina Hof's Johannisberg Riesling - previously voted Texas' Best White Wine - was crowned Texas' Grand Champion by the esteemed judges of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo International Wine Competition! Other Rodeo winners are: Private Reserve Merlot - Champion and "Angel" Late Harvest Johannisberg Riesling.

The winning wines were served at the Rodeo Uncorked! Grand Tasting and Best Bites Competition yesterday, February 28, 2005, held on the floor of the historic Reliant Astrodome. This event was a public tasting and awards event in which the award-winning wines were announced and recognized publicly. The awards for the top five Champion wines were chosen in the tradition of the Houston Livestock Show's highest winners. The winners received a beautiful, custom tooled leather saddle, embellished with silver adornment commemorating this noteworthy accolade.

This is the second year of the competition...last year, Messina Hof's Paulo 2001 was awarded the Texas' Grand Champion! With two Texas' Grand Champions under their belt and two beautiful saddles on display, Messina Hof is ready for 2006...

DID YOU KNOW???

Last year, Messina Hof Winery and Resort's *Paulo 2001* was awarded the Top Wine of Texas at the 1st Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo International Wine Competition...Texas' Champion, Messina Hof's *Paulo 2001*, auctioned for a record breaking **\$17,000** at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Wine Auction...***The highest ever paid for a bottle of Texas wine!***

This year, Messina Hof's *Johannisberg Riesling 2003* was awarded the coveted Top Texas Wine...and it auctioned for a record **SHATTERING \$28,000!!**

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