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20th Annual Texas Artist Wine Label Competition Boasts Great Talent

BRYAN, TX 4-17-04 - This year marks the 22nd Annual Wine and Roses Festival at Messina Hof Winery & Resort and it seems that the patrons of the festival had more than just wine, music and grapestomp to enjoy. The Wine and Roses Festival also included the Texas Artist Wine Label Competition.

Patrons of the festival had the opportunity to enjoy art works of artists from all over Texas. These works were submitted to be judged as the next wine label of the Messina Hof Winery & Resort. The judges of this year's competition consisted of Marci Boone and Cory Arcak. Marci is a past winner and is director of the MJB Studio in Bryan. Cory Arcak is the Registrar/Curator of the MSC Forsyth Center Galleries at Texas A&M University.

This year's winner is **Betty Jameson** of Austin, Texas with her work entitled "**The Grapes Promise.**" The new label will be debuted at the Messina Hof Wine Premier held on November 13, 2004 where Betty Jameson will be on hand to sign bottles and talk to the public about her work.

Second place was awarded to **Charlotte Seay** of Midland, Texas with her work entitled "The Harvester." This year's competition consisted of so much talent, there was a tie for third place. **Casey Shelton** of Smithville, Texas and **Gale Cochran Smith** of Grapevine, Texas were both awarded third place with their works "Texas Bacchanale" and "Still Life with Dogs and Music."

Messina Hof Winery and Resort, established in 1977, is founded on family values, romance and tradition. From its initial production of 1,500 gallons of wine in 1983, Messina Hof has continued to serve the community and ranks as the fastest growing and most award-winning winery in the state. Messina Hof is the largest tourist attraction in the Brazos County second only to Texas A&M University.

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