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San Francisco, Sonoma County Team Up for “Best of Town and Wine Country” Lodging Offers

Sonoma County, Calif., March 17, 2005 – San Francisco and Sonoma County hotels and inns will partner to offer four-day “Best of Town and Wine Country” packages that blend the best food, wine and cultural experiences the two destinations have to offer from March 15 through May 31, 2005.

San Francisco residents have long enjoyed the rural beauty, signature food and wine, and vibrant arts community of Sonoma County; Sonoma County locals head for “The City” for creative cuisine, world-class entertainment and shopping, and additional cosmopolitan attractions.

Using their “local’s only” knowledge, the 12 properties have created six packages that allow visitors to enjoy the best of both via a two-day weekend in the city and two weekdays in the Wine Country.

The intimate **Camellia Inn** near Healdsburg’s historic plaza and the elegant **Orchard Hotel** near Union Square on Nob Hill offer a cultural getaway which includes a two-night stay in a deluxe room at both properties for \$725. In San Francisco guests will also enjoy two complimentary San Francisco City Passes, passes for the Asian Museum, Museum of Modern Art, Legion of Honor, a Bay Cruise and a Pier 39 Fun Pack and a daily European Breakfast. In the Sonoma County town of Healdsburg visitors will enjoy complimentary tickets to the Charles M. Schulz Museum, the Sonoma County Museum of Contemporary Art, a complimentary map to art galleries within walking distance of the inn and a list of wineries with art galleries and a full breakfast each morning.

Zagat darlings Sonoma’s **MacArthur Place** and San Francisco’s **Omni Hotel** offer four days of romance plus food and wine for \$956 with their package that includes two nights in deluxe accommodations and breakfasts at Saddles and Bob’s Steak & Chop House. In addition, at MacArthur Place guests will also receive a daily complimentary evening wine and cheese reception while Omni guests will indulge in chocolate-covered strawberries.

The elegant **Inn at Occidental** and the incomparable **Westin St. Francis** are offering a romantic package that includes two nights in the wine country at the Inn at Occidental in a Deluxe Courtyard room with fireplace and whirlpool tub, and two nights at the Westin St. Francis in an upgraded room. Guests will also receive a full breakfast, wine-cheese-hors d oeuvre

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reception, a \$75 food credit for dinner at Zazu, a split of champagne and chocolates at the Inn at Occidental. At the Westin St. Francis the package includes a full breakfast in bed, the local paper and a 4 p.m. late check-out. The Inn at Occidental portion of the getaway is \$469 and the Westin St. Francis offers a range of \$219 to \$289 per night based on room size and amenities.

A Wine Country classic, the 90-acre vineyard surrounded **Vintners Inn**, and San Francisco's newest luxury accommodation, the **Hotel Vitale**, offer a Vintage Vitality package. At the Vitale the package includes two weekend nights in a Deluxe City View Guestroom, half-day guided kayak adventure and two baseball caps. The cost is \$299 per night for a Deluxe City View Guestroom. At Vintners Inn with John Ash & Co restaurant, birthplace of Wine Country cuisine, the package includes two nights in a fireplace balcony room, a full breakfast each morning, a three-course dinner for two at the restaurant, and a complimentary tour and tasting at Ferrari-Carano Vineyards and Winery in Healdsburg for \$430.

The historic **InterContinental Mark Hopkins Hotel** at the crest of Nob Hill and Healdsburg's delightful **Haydon Street Inn** offer a four-day package that celebrates the grandeur of the City and the quaint charm of a Wine Country town for \$882. At the Mark Hopkins guests will enjoy a room with a striking view of the City, breakfast and drinks with a 360-degree vista of San Francisco at the legendary Top Of The Mark bar. At the Haydon Street Inn, the package includes two nights in a deluxe room, full gourmet breakfast, evening wine and appetizer tasting, personal Wine and Vineyard Concierge to plan your ideal wine tasting adventure, complimentary reservations and premium wine tasting passes at up to 4 area wineries, and a \$60 voucher for dinner at the Restaurant Charcuterie.

Situated along the beautiful Sonoma Coast, the **Bodega Bay Lodge & Spa** has joined with the stylish **Argent Hotel**, to offer a four-day package for \$999. At the Bodega Bay Lodge & Spa, guests will enjoy two nights in a deluxe room, a \$25 Duck Club Restaurant credit, a Spa Gift pack and a choice of two, 50-minute spa treatments. At The Argent Hotel, located in the heart of San Francisco, guests will enjoy complimentary valet parking and a beautiful deluxe guestroom with floor-to-ceiling windows and sweeping views of the city skyline, contemporary custom interiors, warm feather comforters, and much more.

All packages are based on availability, are subject to local taxes and service charges and cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. More information on accommodations, availability and packages is provided at each individual inn's website: Camellia Inn (www.camelliainn.com), Orchard Hotel (www.theorchardhotel.com), Bodega Bay Lodge & Spa (www.woodsidehotels.com), The Inn at Occidental (www.innatoccidental.com), The Westin St. Francis (www.westinstfrancis.com), The Argent (www.argenthotel.com), MacArthur Place (www.macarthurplace.com), Omni Hotel (www.omnihotels.com), InterContinental Mark Hopkins (sanfrancisco.intercontinental.com), Haydon Street Inn (www.haydon.com), Vitale (www.hotelvitale.com), and the Vintners Inn (www.vintnersinn.com).