



**CALISTOGA RANCH, A NEW SMALL LUXURY RESORT & LODGING CLUB  
IN NAPA VALLEY, TO DEBUT IN SPRING 2004**

*The Creators Of Auberge Du Soleil Capture The Best Of Wine Country Living With  
Contemporary Design Elements And A Breathtaking Natural Setting*

CALISTOGA, Calif. (July 15, 2003) – The luxury hotel operator Auberge Resorts, responsible for such magnificent hotel properties as Auberge du Soleil, Esperanza and The Lodge at CordeValle, is developing its second property in Napa Valley – ***Calistoga Ranch***.

Scheduled to open in spring 2004, the Ranch will be built on a 157-acre site in Upper Napa Valley. Set within a canyon, the site is marked by ancient oaks and a rock-hewn stream leading to historic Lake Lommel. The Ranch will continue Auberge Resorts' tradition of offering the finest in understated wine country elegance.

“Twenty years ago, Auberge du Soleil captured the spirit of the emerging wine country,” said Mark Harmon, Principal, Auberge Resorts. “Now, Calistoga Ranch is taking that spirit to another level, celebrating simplicity and the gracious style of the Napa Valley with a host of amenities for wine-lovers and an outdoor lifestyle that takes its cue from its beautiful natural setting.”

Designed by San Francisco based architects SB Architects, with interior designs by Darrell Schmitt of Darrell Schmitt Design Associates, Inc., Calistoga Ranch will offer guests and owners the ultimate “bungalow in the woods” experience with a collection of indoor/outdoor spaces that allow guests to fully experience the pristine setting. The Ranch will encompass 47 guest lodges and 27 owner lodges, the private Lakehouse Restaurant, a mountain wine cave and the Ranch Bathhouse, where guests can indulge in rejuvenating spa treatments and take advantage of the region's healing mineral waters.

**Guest Lodges**

Calistoga Ranch has taken the utmost care to preserve the integrity and beauty of the valley's stands of ancient oak trees, lake and streams, with each lodge sited to maintain its natural state. Each guest lodge will be comprised of a series of bungalows connected by decks, trellised walkways and expansive outdoor living areas, with minimal impact to the pristine natural setting.

Designed with relaxation and comfort in mind, the guest lodges will offer an average of 1,200 square feet of indoor/outdoor living space and feature floor-to-ceiling windows to create the feeling of space melting into the outdoors. Warm contemporary interiors will mimic the surrounding environment, with rich polished woods and hues of tan, copper-brown, olive, sage and gold to complement the earth and wild vegetation. The spacious Estate Lodge overlooking the historic lake will offer more than 3,600 square feet of indoor-outdoor space.

### **Owner Lodges**

Calistoga Ranch will offer a rare opportunity to belong to an exclusive lodging club in one of the most sought-after destinations in the world. Members will have access to the services and amenities of a world-class resort and a special entrée into the legendary wine culture of Napa Valley.

As with the resort's guest lodges, the owner lodges will be nestled among undisturbed hillsides and oak groves. Constructed of rustic natural materials, including rough-sawn wood posts and beams, rustic shake shingles, and native dry-stacked stone, the lodges will blend in with the natural landscape and surroundings. Each two-bedroom owner lodge will offer 3,000 square feet of indoor-outdoor living space, including a master suite with bath that opens to an outdoor shower and garden; an indoor living room; and an expansive kitchen with wine storage. At the heart of each lodge will be an outdoor living room, complete with wood-burning fireplace. The placement of each lodge will be unique, depending on the topography of each site. Some lodges will appear to float over streams, while others will be protected under a canopy of native oak trees or elevated high into stands of pines.

Owner lodges will be sold for one-tenth shares starting at \$360,000 and for one-fifth shares starting at \$600,000.

### **Lakeside Dining**

Calistoga Ranch's private restaurant, the Lakehouse, will be open exclusively to owners and their guests and resort guests. The restaurant, headed by executive chef Robert Leva, will celebrate the rich culture of food and wine in Napa Valley and make use of the lush bounty of the region. As with the guest and owner lodges, the restaurant will blur the line between indoors and outdoors. Glass walls will offer pastoral views of the magnificent oak groves and open onto expansive decks overlooking Lake Lommel, where guests can enjoy dining under the stars.

Adjacent to the Lakehouse restaurant, will be two private rooms offering the perfect venue for special occasions and meetings, where guests can enjoy private celebrations and intimate gatherings.

### **Bathhouse and Thermal Springs**

For those seeking rejuvenation, it will be found at the Bathhouse. Situated on the banks of the spring-fed Lake Lommel, the bathhouse will offer a strong connection to the natural beauty of the outdoors and views of the Mayacama Mountains. Designed to pay tribute to Calistoga's centuries-old legacy as a site for healing mineral waters, the Bathhouse will feature a natural thermal mineral pool and quiet pavilions with outdoor garden showers and private soaking tubs. A heat experience based on an authentic sweat lodge will take the place of the more common sauna and steam room. A variety of unique mud treatments and baths will reflect the true Calistoga soak/bath/heat ritual, but in an environment of pure relaxation, privacy and nature.

Staying true to the commitment of each Auberge Resort spa, the foundation of the spa services will consist of exceptional bodywork and treatments indigenous to the region, with a menu of services that rotates seasonally. A tempting combination of traditional Calistoga offerings and signature treatments from the bathhouse will take advantage of the bounty of the local area incorporating milk, nuts, honey, fruits and grapes as the basis for all body masks and exfoliations.

Other amenities will include a swimming pool overlooking the vineyards and 140 acres of land dedicated to hiking and active pursuits.

Calistoga Ranch will offer guests and owners a privileged glimpse into the culture of Napa Valley with private events featuring the valley's most celebrated winemakers. The property's on-site vineyard, under the helm of renowned Napa Valley vintners and winemakers Nils and Kirk Venge, will offer guests the opportunity to share and participate in the process of winemaking, by learning the art of pruning, joining in the harvest and crush.

### **Development Team**

Calistoga Ranch is a partnership of Auberge Resorts, responsible for conceptual design, operations and management of the owner lodges and resort and Criswell Radovan, LLC, the Napa Valley-based team handling development sales and marketing.

### **About Auberge Resorts**

Calistoga Ranch is part of the Auberge Resorts collection of exceptional hotels, resorts and private clubs, each with a distinctive personality that assures a unique and memorable guest experience. Among the distinctive properties are Auberge du Soleil, Esperanza, and The Lodge at CordeValle, The Inn at Palmetto Bluff (opening in South Carolina in 2004), and several others currently in development. While Auberge Resorts nurtures the individuality of each establishment, all are characterized by a set of communal elements: intimate, understated elegance; magnificent natural settings; inspired cuisine utilizing the very best regional ingredients; and gracious yet unobtrusive service. For more information about Auberge Resorts, please visit [www.aubergeresorts.com](http://www.aubergeresorts.com).

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