



CALISTOGA RANCH
An Auberge Resort

**CALISTOGA RANCH RANKS HIGH IN CONDE NAST TRAVELER'S
2009 "WORLD'S BEST" READERS' SURVEY**

Calistoga Ranch Singled Out Among The World's Top Hotels

CALISTOGA, Calif. (November 13, 2009) – Calistoga Ranch, the award-winning Napa Valley resort and lodging club, is proud to be honored in *Conde Nast Traveler's* 22nd annual "World's Best" Readers' Choice Awards. The accolades, awarded by the savvy readers of *Conde Nast Traveler*, are a true mark of achievement in the luxury hospitality industry.

Calistoga Ranch came in at #8 in the Mainland U.S. Small Resorts category with an impressive score of 87.8.

"It is an honor and accomplishment to be thought of so highly by our guests," said Mark Harmon, CEO of Auberge Resorts. "There are an exceptional number of hotels and resorts and we are truly pleased that *Conde Nast Traveler* discriminating readers gave us such exceptional marks."

Conde Nast Traveler magazine's 2009 "World's Best" Readers' Choice Awards appears in the November issue of the magazine and can also be viewed online at <http://www.concierge.com/tools/travelawards/readerschoice>. This year, 25,008 readers voted on more than 10,000 properties and destinations. Every year since 1988, a select sample of *Conde Nast Traveler* readers have taken the Readers' Choice Survey. In 2009, the questionnaire was available to readers through a secure website. The final tabulations of 25,008 responses were compiled and only candidates that received a required minimum number of responses were deemed eligible for an award. Each candidate was rated, by various criterion, on a five-point scale: excellent, very good, good, fair, poor.

Located in a private canyon on 157 acres just outside the town of Calistoga, Calistoga Ranch encompass 48 guest lodges offering overnight accommodations, spa services, historic Lake Lommel, and the private Lakehouse Restaurant and lounge. The property's contemporary architecture is inspired by its natural surroundings, and created to fit the landscape, with a focus on an indoor-outdoor lifestyle. In keeping with the rich heritage of Napa Valley, Calistoga Ranch features an on-site vineyard and mountain wine cave, where owners and guests can share in the process of winemaking and immerse themselves in the wine culture. Owners and resort guests

also enjoy a number of recreational activities including swimming in a pool overlooking the vineyards and oak groves, and hiking on one of the property's numerous trails.

About Auberge Resorts

Auberge Resorts is a collection of exceptional hotels, resorts and private clubs, each with a unique personality that assures a memorable guest experience. Among the distinctive properties are Auberge du Soleil, Napa Valley; Esperanza, Cabo San Lucas; Calistoga Ranch, Napa Valley; The Inn at Palmetto Bluff, South Carolina; Encantado, Santa Fe; Rancho Valencia Resort and Spa, Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. and Pond Bay opening in 2010 on the island of St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands, with 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; captivating locations that inspire exceptional cuisine and spa experiences; and gracious yet unobtrusive service. For more information about Auberge Resorts, please visit www.aubergeresorts.com.

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