



**CALISTOGA RANCH, AN AUBERGE RESORT,  
JOINS THE LEADING SMALL HOTELS OF THE WORLD**

CALISTOGA, Calif. (November 4, 2003) – Auberge Resorts, one of the world’s leading small luxury hotel companies, announced today that Calistoga Ranch, its new property scheduled to open in Calistoga, California, spring 2004, has been accepted as a member of The Leading Small Hotels of the World. Calistoga Ranch has the distinction of being the only property in Napa Valley to belong to this worldwide organization of elite luxury hotels.

Calistoga Ranch met all criteria for inclusion into Leading Small Hotels’ exclusive portfolio after an intensive initial review by demonstrating the principles that are generally understood and accepted within the hospitality industry as “five-star” or “superior-deluxe,” with regard to all aspects affecting guest comfort.

“It is a true honor to be included in the world’s most prestigious collection of hotels,” said Seamus McManus, General Manager of Calistoga Ranch. “The Leading Small Hotels of the World is synonymous with excellence in the art of hotel-keeping, and Calistoga Ranch’s acceptance endorses our mission to deliver superior standards of service and accommodations.”

Hotels seeking to join The Leading Small Hotels of the World must meet the highest standards of excellence in service, physical structure, management, cuisine and guest comfort. After rigorous and extensive inspections and a final screening process by the organization’s executive committee, only the most distinguished hotels are accepted. Each member hotel is periodically re-inspected to ensure standards are maintained.

Calistoga Ranch will encompass 47 guest lodges, a full-service spa and, in the Auberge tradition, an unforgettable restaurant, The Lakehouse, all on 157 acres marked by ancient oaks and a rock-hewn stream leading to historic Lake Lommel in Upper Napa Valley. For reservations or more information, please call (800) 942-4220 visit [www.calistogaranch.com](http://www.calistogaranch.com).

**About Auberge Resorts**

Auberge Resorts is a collection of exceptional hotels, resorts and private clubs in captivating places, each with a unique personality that assures a memorable guest experience. Among the distinctive properties are Auberge du Soleil, Esperanza, The Lodge at CordeValle, and The Inn at Palmetto Bluff (opening in South Carolina in summer 2004), 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; 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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