

## **CONI THORNBURG APPOINTED GENERAL MANAGER AT CALISTOGA RANCH, AN AUBERGE RESORT**

CALISTOGA, Calif. (July 2, 2008) – Auberge Resorts, operators of Calistoga Ranch, the award-winning Napa Valley resort and lodging club, announced the appointment of Coni Thornburg as General Manager. In her new position, Thornburg will oversee all operations for the 46-room resort including a restaurant and full-service spa, and the 27 owner lodges all situated on a 157-acre site marked by ancient oaks, majestic hills, a rock-hewn stream and private lake.

“We are honored to welcome Coni to Calistoga Ranch,” said Eric Calderon, Chief Operating Officer. “We pride ourselves on hiring the best in the business, and Coni’s dedication and commitment to excellence make her an invaluable asset to the resort.”

Most recently, Thornburg served as General Manager of The Lodge at Pebble Beach, a position she assumed after six years as General Manager of Hotel Teatro, the premier boutique hotel in Denver, Colo. Prior to that, Thornburg was Director of Food & Beverage for 10 years at the acclaimed Little Nell Hotel in Aspen, Colo., where she played a key role in helping the hotel achieve Mobil Five Star and AAA Five Diamond Status. A native of Montana, Thornburg gained much of her formative background with the Four Seasons Hotels, primarily at their property in Seattle, Wash.

Located in a private canyon on 157 acres in the upper Napa Valley, Calistoga Ranch offers sumptuous accommodations, the mineral spring-fed Bathhouse spa, and inspired cuisine in the waterfront Lakehouse Restaurant. Calistoga Ranch’s contemporary architecture

maximizes its wooded setting with innovative indoor-outdoor lodges that embrace the Wine Country lifestyle. In keeping with the rich heritage of Napa Valley, Calistoga Ranch features an on-site vineyard and mountain wine cave, where guests and lodging club members can share in the process of winemaking and immerse themselves in the wine culture. Guests and members can enjoy a variety of amenities, including a swimming pool overlooking the vineyards, bocce court, canyon hiking trails and wine tasting at world-renowned vineyards just outside the resort's gates.

### **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, Bluffton, S.C., and Encantado, opening in Santa Fe in the summer of 2008, with several others 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](http://www.aubergeresorts.com)

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