



CALISTOGA RANCH  
An Auberge Resort

**CALISTOGA RANCH NAMED #1 HOTEL IN CALIFORNIA  
BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT**

**CALISTOGA, CALIF.** (February 12, 2013) – Calistoga Ranch, an Auberge Resort in Napa Valley, is proud to announce the resort has been recognized on the “2013 Best Hotels in the USA” list by *U.S. News & World Report*. The resort claimed the coveted #1 California hotel distinction, and also ranked as the #5 best hotel in the nation.

“We are thrilled and honored to be recognized with this distinction from *U.S. News and World Report*,” said Coni Thornburg, general manager of Calistoga Ranch, an Auberge Resort. “Calistoga Ranch offers the best of the Napa Valley lifestyle and our innovative design coupled with the resorts unparalleled commitment to a flawless guest experience has truly set the standard for a luxurious and environmentally conscious travel experience.”

The 2013 Best Hotels list is calculated based on the aggregate opinion of travel experts and guests expressed through awards, recommendations, and ratings. To create this year's rankings, *U.S. News* factored in the prominence of industry awards a hotel receives along with its reputation among travel experts and guests. In total, 1,639 U.S. luxury hotels were analyzed for the 2013 rankings. Only a fraction of these scored high enough to be named Best Hotels by *U.S. News*.

“This is our third year ranking hotels, and the bar continues to climb for luxury properties,” said Chad Smolinski, Vice President of Rankings and Reviews at *U.S. News & World Report*. “Desirable amenities and hotel loyalty programs will no longer suffice. People are seeking hotels that go above and beyond to give their guests an unforgettable experience. Hotels that consistently meet the high expectations of experts and travelers are recognized in our rankings.”

Calistoga Ranch is nestled deep in a private canyon on 157 wooded acres with a private lakefront restaurant, fitness center, miles of hiking trails, a wine cave and a thermal spring-fed Bathhouse spa. The resort’s innovative and eco-conscious design comes to life in each of the luxurious guest Lodges complete

with outdoor shower gardens; and programming situated around its two honeybee colonies, a greenhouse and private label vineyard.

The *U.S. News* rankings of the 2013 Best Hotels can be found online at <http://travel.usnews.com/Hotels>.

### **About Calistoga Ranch**

Located in a private canyon on 157 acres just outside the town of Calistoga, Calistoga Ranch is a mixed-use private community consisting of 48 guest lodges and 23 owners lodges. The property offers overnight accommodations, spa services, 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. For more information about Calistoga Ranch, please visit [www.calistogaranch.com](http://www.calistogaranch.com).

### **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. 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. Among the Auberge collection of distinctive properties are: Auberge du Soleil, Napa Valley, Calif.; Calistoga Ranch, Napa Valley, Calif.; Solage Calistoga, Napa Valley, Calif.; Esperanza, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico; The Inn at Palmetto Bluff, Bluffton, S.C.; Hotel Jerome, Aspen, Colo.; Auberge Residences at Pronghorn, Bend, Ore.; and Auberge Residences at Element 52, Telluride, Colo., with several others currently in development. For more information about Auberge Resorts, please visit [www.aubergeresorts.com](http://www.aubergeresorts.com).

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