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Talking Rock Receives Award of Merit from Club Manager's Association of America
Wine program at The Ranch House lauded once again

PRESCOTT, Ariz. (March 12, 2009) – The Ranch House at Talking Rock, a luxury golf community near Prescott, Ariz., has received an Award of Merit from the Club Manager's Association of America (CMAA) International Wine Society. The award comes on the heels of the "Award of Unique Distinction" recently given to the club by *Wine Enthusiast Magazine*.

Given on an annual basis, the CMAA International Wine Program Awards recognizes clubs that establish and maintain fine wine programs for their membership. The awards are a hallmark of quality and an assurance of an eminent wine program. The two award levels, Award of Merit and Award of Distinction, are attained by receiving a qualifying score based on each club's wine selection; pricing and sales; program and staffing; and the overall impression of the wine list as determined by the Wine Society's distinguished panel of judges.

Of the 22 clubs recognized by CMAA, Talking Rock was the only club in Arizona and one of five clubs in the west to receive a Wine Society Award.

"This is a great honor for Talking Rock as fellow recipients represent some of the most respected establishments in the country," said Jon Esquibel, director of food and beverage for Talking Rock. "As a new club, receiving such an honor confirms all of the hard work, effort, and passion that have gone into collecting and offering such a tremendous wine program," he continued.

Currently, The Ranch House at Talking Rock boasts more than 250 selections on its wine list, 146 of which are offered by the glass. The majority of the wine collection, as selected by Esquibel, features "New World" wines, emphasizing California, New Zealand and Australia varietals. Talking Rock also imports several small boutique wines from Italy and Spain, usually from family-run vineyards with high

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quality and low production. A sampling of The Ranch House's wine list includes wines from: Peter Michael, Cakebread, Rombauer, Opus 1, Nickel & Nickel, Silver Oak, Bonaccorsi, Merry Edwards, Molly Dooker, Far Niente, Williams Selyem, and Kistler, among others.

About Talking Rock:

Located in a peaceful, rural setting, just minutes from Prescott, Talking Rock is a 3,600-acre private, luxury home community with a casual western lifestyle and the amenities of an exclusive country club. The Jay Morrish-designed 7,350-yard championship golf course intertwines through more than 1,000 acres of preserved open space, presenting residents with the spaciousness of Arizona's high country. Talking Rock offers spacious custom home sites, as well as Ranch Cottages, Ranch Homes and custom homes designed in an authentic ranch style and built by the area's finest craftsmen. Talking Rock is a development of Harvard Investments, a Scottsdale, Ariz. based real estate development company respected for its high quality, residential projects throughout the Southwest. The Talking Rock golf course and Ranch Compound are professionally managed by OB Sports. More information on Talking Rock and Harvard Investments, Inc. can be reached at 877-922-4440 or www.talkingrockranch.com.

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