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THE LODGE AT SONOMA RENAISSANCE RESORT & SPA ANNOUNCES NEW PACKAGES FOR FALL 2013

Discover Local Spirits, Experience Romance and Pose for A Professional Photo Shoot

(Sonoma, CA August 7, 2013) – The Lodge at Sonoma Renaissance Resort & Spa,

located in the heart of Sonoma wine country, today announced three new getaway packages for 2013 fall travel. The exclusive experiences will be available August 1 – December 30, 2014 and will offer guests new ways to discover Sonoma—and themselves.

From a personal photo shoot with one of San Francisco's top photogs to an in depth tasting of sommelier-selected local spirits and an under-the-radar distillery tour, to a romantic weekend complete with a private balcony with bubbles and caviar – the Lodge at Sonoma brings together unique experiences and the best that Sonoma wine country has to offer.

"Personal Paparazzo"

Do you dream about having an E! TV crew follow your every move? Or do you simply look back at vacation snaps and wish your photos were better? Either way, the Lodge at Sonoma has you covered! A renowned photographer is available for a half or full day photo session. Let them "catch" you relaxing poolside—or the Lodge can also suggest some picturesque venues for a wine country photo shoot. After a two-night stay in a Cottage Room, you'll return home with a portfolio of professional pics—without a blurry shot in the bunch.

The <u>"Personal Paparazzo"</u> package is for a two-night stay in a Cottage Room and includes breakfast for two at Carneros Bistro and Wine Bar and a three hour photo shoot. The photographer's availability is limited and requires advance

booking. "Personal Paparazzo" package starts at \$1,478 (July – October 26), \$1,438 (October 27-November 9) and \$1,278 (November 10 – December 30).

"Sommelier Spirits Selections"

Augment your wine country knowledge with more than just wine geek speak. One of Bean & Bottle's beverage experts will lead you through an in depth tasting of locally produced spirits selections, including the new Hophead vodka, St. George Spirits Terroir and Botanivore Gins and Charbay's famed flavored vodkas. After discovering some of the best, enjoy a rare private tour of Sonoma's first and only post-Prohibition distillery, Hello Cello, with proprietors and distillers Fred and Amy Groth. Experience a range of locally and seasonally produced spirits—from limon-and figcellos, to the award-winning Hookers House Bourbon, to the new Sugar Daddy Rum, your visit to Hello Cello will give you a first hand lesson in local liquor. After amazing night's sleep in a Cottage Room, head home, and wow family and friends with new discoveries beyond Cabernet and Chardonnay.

The <u>"Sommelier Spirits Selections</u>" package is for a one-night stay in a Cottage Room and includes breakfast for two at Carneros Bistro and Wine Bar, a spirits tasting at Bean & Bottle and a tour of Hello Cello. "Sommelier Spirits Selections" packages start at \$309 weekdays, \$339 weekends.

"Love at the Lodge"

Fall in love or rediscover love with the Lodge's new "Love at the Lodge" package. Enjoy a complimentary upgrade to a luxe private Cottage Room for two nights, breakfast for two at Carneros, a rose petal turndown and a turndown treat from the Lodge's chefs. Last but certainly not least, experience famed sparkling wine house Domaine Carneros' new *Sparkling Suite* where couples will have their own private balcony overlooking Carneros' vineyards. The *Sparkling Suite* includes a private tasting for two of Domaine Carneros' sparkling wines and pinot noirs, paired perfectly with caviar, cheese, charcuterie and all the necessary accoutrements. A personal wine educator will discreetly be on hand to oversee your every need and be sure glasses never go empty. As a keepsake, you'll be gifted with your most memorable wine of the day—save it for the cellar or continue the evening's celebration, the choice is yours! This is an ideal weekend for guests looking to celebrate a special occasion in Sonoma.

The <u>"Love at the Lodge"</u> package is for a two-night stay in a Cottage Room and the Domaine Carneros Sparkling Suite Experience, a rose-petal turndown, a special turndown amenity and breakfast for two at Carneros Bistro and Wine Bar. "Love at the Lodge" packages start at \$929 weekdays, \$959 weekends.

For reservations or more information: please contact the hotel at 707.935.6600 or visit <u>www.thelodgeatsonoma.com</u>

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ABOUT THE LODGE AT SONOMA

With comfortable rooms, a relaxing setting, multiple dining options and an awardwinning spa, the Lodge at Sonoma is a great base from which to explore California's most popular wine country. These attributes also make the property a destination within a destination—the kind of place guests can visit and never leave.

Nightly rates range from \$250 in the low season to \$550 in the high season. The Lodge is located at 1325 Broadway in Sonoma. For more information, please visit www.thelodgeatsonoma.com, or contact the hotel at 707.935.6600.

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