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**Arizona Biltmore Pairs Noted California Wines With
Uniquely Created Gourmet Menus for 17th Season of Wine Dinners**

*Epicureans will Enjoy This Year's Culinary Evenings in the Dramatically
Restored Ambiance of the Historic Resort's Wright's Restaurant*

The Winemaker Dinners Will Also Be Paired with Displays of Exotic Automobiles

PHOENIX, Arizona, Aug. 28, 2006 –The Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa is uncorking its 17th season of Winemaker Dinners, holding eight monthly epicurean events Oct. 5, 2006 through May 3, 2007. The annual series of dinners have been exceptionally popular, selling out year after year.

The Winemaker Dinners have always been held in the historic resort's signature restaurant, Wright's at The Biltmore, and that tradition continues except this year guests will enjoy the culinary evenings in a completely restored and restyled ambiance. Color, texture and lighting have been dramatically deepened – with such elements as a dazzling palette of colors and textures, geometric patterns and striking pewter chandeliers – intensifying the space and bringing the Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired design into strong focus. The famous Biltmore Blocks, gold-leaf ceiling and solarium were restored. Table settings feature hammered plates rimmed in deep shades of ruby, gold and blue; stepped wine glasses that extend the geometric style; and playful tagines serving as fanciful condiment containers. Along with the restoration, Wright's at The Biltmore introduced a new cutting-edge food concept of American Lodge Cuisine.

For the 2006-2007 season, the Winemaker Dinners will showcase fine wines from wineries in California's famed wine-growing regions, including Napa Valley, Sonoma and Santa Ynez Valley. Each event will feature a unique menu, with each course designed to complement the wine that will be poured with that course, created by the resort's Executive Chef Michael Cairns and Wright's Chef de Cuisine Matt Alleshouse in conjunction with a representative of the winery. The representative, who may be the winemaker, the owner or an executive, participates in the epicurean evening, talking about the wines, answering questions and spending time with the guests. The dinners range from four to six courses, depending on how many wines will be served.

A unique feature introduced in 2004 that has proved very popular will be continued this year: at each epicurean evening, United Auto of Phoenix will showcase one of the world's finest, and most decadent, automobiles, ranging from a Bentley to a Maserati to a Rolls Royce.

The evenings begin with a reception at 7:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$135 per person. A season ticket for all eight dinners is \$945 per person, in advance. Tax and 18 percent gratuity will be added. For reservations, please call 602-954-2507.

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The 17th season of Winemaker Dinners will feature the following wineries:

- **Oct. 5, 2006:** Calera Wine Company, Hollister, California, with Owner/Winemaker Josh Jensen.
- **Nov. 2, 2006:** Fess Parker Winery and Vineyard, Los Olivos, California, with President Eli Parker.
- **Dec. 7, 2006:** Seghesio Family Vineyards, Healdsburg, California, with CEO Peter Seghesio.
- **Jan. 4, 2007:** The Hess Collection, Napa, California, with Director of Winemaking Dave Guffy.
- **Feb. 8, 2007:** Heitz Wine Cellars, St. Helena, California, with Chief Operation Officer Kathleen Heitz.
- **Mar. 1, 2007:** Trefethen Vineyards, Napa, California, with Owner John Trefethen.
- **Apr. 5, 2007:** Frog's Leap, Rutherford, California, with Owner/Winemaker John Williams.
- **May 3, 2007:** Rombauer, St. Helena, California, with Owner Koerner Rombauer.

The Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa is nestled on 39 acres at the foot of Phoenix Mountain Preserve. The legendary “Jewel of the Desert” remains one of the world’s most recognized resorts for its distinctive architecture inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright, luxurious facilities, and storied history as a playground of the rich and famous. Facilities include 735 guest accommodations including 78 one- and two-bedroom villas; eight swimming pools; seven tennis courts; full-service spa, salon, and fitness center; two 18-hole championship golf courses and an 18-hole putting course; traditional favorites and Southwestern fare at the Biltmore Grill & Patio; and poolside dining with a swim-up bar. Contact the resort at (602) 955-6600 or 800-950-0086, or visit www.arizonabiltmore.com

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