

**21 YEARS RUNNING, ANDREW HARPER'S HIDEAWAY READERS RANK  
AUBERGE DU SOLEIL AMONG THE WORLD'S BEST RESORTS**

*Prestigious Annual Survey Features Auberge du Soleil as a Top 10 US Hotel*

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (October 15, 2006) – According to the oldest, most reliable poll of its kind conducted among discriminating travelers, Auberge du Soleil, Napa's first luxury resort and the flagship property of Auberge Resorts, has been voted among the best in the world. *Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report's* 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Survey of the World's Best Hotels, Resorts & Hideaways, published in the September 2006 issue, ranks Auberge du Soleil in Napa Valley Number 10 in its list of Top 20 U.S. Resort Hotels, making the Napa Valley icon a contender on the list for the past 21 years.

Auberge du Soleil has celebrated several milestones in the past year including, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its much-lauded restaurant and the renovation of its two private maisons – *Champagne* and *Loire* – bringing to completion a multi-million-dollar renovation of Napa Valley's premier luxury hideaway.

*Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report* Poll is conducted among high-level United States executives. More than 71 percent of this year's respondents hold the title of President/CEO/Owner/Partner and 92 percent have traveled outside of the United States for business and leisure during the past 12 months. Now in its 28th year of publication, *Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report* is the ultimate travel guide for sophisticated travelers seeking candid reviews of enchanting luxury hotels, resorts and hideaways in the United States and around the world.

"We are honored that this beloved property continues to be voted one of the best in the world by the readers of *Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report*," said George Goeggel, Managing Partner of Auberge du Soleil. "Having recently celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our restaurant and the completion of our ongoing renovation of the property, we believe that Auberge du Soleil is now better than ever and will hopefully continue making the list for years to come."

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Auberge du Soleil is the flagship property of **Auberge Resorts**, 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; and The Inn at Palmetto Bluff, Bluffton, S.C., with several others currently 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).

Auberge du Soleil is also a member of **Relais & Châteaux**, the prestigious global hospitality association of intimate, elegant and independently owned hotels and acclaimed restaurants. Founded in 1954 in France, the association is comprised of 469 luxurious establishments in 51 countries.

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