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**THE KENWOOD INN AND SPA IN SONOMA NAMED TOP RESORT IN MAINLAND USA
IN CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER'S 21ST ANNUAL READERS' CHOICE AWARDS**

(Kenwood, California- October 16, 2008)– The readers of *Condé Nast Traveler* have named the **Kenwood Inn and Spa** (www.kenwoodinn.com) the **Top Resort in Mainland USA** in the magazine's 21st Annual Readers' Choice Awards. The awards are derived from the Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Survey, the largest independent poll of consumers' preferences. Over 32,000 readers voted this year.

Smartly tucked away in Sonoma County's Valley of the Moon, the Kenwood Inn and Spa is an intimate retreat hailed by wine country aficionados as the ultimate getaway. The 2 ½ acre grounds of the Inn are literally alive with oak groves, walnut and fruit trees. The Mediterranean-style villa has three lush courtyards - each with an exquisite saline swimming pool - fountains, a serene pond, meticulously landscaped flora, and abundant ivy cascading up, down, and around the Inn. Private guestroom entrances lead into each of the secluded twenty-nine rooms and suites designed with guest privacy in mind. In-room indulgences include: fireplaces, featherbeds, Rivolta Carmignani Italian linens for both bed and bath, and plush cotton bathrobes. Kenwood's full-service spa highlights the organic products of ARCONA, along with treatments that utilize vinotherapy and the healing power of grapes. The restaurant at the Kenwood Inn & Spa offers yet another compelling draw as it is available only to in-house guests. Italian-born, executive chef Renzo Veronese shops local farms and farmer's markets, stocking the kitchen with in-season organics and fresh ingredients and creates a rustic Italian, a la carte menu focused on house made pastas, meats and fish incorporating estate grown fruit as available.

David Di Loreto, CEO for Vero Westside/Kenwood Holdings is ecstatic over receiving this award. "This recognition brings acclaim and validation to our unwavering commitment to provide an amazing, quality guest experience. It is truly an honor for our company and the Kenwood team, but moreover for Sonoma County as a world-class travel destination."

“These awards celebrate the destinations, lodgings, and modes of transportation that manage to exceed our expectations,” said *Condé Nast Traveler* Editor in Chief **Klara Glowczewska**. “The Readers’ Choice Awards, with over 32,000 readers voting, are a credit to the worldly expertise of our readers—passionate travelers for whom no island is too remote, no city too challenging, and no hotel too untested.”

The complete results of the awards can be found in the November issue of *Condé Nast Traveler*, on newsstands October 21st or on the magazine’s website at cntraveler.com. The Readers Choice Awards gala took place on Wednesday, October 15th in New York City at the New York Public Library. Photos and video from the event are available upon request.

About the Kenwood Inn and Spa

The Kenwood Inn and Spa, built in 1990, is owned by Kenwood Inn Holdings LLC and is managed by the award-winning management company, Columbia Hospitality, Inc. The Inn is located at 10400 Sonoma Highway in Kenwood, California. The telephone number is (800) 353-6966 and the website is located at <http://www.kenwoodinn.com>

About Condé Nast Traveler

Truth in Travel: Many travel publications accept free travel and accommodations. *Condé Nast Traveler* does not, and its correspondents, as far as possible, travel anonymously. They experience travel the way consumers do, both the good and the bad, and report on it fairly and honestly. In 2008, *Condé Nast Traveler* was named one of the top 10 magazines in the U.S. by both Adweek and Advertising Age- one of only three magazines in the U.S. to be named on both lists. *Condé Nast Traveler* has an audience of 3.1 million and is published by Condé Nast Publications, Inc. Online at cntraveler.com.

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