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THE KENWOOD INN AND SPA ADDS PROMINENT ACCOLADE TO ITS AWARD PORTFOLIO

BOUTIQUE PROPERTY IN SONOMA, CALIFORNIA TOPS CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER'S 15th ANNUAL GOLD LIST

(Kenwood, California) December 18, 2008– Condé Nast Traveler has awarded high honors to the **Kenwood Inn and Spa** (www.kenwoodinn.com) unveiled in its 15th annual *Gold List* - the 710 best hotels, resorts and cruise lines around the world. The Kenwood Inn and Spa had previously been named *Best Mainland U.S. Resort* 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 and then the magazine interviewed them to identify what specifically makes them the cream of the crop. The Kenwood Inn and Spa is highlighted in the January 2009 issue receiving an overall score of 95.5, which included a perfect 100 point score for both Service and Design. Kenwood's Mediterranean-influenced villa amid the vineyards secures a perfect design score- "surrounded by lush vegetation and beautiful fountains" and aggregate reader comments included: "We really love the serenity." The inn's intimate Italian restaurant uses produce grown on-site, and dishes are served by perfect-scoring staff "who make your stay special by their warmth." The complete results of Condé Nast Traveler's Gold List can be found on newsstands and at www.cntraveler.com beginning December 23rd, 2008.

In addition to the top scores in Condé Nast's Travelers 2009 Gold Awards, the Kenwood Inn and Spa has also been recognized by the following:

- Condé Nast Traveler Award- *Best U.S. Mainland Resort* 2008
- Genlux Magazine The StyleGroup.com- *Top10 California Spa Escapes* 2008
- Condé Nast Johansens Award- *Most Excellent Romantic Hideaway* 2008
- Luxury Spa Finder Award- *Top Spas Worldwide* (6 out of 50 in the world) 2006

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. (708) 833-1293. www.kenwoodinn.com Located 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. 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 is available only to in-house guests and is led by Italian-born, executive chef Renzo Veronese, who crafts a rustic Italian a la carte menu focused on house made pastas, meats and fish and estate grown fruit as available.

About Columbia Hospitality, Inc.

Columbia Hospitality, Inc., a leading hospitality management and consulting firm, was founded in 1995 by John Oppenheimer. Specializing in luxury hotel and resort management, Columbia Hospitality expertly transforms each vision for a unique property into an enduring and profitable business. The company additionally supports an active consulting division that has worked on more than 80 hospitality development projects in five western U.S. states and Canada. For more information on Columbia Hospitality, Inc., visit www.columbiahospitality.com.

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