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SONOMA COUNTY IS DESTINATION “GAY HONEYMOON”

SONOMA COUNTY, Calif., July 2, 2004 – Considered by many as the most gay-friendly area in Northern California, Sonoma County has set out to become the gay honeymoon destination of choice with six inns offering unique same-sex honeymoon packages that offer a range of accommodations, prices and options including cooking classes, couples massage classes, adventure outings, pampering and intimate dinners.

"I applaud the efforts of these six wonderful inns who have created a county-wide, united effort to extend an 'invitation' to the numerous gay couples who recently wed. Sonoma County has always been appreciative of diversity," said Sonoma County Supervisor Mike Reilly.

At Applewood Inn in Guerneville romance ignites by strengthening the centuries old link between food, sex and love. The gay honeymoon package includes deluxe accommodations and an intimate, sensual dinner served in the Inn's Zagat recommended restaurant. Newlyweds are encouraged to book their honeymoon escape around the twice-monthly cooking classes. Cooking and lovemaking use all of the same senses – smell, touch, taste and sight – and a cooking class at Applewood Inn is a romantic journey.

The Camellia Inn in Healdsburg offers a deluxe romance honeymoon package with relaxation and pampering at its center. Couples check into a queen deluxe room with a whirlpool tub and a fireplace to find a bottle of champagne and a special chocolate bath therapy tray. The sensual indulgence continues with two and one half hours of pampering for the couple at a local spa.

Romance means shared adventures at the charming Creekside Inn & Resort's cottages and rooms among the redwoods. The Inn plans adventure options for gay honeymooners

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including kayaking or canoeing on the glorious Russian River, horseback riding among the majestic redwoods at Armstrong Redwood State Preserve or a peewee golf and an ice cream soda outing. The Inn has dog friendly rooms and provides a list of Sonoma County dog- friendly venues if couples decide to bring the family pet on their adventure honeymoon.

. The historic and elegant Hotel La Rose in Santa Rosa’s Railroad Square offers Romance with Roses. A candle-lit room with a flowered path leading to a rose petal- covered bed, chocolate covered strawberries, Sonoma County Champagne and a dozen roses is specially prepared. Honeymooners can also choose to start their marriage off with an in- room massage class where they learn the art of couples massage.

In the town of Sonoma, MacArthur Place’s two-night honeymoon package includes 100- minute signature spa treatments for the couple at the Inn’s poolside Garden Spa and a bottle of champagne upon arrival. For men, the “Adam” energizing body treatment features a eucalyptus body scrub, peppermint bath and rosemary massage. Ladies will be immersed in the sensual scent of roses with “The Rose Garden” which includes a rose petal bath, rose petal body polish, and rose essential oil massage.

Village Inn & Restaurant on the Russian River provides a honeymoon romance package with a river view studio room with private balcony and Sonoma County champagne on arrival. A romantic dinner for two in the award-winning restaurant rounds out this romantic getaway.

More information on accommodations, availability and packages is provided at each individual inn’s website: Applewood Inn (www.applewoodinn.com), Camellia Inn (www.camelliainn.com), Creekside Inn (www.creeksideinn.com) Hotel La Rose (www.hotellarose.com) MacArthur Place (www.macarthurplace.com) and Village Inn & Restaurant (www.villageinn-ca.com).

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