

**WINE SPECTATOR MAGAZINE AWARDS OF THE COVEY RESTAURANT
“BEST of AWARD OF EXCELLENCE”**

CARMEL, CA (August 3, 2006)—The most recent and coveted issue of the *Wine Spectator*, the “Restaurant Awards Program” issue, recognized The Covey as “Best of Award of Excellence” for 2006. The Covey, with a wine list comprised of nearly 900 different selections, was one of 700 restaurants in the United States to receive the award this year.

The Covey has been honored with an “Award of Excellence” from *Wine Spectator* magazine for the past 7 years. However, this is the first time The Covey has been awarded the more prestigious “Best of Award of Excellence.” After three years of hard work, research, tasting and training The Covey wine list emphasizes on California and French Wines with well-selected labels from around the world.

“Building a wine cellar of over 900 selections, including many rare wines, has been a gratifying challenge,” said Restaurant Manager Stephane Coupel. I am pleased that the prestigious *Wine Spectator* has recognized our accomplishments.

The *Wine Spectator’s* Restaurant Awards recognizes restaurants with an exceptional wine list appropriate to their cuisine and appealing to a wide range of wine lovers. The “Best of Award of Excellence” is bestowed on lists that display either vintage depth, with vertical offerings of several top producers from major regions, or excellent breadth spread over several winegrowing regions. The wine lists typically offers 500 or more selections, along with superior presentation.

The Covey is located in the lobby of Quail Lodge Resort and Golf Club. The Covey showcases California Mediterranean cuisine in an elegant appointed dining room, along with scenic views of Mallard Lake and the Quail Lodge Golf Course. The Covey is open for dinner Tuesday through Saturday from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information, please contact The Covey at 831-624-8860.

Nestled on 850 acres on the sunny side of Carmel, the 97-room Quail Lodge enjoyed a comprehensive makeover in 2003, bringing new luster to all guest rooms, public areas and the spa. New facilities and amenities were added, including a new golf clubhouse overlooking the 18-hole championship golf course, Edgar’s restaurant, Land Rover Experience Driving School, and trails through the remarkably beautiful environment of lakes, lush gardens and rolling hills. It is located at 8205 Valley Greens Drive, Carmel, California 93923-9515. Phone: (888) 828-8787. For additional information, its website is www.quailodge.com.

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