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Spa Terra at The Meritage Resort Named #8 Spa in California

Spas of America Names Spa Terra One of Top 50 Spas Globally

NAPA, Calif. (January 19, 2012) – The spa travel website Spas of America recently announced its annual ranking of the Top 100 Spas of 2011. This list was based on consumer behavior from its website. The website, featuring more than 800 spas from around the world ranked, The Meritage Resort's Spa Terra as #39 globally and #8 in California.

The Top 100 Spas of 2011 includes 67 spas in the U.S., 30 spas in Canada, and one spa each from Mexico, Costa Rica and Italy. Spas of America's Top 100 Spas of 2011 are ranked by unique page views generated by customers visiting the website throughout the year. Spas of America's global audience is very targeted: 70 percent women; 80 percent United States/Canada; 25 to 65 years; \$75,000 to \$250,000 annual household income; leisure and business travelers; and health, wellness and lifestyle oriented. In addition to the U.S. and Canada, Spas of America draws spa travel consumers from Europe, Asia and South America.

Spa Terra, the world's first and only spa in a wine cave, offers an underground oasis, providing an escape to rejuvenation and wellness in a beautiful setting. The spa, located in the 22,000 square foot Estate Cave behind The Meritage Resort and under nine acres of private vineyards, recently expanded to include 12 treatment rooms, including four couples' rooms.

"This list is one of the best barometers of which spas around the world are of interest to consumers," said Craig Oliver, Spas of America president. "Spa Terra's treatments feature ingredients local to Napa in a setting that is unrivaled by any spa around the world – a wine cave."

The spa treatments for the face and body that include wine, grape seed oil, olives, citrus, herbs and honey from the Napa Valley. Solo Vino, a signature treatment at Spa Terra, begins with an exfoliating grape seed scrub, followed by an invigorating jet shower rinse and a healing body wrap with a wine cave mud mask.

Spa Terra amenities include a relaxation lounge, steam grottos, soaking pools, waterfalls and private treatment rooms for individual and couples treatments. Attention to detail is evident in elements such as hand-forged wrought-iron fixtures, water features and extensive custom tile work, including Mediterranean-inspired mosaics. Thoughtfully selected materials and an earthy palate provide a subtle reminder of the unique location of this underground oasis.

"We were honored to learn that Spa Terra was recognized in this exclusive list of spas from around the world," said Victoria Boscarino, spa director at Spa Terra. "We look forward to continuing to offer world-class treatments and service to each of our valued guests."

The Meritage Resort and Spa is preparing to open its 131,300 square foot expansion in spring 2012. The project will add 165 guest rooms and suites each with private balconies or patios, bringing the resort's

total to 319 rooms, including eight Executive and Presidential Suites. In May the resort will open Crush Ultra Lounge, featuring six luxury bowling lanes, pool tables, sports entertainment, a fireplace and two bars. Other new amenities include a croquet lawn, outdoor fireplaces and fountains with seating areas, Blend Café and an expanded fitness studio that opens onto a patio with views of the resort's private vineyards and olive trees.

The complete list of all 100 spas featured on the Spas of America website can be viewed at: http://www.spasofamerica.com/lifestyle/wellness/spas_of_america_top_100_spas. For more information on Spas of America visit <http://www.spasofamerica.com/>.

For more information about Spa Terra please go to <http://www.spaterra.com/>. For information regarding The Meritage Resort and Spa go to: <http://www.themeritageresort.com/>

The Meritage Resort

The Meritage Resort and Spa is an extraordinary Napa Valley luxury resort set within a private vineyard. The idyllic Napa Valley luxury hotel and resort is set against rolling hills of vineyards. A destination unto itself, it features Tuscan-inspired guestrooms and luxury suites, seasonal farm-to-table cuisine in Siena restaurant and wine tasting in the Estate Cave featuring Trinitas Cellars. Regain a healthful balance with curative treatments at Spa Terra – a lavish underground Napa luxury spa with steam grottos, soaking pools, treatment alcoves and tranquil walls of water. The resort boasts the most comprehensive event and meeting space in wine country. Far more than a place for expert relaxation, our unique property is an Old World escape from the ordinary. Experience The Meritage Resort and Spa – an extraordinary Napa luxury resort perfectly blending gracious hospitality, unrivaled amenities and peerless personal care. We are Napa. Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/Meritage.Resort. Follow us on Twitter: [@MeritageResort](https://twitter.com/MeritageResort). Visit us on the web: www.themeritageresort.com.

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