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**ALPANA SINGH TO SPEAK AT ANNUAL
WINE LOVERS' WEEKEND AT EAGLE RIDGE**

(GALENA, Ill. – February 1, 2007) – Alpana Singh, the youngest person ever to achieve the title of Master Sommelier and a member of the exclusive Court of Master Sommeliers, will be the featured speaker at the annual “Wine Lovers’ Weekend,” a non-stop, pamper-your-senses event hosted by Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa, March 30 to April 1.

Singh, 26, host of WTTW’s TV show “Check, Please!” will greet guests in the Inn’s lobby at 7:30 p.m. and preside over a special “Celebrating the Seasons” wine and food pairing dinner Friday, March 30.

The weekend will take off at 3 p.m. Friday, with a tequila tasting hosted by the tequila ambassador from Patron. Then guests will be transported to the Galena Convention Center for the Galena Grand Tasting and Auction, where vinophiles and novices will sample some 100 different French, Italian, German, Australian, Chilean and American wines along with light hors d’oeuvres.

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Beginning at 8 p.m., Singh will serve as master of ceremonies (and sommelier) at the resort's wine-themed dinner, sharing her insights on how men and women select wines, which wines to choose when entertaining, wine and food pairings, and tips on picking a personal "house wine."

The "Celebrating the Seasons" dinner will feature Monterey County Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Syrah wines with four seasonal food stations.

The weekend continues with wine tequila and whiskey tastings; an Ironstone Wine Luncheon and Bouchaine Wine Dinner; spirit seminars; an extravagant breakfast buffet on Saturday; a Champagne Brunch on Sunday; and tours of local wineries. Guest will receive a copy of Singh's autographed book, "Alpana Pours: About Being a Woman, Loving Wine, and Having Great Relationships."

"Wine tastings are a great way for men and women to learn about each other.," said Singh. "That's one of the reasons weekends like this are so much fun."

At noon on Saturday, the Ironstone Wine Luncheon "Lunch in the Sierras" will feature the vineyard's 2005 Obsession Symphony, 2003 Cabernet Franc and 2004 Petite Syrah from Calaveras County. Bouchaine Estates Vineyard provides Napa Valley wines for the Saturday dinner "Sunset over Napa." The wine line-up includes the 2004 Chardonnay and 2004 Pinot Noir from G. Gauthier, Rocking H Vineyard, as well as the 2004 Pinot Noir Carneros, and 2005 Chardonnay Bouche d'Or Carneros.

The weekend wraps up with Sunday's "Bubbles & Brunch," featuring pajama-clad actors on a queen-size bed handing out champagne and engaging guests in lively conversation.

The Wine Lovers' Weekend package is priced at \$375 per person, which includes two nights lodging; all meals and tastings; and Singh's autographed book.

Located on 6,800 acres amid the rolling scenery of northwestern Illinois, Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa is a full-spectrum resort complex that has been named to "Best of..." lists by Better Homes & Gardens and Midwest Living magazines. The resort boasts 63 holes of golf on four courses; Stonedrift Spa, a fitness center with indoor pool and whirlpool; miles of biking, hiking and horseback trails; tennis; boating and fishing on the 220-acre Lake Galena; and hot air balloon rides.

For more information about Wine Lovers' Weekend, call 800-892-2269 or visit online at www.eagleridge.com.

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