

**BRANDON SHARP APPOINTED EXECUTIVE CHEF AT SOLAGE
CALISTOGA**

*Napa Valley's Newest Resort to Debut
'Solbar' Restaurant & Lounge in Summer 2007*

CALISTOGA, Calif. (December 14, 2006) – Brandon Sharp has been appointed Executive Chef of Solage Calistoga, an 89-room contemporary style resort opening in June 2007 in the Napa Valley. Sharp will oversee the culinary direction of the resort and its centerpiece restaurant Solbar, a casual and hip bistro offering a dichotomous menu of fresh, healthful entrees and rich comfort food in an indoor-outdoor setting.

“Brandon’s impressive pedigree, along with his ability to develop distinctive culinary experiences, make him a great asset to Solage Calistoga,” said Richard Hill, General Manager. “We are excited to introduce Solbar, which will bring something entirely different to Napa Valley – a comfortably cool environment where people can relax, hang out and let time slip away as they enjoy great conversation and great food.”

With an easily accessible location on Silverado Trail, Solage Calistoga will create a friendly environment that invites both guests and Napa Valley locals to drop in for a creative cocktail or glass of wine on the outdoor terrace, grab a bite to eat at Solbar, or kick back around the 130-foot swimming pool, which will transform into a hip lounge at night.

Sharp joins Solage Calistoga from some of the hottest restaurants in Northern California. Most recently, he was Sous Chef at the five-star Gary Danko in San Francisco. Prior to that, he was Chef de Cuisine at Restaurant August, a New Orleans culinary institution. He earlier worked as Chef de Partie alongside Thomas Keller at Napa Valley’s world-renowned French Laundry.

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Sharp received his education from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. He also earned his Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

About Solage Hotels & Resorts

Solage Hotels & Resorts is a new brand from Auberge Resorts, the award-winning creators of Auberge du Soleil, Esperanza, Calistoga Ranch and The Inn at Palmetto Bluff. Solage will offer contemporary, design-focused properties that are stylish yet welcoming, creative dining and bar destinations and inviting social spaces with a fresh attitude. Taking an energetic approach to wellness, Solage will put a creative spin on traditional spa concepts and offer extensive fitness programs. Solage will prove that luxury can be compatible with sustainability by incorporating environmentally sensitive design and green practices at every property. The brand will debut in 2007 with the opening of its first resort, Solage Calistoga, in Napa Valley. For more information about Solage Hotels & Resorts, please visit www.solagehotels.com.

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