



## Santa Fe's Bishop's Lodge Ranch Resort & Spa Announces Northern Enchantment Food and Wine Series in March

**Santa Fe, NM, March 15, 2011** –Bishop's Lodge Ranch Resort & Spa announces Northern Enchantment food and wine series beginning this March.

The resort will feature an exclusive winemaker event Friday, March 25, 2011. The resort is partnering with Schug Carneros Estate Winery to present An Evening in the Wine Country. This six course winemaker gourmet dinner features Bishop's Lodge Executive Chef Christopher McLean with special guest Axel Schug. Featured menu items include Meyer Lemon and Prairie Thyme Lobster Risotto, Honey and Chimayo Chile Glazed Duck Breast, and a Strawberry Rhubarb Tart. The dinner is at 6:00PM and is \$95 per person.

On Saturday, March 26, 2011, Bishop's Lodge will offer a Northern Enchantment Pinot Noir History and Horizontal Tasting. The event includes a 30 minute class by Chef and Certified Sommelier Christopher McLean with side by side tastes from New Mexico, California, Oregon and French Pinot Noir producers. The session begins at 1:00PM and is \$28 per person.

Bishop's Lodge will also host a Northern Enchantment Food and Wine Tasting Reception on the evening of Saturday, March 26. This tasting will feature the best wines from northern New Mexico wineries with gourmet food pairings by Chef Christopher McLean. Wineries include: *Estrella del Norte Winery, Black Mesa Winery, Don Quixote Winery and Distillery, Jacoma Vineyards and Vino del Corazon Winery.*

The Northern Enchantment Food and Wine Tasting will be held at 6:00PM on March 26th and is \$85 per person.

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**About Executive Chef Christopher McLean:**

Texan by birth, Chef McLean's work has taken him across the globe, most recently West Africa, where he was the Executive Chef of Golden Tulip, a large Dutch hotel in Accra, Ghana. He cooked for royalty and heads of state on a regular basis, including private dinners for the President of Switzerland, President of Ghana, Prime Minister of Italy, and the Princess of Thailand. Chef McLean also catered the Presidential Box at the African Cup of Nations, created events for many leaders at the African Union Summit, and was the first Sommelier and Chef in Ghana to hold wine and food pairings at the Presidential Palace. Chef McLean was also a coach on the first ever Ghanaian National Culinary Team and worked with the Ghanaian Ministers of Health and Tourism to help modernize healthy food service throughout the country. During his time abroad, he also cooked in the Netherlands and led the culinary team for the grand opening of the Golden Tulip Hamburg Aviation in Hamburg, Germany. Prior to his time abroad, Chef McLean was awarded the title of "Certified Sommelier" by the Court of Master Sommeliers, American Chapter.

Chef McLean also spent a great deal of time in Napa Valley working with the top chefs in the area. He worked for Thomas Keller at both Bouchon and The French Laundry. He also studied under Richard Reddington, a former pupil of Daniel Boulud, at Auberge du Soleil. During a six year span, Chef McLean traveled each year to the Masters of Food and Wine in Carmel, CA, as a form of continuing education, working with top chefs in the industry, including: Eric Ripert of La Bernardin in New York, Gordon Ramsey, and Susur Lee, of Susur in Toronto, among others. Chef McLean also had the opportunity to cook with Julia Child and was part of the culinary team to serve Julia on her 90th birthday.

**About Bishop's Lodge Ranch Resort & Spa:**

The Bishop's Lodge Ranch Resort & Spa is a classic, historic destination resort minutes from downtown Santa Fe. Bishop's Lodge is a member of Historic Hotels of America, a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and brand of Preferred Hotel Group. Meeting spaces include four conference rooms totaling 8,000 square feet, fully wired with high-speed Internet access. Outdoor spaces are available for receptions and activities. Business support services are available, as well as catering and culinary planners. Bishop's Lodge is ranked by Travel & Leisure magazine as one of America's premier retreats. To make a resort or spa reservation, call 800-732-2240 or visit [www.bishopslodge.com](http://www.bishopslodge.com).

