



## **FOUR COLUMBIA HOSPITALITY PROPERTIES RECOGNIZED BY *CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER* READERS' CHOICE AWARDS AS "BEST IN THE WORLD"**

*Condé Nast Traveler's 24th Annual Readers' Choice Awards honor Cave B Inn & Spa, Inn at Langley, Kenwood Inn and Spa and Salish Lodge & Spa*

**SEATTLE (November 3, 2011)** – Four properties managed by premier Seattle-based hospitality management and consulting firm, Columbia Hospitality - Cave B Inn & Spa, Inn at Langley, Kenwood Inn and Spa and Salish Lodge & Spa - have received distinctive recognition in *Condé Nast Traveler's* 24<sup>th</sup> annual Readers' Choice Awards. Featured in the November 2011 issue, the awards are derived from the *Condé Nast Traveler* Readers' Choice Survey representing the opinions of 28,876 magazine readers from around the globe.

"We are ecstatic to have our properties recognized among the top destinations in the world once again," said Columbia Hospitality CEO, John Oppenheimer. "This distinguished honor is a testament to the spectacular properties, the hard work of our extraordinary team members, and demonstrates our drive to provide outstanding experiences to every guest that walks through our doors."

Cave B Inn & Spa was ranked for the first time at No. 97 in the category of "Top 150 Resorts in the U.S." and Salish Lodge & Spa tied at No. 75 as one of the "Top 200 Hotels in Mainland U.S.," while Kenwood Inn and Spa and Inn at Langley ranked No. 5 and No. 16 respectively in the category of "Top 30 Small Resorts in the U.S.".

These exceptional properties are given a comprehensive rating out of 100 points based on the following criteria: rooms, service, food, location, design and activities. Bestowed with the honor for the first year, Cave B Inn & Spa, a high desert oasis in central Washington state, scored an overall 85.4 points. Listed for the fourth year in a row, Kenwood Inn and Spa, a boutique Sonoma wine country inn, received an overall score of 92.7 and Whidbey Island's contemporary Inn at Langley, received a score of 85.7, has appeared on the list four times since 2007. The iconic Pacific Northwest destination, Salish Lodge & Spa has been included on the list since 2006 and boasted an overall score of 88.4.

Properties must be included in the *Condé Nast Traveler* Readers' Choice Awards in order to receive recognition on the publication's annual "Gold List," which features the world's best hotels, resorts and cruise lines. Both the Kenwood Inn and Spa and Salish Lodge & Spa were included on the list of the World's Best Places to Stay in January 2011.

### **About Cave B Inn & Spa**

Situated 900 feet above the Columbia River, surrounded by estate vineyards and fragrant orchards, Cave B Inn & Spa offers breathtaking views of sky, water and the Columbia River gorge. With a total of 55 rooms, including 15 stand-alone "Cliffhouses," 12 guest rooms in the "Caverns" built directly into the basalt cliffs, three guest rooms in the lodge and 25 yurts nestled among the vineyards of Cave B Estate Winery, Cave B Inn is a high desert oasis in central Washington state. Tendrils Restaurant features locally sourced, seasonal fare under the creative direction of Executive Chef Bear Ullman, and the full-service Spa at Cave B Inn offers soothing salon and spa treatments including vinotherapy. Located adjacent to the Gorge Amphitheater concert venue, 2.5 hours from either Seattle or Spokane, the Inn is owned by Vincent and

Carol Bryan and managed and operated by Seattle-based Columbia Hospitality. For more information, please call 509-785-2283 or visit [www.sagecliffe.com/inn.htm](http://www.sagecliffe.com/inn.htm)

#### **About the Kenwood Inn and Spa**

Located in Sonoma County's Valley of the Moon, the Kenwood Inn and Spa is an intimate retreat hailed by wine country aficionados as the ultimate getaway. Kenwood's full-service spa highlights treatments that utilize vinotherapy and the healing power of grapes in addition to results-oriented treatments from iS Clinical and Intraceuticals. The Restaurant at the Kenwood Inn, available only to in-house guests, offers a Mediterranean-inspired menu utilizing a lush bounty of local farm products and estate grown fruit and herbs. The Kenwood Inn and Spa, built in 1990, is owned by Kenwood Inn Holdings LLC and is managed by the award-winning Columbia Hospitality, Inc. For more information or reservations, please call (708) 833-1293 or visit [www.kenwoodinn.com](http://www.kenwoodinn.com).

#### **About Salish Lodge & Spa**

Consistently ranked among the best small resorts in the world, the AAA Four Diamond Salish Lodge & Spa overlooks the 268-foot Snoqualmie Falls. This iconic Pacific Northwest lodge offers regionally-inspired treatments at the world-renowned spa, indigenous Northwest cuisine in The Dining Room, an award-winning wine list and a variety of recreational activities. Nestled in Washington's picturesque Cascade Mountains, each of its 89 recently renovated guest rooms has a wood-burning fireplace, two-person whirlpool tub, goose-down comforter, feather bed and balcony or window seat. The resort is located 30 minutes east of downtown Seattle and within 40 minutes from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. Salish Lodge & Spa is managed and operated by Seattle-based Columbia Hospitality, Inc. For more information or reservations, please call 800-2-SALISH or visit [www.salishlodge.com](http://www.salishlodge.com).

#### **About the Inn at Langley**

The Inn at Langley is a 28-room contemporary inn on a Whidbey Island bluff overlooking the Saratoga Passage. *Condé Nast Traveler* and *Travel + Leisure* magazines have consistently ranked the Inn among the top accommodations in the nation. Matt Costello manages the Inn and serves as chef at the Inn's restaurant, the heart of the beautiful retreat. Dinner at the Inn is served every Friday, Saturday and Sunday throughout the year and on Thursdays as well from mid-June through August. Dinner is open to guests and the general public. Reservations are required. For more information, please call 360-221-3033 or visit [www.innatlangley.com](http://www.innatlangley.com).

#### **About Columbia Hospitality**

Columbia Hospitality, Inc. (Columbia), a Seattle-based hospitality management and consulting firm specializing in luxury hotel and resort management, was founded in 1995 by John Oppenheimer. Columbia's growing portfolio of premier properties, including boutique hotels, award-winning resorts, event venues and conference centers, offer world-class service in exquisite settings. Columbia creates memorable experiences for guests and team members while achieving phenomenal results for owners. The company's continued success has led to an international expansion of the consulting division and more than 100 hospitality development projects worldwide. For more information about Columbia and a full list of properties visit [www.columbiahospitality.com](http://www.columbiahospitality.com).

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