

## **Celebrated Wines and Culinary Genius Meet at Marco Island's Sale e Pepe for Three Extraordinary Wine Tasting Dinners this Winter**

Marco Island, FL (January 22, 2007) -- Epicureans who miss Naples' winter wine festivities are in luck: the culinary celebrations continue at Marco Island's Sale e Pepe with three wine tasting dinners that pair the most elite wines of California, Italy and France with the culinary virtuosity of Sale e Pepe's Chef Alberto Varetto.

The events begin with a February 2nd Sassicaia Wine Tasting Dinner, featuring guest vintner Piero Incisa Della Roccheta, a third generation winemaker and grandson of the creator and proprietor of Sassicaia. Sr. Roccheta, one of the celebrity winemakers at the Naples winter wine events, will present Sassicaia's renowned Tuscan wines.

California wines from Insignia will be paired with a menu created by Chef Alberto Varetto and his colleague, Guest Chef Todd Gray of Washington, D.C.'s Equinox, at the March 7th Insignia Wine Tasting Dinner. The wines, to be presented by Joseph Phelp's Master Sommelier Joseph Spellman, include vintages from 1991 through 2003 of the Bordeaux-style blend created under the proprietary Insignia label, the benchmark of this category for more than 25 years.

Chateau Palmer's extraordinary Margaux wines, featuring vintages from 1990 to 2004, are showcased at the March 20th Chateau Palmer Wine Tasting Dinner, with a paired menu by Chef Alberto Varetto. Chateau Palmer's wines will be presented by the winery's Bernard de Laage de Meux.

The Wine Tasting Dinners will be enhanced by the expertise of Sale e Pepe's Sommelier Luis Reyneri and Guest Sommelier Charlie Arturaola.

The three dinners are each \$275 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Limousine service is available to and from the Marco Island restaurant. Accommodations at the Marco Beach Ocean Resort are available on a limited basis.

For more information visit [www.sale-e-pepe.com](http://www.sale-e-pepe.com). For reservations call 239-393-1600. Seating is limited to 80 people. Jacket and tie are required for gentlemen.