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**Lionello Marchesi Showcases Tuscan Wines at The Brown
Hotel**

The Lobby Bar to Host an Exclusive Tasting of Italy's Finest on Monday, July 7

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (DATE) - - - On Monday, July 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., The Brown Hotel is proud to present Lionello Marchesi, the successful Italian industrialist who devoted himself to his passion for wine thirty years ago with the acquisition of three Tuscan estates. Today, his Castello di Monastero, Coldisole, and Poggio Alle Sughere are the sites of some of the noblest vineyards in Italy, and wines from Marchesi's estates are enjoyed in 22 countries. Marchesi is a passionate connoisseur and The Brown Hotel is honored to bring him to Louisville for a tasting event in the elegant Lobby Bar. Marchesi will be showcasing three of the finest wines from his vineyards, and complementing the vintages will be Tuscan hors d'oeuvres prepared by The Brown Hotel executive chef Laurent Géroli. The evening is \$30 per person, exclusive of tax and gratuity. Reservations are recommended; call Neal Ward at (502)736-2998 to save your spot.

Three wines will be featured during the evening: Castello di Monastero Chianti Classico 2005 vintage, Castello di Monastero "Infinito" 2003 vintage and Coldisole Rosso di Montalcino 2006 vintage.

Marchesi's three estates have been painstakingly renovated, and the vineyards use the latest technologies combined with centuries-old methods to bring out the best of the grapes in their wines. The purchase and restoration of a historic monastery at Castelnuovo Berardenga, in the heart of the Siena Chianti Classico area, paved the way for Marchesi's present-day Castello di Monastero. Montalcino, the homeland of one of the most famous wines in the world, saw the acquisition and renovation of the Coldisole estate and lastly, the foundation of Poggio alle Sughere in the Tuscan Maremma area.

The Brown Hotel, located at Fourth and Broadway, has been a Louisville tradition for more than 80 years. It is home to the four-diamond English Grill and two casual dining venues where guest can try the legendary sandwich called "The Hot Brown." For more information on this luxury hotel or a recipe of "The Hot Brown," visit The Brown's website at www.brownhotel.com or call 502-583-1234.

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