

PRESS RELEASE IMMEDIATE**FOOD, TRAVEL, APRÈS-SKI****SPARKLING “FIFTEEN DIAMOND” EVENING AT
AUBERGE HATLEY, FEBRUARY 6, 2004**

Montreal, December 8th, 2003. – Santa came early at the three kitchens across Québec which earned the most recent annual CAA Five Diamond Awards. An exciting Christmas gift for the three “repeaters” executive chefs who have agreed to again create a special dinner menu that will draw on their combined talents. Only seven properties in Canada received the Five Diamond Award presented by the American Automobile Association/Canadian Automobile Association.

The “Fifteen Diamond” menu will be offered on Friday, February 6th at Auberge Hatley as a prelude to an enchanting weekend. The award winning dinner will be prepared by chefs Jean-Pierre Curtat of Nuances, Casino de Montréal, Denis Girard of Baccara, Casino du Lac-Leamy and host Alain Labrie of Auberge Hatley who have created an array of scrumptious dishes: rabbit confit with foie gras; lobster with vin jaune emulsion; partridge with cèpes mushrooms, truffle and artichokes, cheese and sweets to delight the most discriminating palates. This festive five course menu is offered at \$95 per person and the five wine selection at \$55. Rooms are available at regular seasonal rates and for guests wishing to stay overnight we highly recommend making reservations early.

WINES FROM OUTSTANDING CELLAR

Dinners who wish to make their own selection will be guided by Ghislain Caron who was rated Canada’s top sommelier in 2002 and is a candidate for the next world competition. The wine cellar features more than 1,400 labels and approximately 15,000 bottles which consistently garners the “Best Of” annual award from the influential Wine Spectator magazine.

THE ULTIMATE APRÈS-SKI!

Skiing gourmets (and gourmands) who may be visiting the area’s many nearby ski centres will also find this is not only a remarkable culinary experience but also the ultimate après ski dinner in a cosy and warm décor with a friendly ambience.

Auberge Hatley is a member of the prestigious Relais Gourmands and Relais et Châteaux international chain. It is located just outside the historic village of North Hatley in the Eastern Townships region about an hour’s drive east of Montreal.

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