



Bordeaux Wall Mount Vanity by Native Trails Wins DPHA's Innovative Furniture Product of the Year Award

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif (November, 2011)-Native Trails, a mainstay in the realm of sustainable luxury in kitchen and bath design, is proud to announce that their Bordeaux Wall Mount vanity has received the prestigious **Innovative Furniture Product of the Year Award from the Decorative Plumbing & Hardware Association (DPHA)**.

The award was presented to Native Trails on October 14 in San Jose at DPHA's annual conference and product showcase, where **Bordeaux** and other pieces from the *Vintner's Collection* were on display. **The Innovative Product of the Year Award recognizes technological and design innovation of products released in the past year.** The panel of judges included distinguished members of the media representing respected publications and outlets such as *Kitchen & Bath Design News*, *Hospitality Design* magazine and *Modenus.com*, as well as prominent individuals in the design community.

"We are very excited to receive this esteemed recognition," says **Naomi Neilson Howard, CEO and founder of Native Trails**. "It is testament to our ability to create modern, beautiful furniture using materials that have traditionally been discarded."

Based in California's central coast, **Native Trails** is immersed in the state's perennial wine culture that is celebrated widely and embraced in west coast interior design. **Bordeaux Wall Mount** pays homage to these traditions by repurposing French and domestic oak barrels and staves.



Bordeaux is a versatile wall-mounted furniture piece that brings functional charm into the home. It can be adapted for small bathrooms, powder rooms, wine cellars, or as a quaint wet bar for a small but highly visible space.

To create each custom piece, Native Trails artisans disassemble the barrel, cut it down to ideal size, and remove residuals from the winemaking process by wire brushing. The slats are then

reassembled and sanded in preparation for a multi-step finishing process, involving two custom-blended waxes - hand rubbed into the oak to seal and protect it for daily use.

Bordeaux measures 24" w x 19"d x 19"h and each piece has its own unique, individual grain pattern and natural coloring, showcasing the life of the oak barrel as a functional yet artisanal conversation piece.

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About the Decorative Plumbing and Hardware Association

DPHA is a nonprofit organization representing the interests and advancing the welfare of independent retailers, manufacturers and manufacturer's representatives. DPHA develops programs and publications to improve business practices, employee performance and the quality of service that DPHA members provide to designers, design professionals, builders, affiliated trades and the general public.

About Native Trails

Native Trails leads the industry in artisan crafted, eco-conscious furnishing and fixtures for high-end kitchen and bath design. Rooted in the traditions of centuries-old artisan craftsmanship, Native Trails uses every opportunity to use recycled, reclaimed and sustainable materials to bring eclectic sophistication to luxury living. Native Trails is featured in over 1300 showrooms in the United States and Canada. For local availability, please visit www.nativetrails.net.

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