

# Orvis Endorsed Wingshooting Lodge of the Year 2003-2004

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Highland Hills  
Ranch

## The 2004 Orvis Wing Shooting Lodge of the Year

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**A**warded the coveted Orvis Wing Shooting Lodge of the Year award for 2004, Highland Hills Ranch, Condon, Oregon, was recognized from among an elite group of facilities as the best of the best in the industry. The Wing Shooting Lodge of the Year must not only exceed a strict standard of excellence set by Orvis, but must receive the unanimous praise of guests in post-visit surveys mailed directly to Orvis. The award was announced in April by Dan O'Connor, director of the Orvis-Endorsed Wing Shooting Lodge program at the annual gathering of member lodges in Atlanta, Georgia.

Since 1989, Orvis has carefully evaluated three key criteria whose standards an Orvis-Endorsed lodge must scrupulously meet: resources, hospitality, and the lodge itself. Each lodge is visited by an Orvis Associate for a first-hand evaluation.

**Resources:** Resources include the natural habitat you'll hunt. We look for quality habitat that provides plenty of varied natural cover and feed, and numerous birds who offer good presentation and rise in a sporting manner. The dogs must be well-bred and trained, and work well with the guide and shooters. We note how the dogs respond to the hunters and varied situations of a hunt.

**Hospitality:** Orvis looks for owners, guides, staff, and hosts who are committed to pleasing you and meeting your needs promptly and graciously throughout your stay. They must be friendly, as well as professional and knowledgeable in their given field, whether they are guides or wait staff. Their attention to detail and personable attitude will make your stay enjoyable and memorable. Good service is the priority. We want you to feel you are the most important guest our endorsed lodges have ever had stay with them.

**Facility:** The third criteria to be met by an Orvis-Endorsed wingshooting lodge is the lodge itself, and its facilities. An Orvis-Endorsed lodge must be a place to which you look forward to returning following a long day afield. The lodge

must offer a welcoming blend of exceptional comfort and elegance, and an impressive sportsman's setting with all the modern amenities. Large, inviting fireplaces and expansive decks with world-class views are common to our endorsed lodges. Outstanding private rooms or cabins, replete with modern amenities, comfortable furnishings, and exquisite, appropriate decorations are the rule. The kitchens are also of the highest order. Each must be operated by seasoned chefs who create gourmet meals served in a dining room of exceptional ambience, and by affable professionals.

Highland Hills Ranch is set on 3,000 acres in North Central Oregon and is Orvis' only endorsed wing shooting lodge in Oregon. Their outstanding lodge's design and handcrafted quality ranks with the very finest we've seen, and has been referenced by top builders and architects across the United States. It sports a rustic atmosphere with sophisticated amenities, and its great room is expansive and comforting with plush leather chairs and a magnificent stone fireplace.

The birds at Highland Hills Ranch are wild and abundant, with up to three wild hatches a year of pheasant, valley quail, chukar and Hun. All along the breathtaking 5-1/2 miles of bottom fields and hills that border the creek valley, crops of milo, sunflower and millet are grown to complement the wild cover and feed.

The guides are seasoned, and friendly. The chef offers a menu that includes baked brie with candied pecans, chukar stuffed mushrooms, and bourbon-glazed flank steak.

**To experience the ultimate in North American wingshooting please call Highland Hills Ranch at 866.478.4868, email them at [info@highlandhillsranch.com](mailto:info@highlandhillsranch.com), or peruse their website at [www.highlandhillsranch.com](http://www.highlandhillsranch.com).**

**Remember, HHR has an extended season, and you can enjoy tremendous hunting in the months of January, February and March. Please give them a call, today, to make your reservation.**



Orvis Senior Vice President, Dave Perkins, (far right) and Director of the Orvis-Endorsed Wing Shooting Lodge program, Dan O'Connor (far left) present Sandy and Dennis Macnab of Highland Hills Ranch with the 2004 Wing Shooting Lodge of the Year award.