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Maryhill Winery Hires Renown Napa Valley Winemaker Richard Batchelor

Batchelor's award-winning past prompts appointment of winemaker at "2009 Washington Winery of the Year"

Goldendale, Wash. (August 26, 2009) – Maryhill Winery, a Washington winery located within the rapidly-growing Columbia Valley AVA, has officially announced the appointment of Richard Batchelor as head winemaker. Batchelor will oversee the production of the entire 23-varietal Maryhill wine portfolio, including winemaking, bottling and harvest coordination.

"Richard joining the Maryhill Winery team couldn't have come at a better time," said Craig Leuthold, founder of Maryhill Winery. "Being named '2009 Washington Winery of the Year' was a true honor for us, and Richard's extensive winemaking experience and oenology education will be instrumental in helping us to continue our success."

Batchelor comes to Maryhill Winery after five harvests as head winemaker at Hall Winery in St. Helena, California, where he produced dozens of award-winning wines. Several of Batchelor's wines have received recent accolades from Wine Spectator, including two 96-point, a 95-point and a 93-point rating for four distinct 2006 cabernets. Batchelor also previously served as Winemaker at Paraduxx in Yountville, California, as well as oenologist and lab director at St. Francis Winery & Vineyards in Santa Rosa. While back in New Zealand, he worked at Sherwood Estate and Seifried Estate wineries. Batchelor holds a postgraduate degree in Viticulture and Oenology and Bachelor of Science from Lincoln University in Christchurch.



“The chance to continue the successful line of amazing wine produced at this prestigious winery is an amazing opportunity,” said Richard Batchelor. “I’m looking forward to becoming part of the fun-loving and hard-working team here at Maryhill and helping to bring Craig and Vicki’s vision to life.”

When Craig and Vicki Leuthold established Maryhill Winery in 1999 it was one of only 100 wineries in the state; today Washington is home to more than 600. A decade later, after much hard work and determination, the Leutholds have achieved their dream of creating a true destination winery with a 3,000-square-foot tasting room, a beautiful grape-covered arbor and an adjacent 4,000-seat amphitheater that hosts a world-class concert series every summer. The winery has grown from a modest 4,300 case production in 1999 to more than 80,000 cases today, making it the 10th largest winery in the state. For more information about the winery and its award-winning wines, visit Maryhill Winery’s website at www.maryhillwinery.com.

About Maryhill Winery

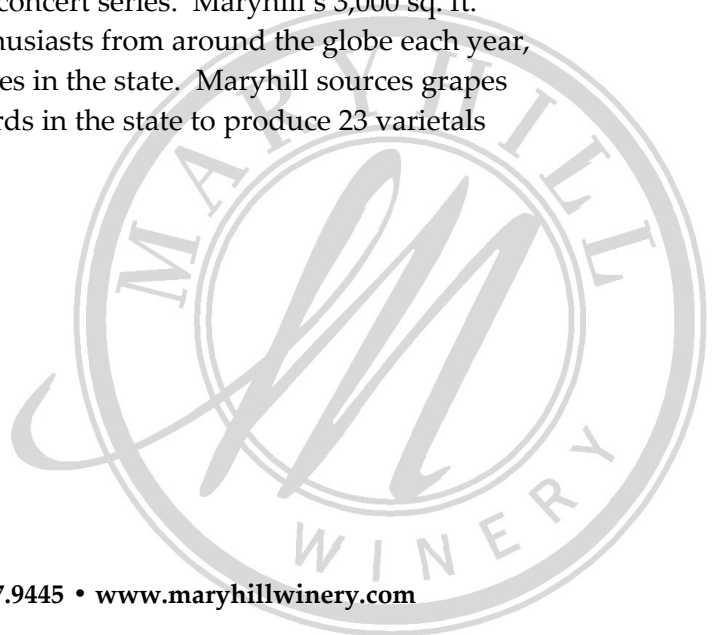
Established in 1999 by Craig and Vicki Leuthold, Maryhill Winery is the 10th largest winery in Washington state, producing 80,000 cases annually. Nestled among rows of vines along the stunning Columbia River in Goldendale, Wash., Maryhill is a popular destination for picnics, weddings and special events, with an adjacent 4,000-seat outdoor amphitheatre that hosts a world-class summer concert series. Maryhill’s 3,000 sq. ft. tasting room draws more than 75,000 wine enthusiasts from around the globe each year, ranking among the top five most visited wineries in the state. Maryhill sources grapes from some of the most highly-regarded vineyards in the state to produce 23 varietals and 28 award-winning wines.

Editor’s Note: Photo available upon request.

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