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Maryhill Winery Gains New Momentum in Record-Breaking Anniversary Year

National recognition and new winemaker spur business at Columbia Gorge winery

GOLDENDALE, Wash. – (July 31, 2009) – Maryhill [Winery](#), recently named “2009 Washington Winery of the Year” by *Wine Press Northwest* and “Best Destination Winery” by *Seattle Magazine*, continues their phenomenal anniversary-year momentum through the summer with 33 new awards, six new releases and the introduction of a prestigious new winemaker. The recent announcements for this flourishing family-owned winery – currently the 10th largest winery in Washington state – add to the winery’s ongoing 10th anniversary celebration, which serves to commemorate a decade of successful winemaking and growth.

“Our anniversary year is a major milestone for Maryhill,” said Craig Leuthold, founder of Maryhill Winery. “We have successfully grown the winery over the last ten years into a well-recognized, award-winning brand. We continue to experiment with new varietals and have introduced dozens of unique wines to the Northwest market; and now, with a seasoned and well-known winemaker on our team, we are confident Maryhill Winery will only continue to thrive.”

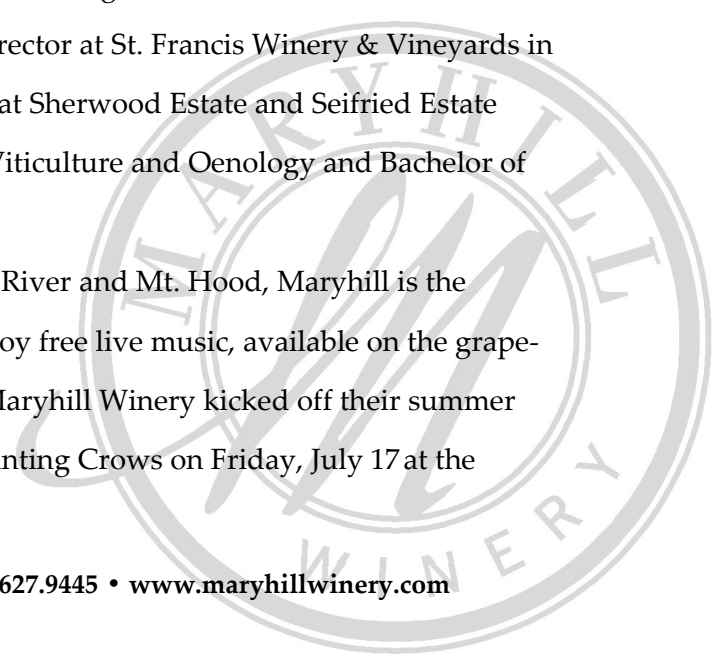
Adding to their ever-growing list of accolades, Maryhill Winery received 19 awards, including a prominent Double Gold award, in the 2009 San Francisco International Wine Competition. In its 29th year, the San Francisco International Wine Competition is known as the largest, most influential international wine competition in America and examines wines from 26 U.S. states and 21 countries. Maryhill Winery’s 2006 Proprietor’s Reserve Syrah scored the much esteemed Double Gold award, and three additional Maryhill wines also received Gold award honors, including the 2006 Proprietor’s Reserve Serendipity, 2006 Proprietor’s Reserve

Zinfandel and 2006 Proprietor's Reserve Barbera. An impressive five silver and ten bronze awards were also given to Maryhill varietals. Furthermore, Maryhill made headlines at the 2009 Central Washington State Fair Washington State Wine Competition with a total of 14 awards, including Double Gold for Maryhill Winery's 2006 Proprietor's Reserve Sangiovese and 2006 Proprietor's Reserve Grenache.

Maryhill Winery has also unveiled six new releases for the summer season including the popular 2008 Rosé of Sangiovese – a summer sipper providing a delightfully crisp finish, perfect for a warm day. Additional releases include the 2008 Viognier, 2006 Classic Syrah, 2008 Pinot Gris, 2006 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon and 2005 Reserve Merlot. All are currently available for tasting and purchase within Maryhill's magnificent tasting room in Goldendale, Wash., open daily from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Recently brought on board to continue Maryhill Winery's strong tradition of award-winning wine is Richard Batchelor, a decorated winemaker with an extensive knowledge of viticulture and what it takes to make an amazing wine. As Maryhill's winemaker, the New Zealand native is responsible for winemaking, bottling and harvest coordination. Before joining Maryhill Winery, Batchelor was head winemaker at Hall Winery in St. Helena, California, where he produced a number of award-winning wines. Several of Batchelor's wines have received recent accolades from *Wine Spectator*, including a 96-point rating for Hall Winery's 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Jack's Masterpiece and 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Kathryn Hall, as well as a 95-point rating for the 2006 Exzellenz Sacrashe Vineyard Rutherford and a 93-point rating for the 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Diamond Mountain District. He also previously served as the enologist and lab director at St. Francis Winery & Vineyards in Santa Rosa, and while back in New Zealand 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.

Perched on a bluff overlooking the Columbia River and Mt. Hood, Maryhill is the perfect place to bask in the summer sunshine and enjoy free live music, available on the grape-covered arbor every weekend through September. Maryhill Winery kicked off their summer concert series with an unrivaled performance by Counting Crows on Friday, July 17 at the



winery's 4,000-seat Amphitheater. Additional performances scheduled for this summer include Jackson Brown (August 22) and John Legend (August 29). For more information about the winery and its summer events, 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 21 varietals and 29 award-winning wines.

Editor's Note: High-resolution winery photography, bottle shots and label artwork available upon request.

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