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Maryhill Winery Goes Double Platinum

Winery Takes Top Honors in Wine Press Northwest's Platinum Judging Competition

GOLDENDALE, Wash. - (Jan. 22, 2009) - Maryhill Winery, one of Washington state's largest family-owned wine producers, received 11 awards - including two prestigious Platinum awards - in *Wine Press Northwest* magazine's 2008 Platinum Judging competition. Established in 1999 to recognize the "best of the best in the great Northwest," *Wine Press Northwest's* Platinum Judging awarded only 54 Platinum awards out of the 329 wines submitted to the invitation-only competition.

Maryhill Winery's 2005 Cabernet Franc scored the highly-coveted Double Platinum award, and Maryhill's 2005 Proprietor's Reserve Malbec received Platinum recognition. Only three wineries received two Platinum awards each, signifying a tremendous honor for Maryhill.

"We are incredibly proud that our Cabernet Franc and Reserve Malbec have been included in the elite circle of Platinum winners, and honored that 11 of our wines have been recognized among the best in the region," said Craig Leuthold, founder of Maryhill Winery. "These award-winning wines are a product of the highly-regarded Columbia Valley vineyards we source from. At Maryhill, we strive to provide a wine for every palate, with diverse varietals that showcase the best of Washington state."

Maryhill Winery Double Gold award winners include the 2007 Rose' of Sangiovese, 2005 Proprietor's Reserve Sangiovese, 2005 Proprietor's Reserve Grenache, 2005 Syrah, 2005 Proprietor's Reserve Zinfandel, and 2006 Winemaker's Red, which was also recognized as a "Best Buy." Gold award winners include Maryhill Winery's 2005 Merlot, 2007 Sauvignon Blanc, 2005 Sangiovese and 2007 Pinot Gris.

Perched on a bluff overlooking the Columbia River and majestic Mt. Hood, Maryhill Winery is a breathtakingly beautiful place to visit. The winery's "Passport to Passion" weekend February 14-16, 2009 provides a perfect opportunity to try Maryhill's award winning wines with free wine & chocolate tastings and live music by the Ben Macy Trio (Saturday) and Kit Garoutte (Sunday & Monday).

On Saturday and Sunday, guests will also enjoy a special appearance by Northwest artist Stephanie Sullivan whose beautiful works are currently displayed along side Maryhill wines in many Seattle-area stores. Visitors can meet the artist and bring home one of her original paintings or collectable prints as a very special gift, or browse the tasting room's extensive selection of jewelry, home décor, apparel, books, music and more.

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About Maryhill Winery

Established in 1999 by Craig and Vicki Leuthold, Maryhill Winery is one of Washington state's largest family-owned wineries producing 80,000 cases annually. Located in the picturesque Columbia Gorge scenic area in Goldendale, Wash., the winery is perched on a bluff overlooking the Columbia River against the stunning backdrop of Mt. Hood. Nestled among rows of vines, 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 19 varietals and 27 award-winning wines. Offering something for every palate, Maryhill's wines offer tremendous value with exceptional quality at accessible price points. For more information or to order wines online, visit www.maryhillwinery.com.

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

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