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Mutt Lynch Winery's 2009 Out of Reach Muttitage Red Wine takes Sweepstakes Award at the San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

Healdsburg, CA (January 11, 2012) – Mutt Lynch Winery's 2009 Out of Reach Muttitage red wine has won the Sweepstakes Wine Label Award at the 2012 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition. Out of Reach was one of six sweepstakes wine winners, out of over 5,500 wines entered into this prestigious wine competition.

The San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition holds strong as the "Largest Competition of American Wines in the World. In 2012, the competition set a new American wine competition record with over 5,500 entries, surpassing its previous record. According to the SFCWC Executive Director Bob Fraser "This new record serves as an affirmation that every year wine consumers look toward the SFCWC award medal winning wines as a barometer when purchasing their wines."

Brenda Lynch, owner/winemaker for her namesake Mutt Lynch Winery, was ecstatic over this recent award, "Out of Reach is a very special wine for our winery. It was the winning artwork from our third annual dog art wine label contest. Seattle artist Nancy Schutt's winning Out of Reach painting graces our 2009 red wine "Muttitage" blend. For this label to be recognized by the prestigious wine judges at the SF Chronicle Wine Competition is a great start to our 2012!"

Mutt Lynch's Sweepstakes Wine Label Award for the 2009 Out of Reach was closely followed by its Best in Class Award for its 2009 'mbf' Speedy Creek Vineyard Primitivo, Gold Medal Award for its 2007 Unti Vineyard Canis Major Syrah, Silver Medal Award for its 2007 Perotti Vineyard Canis Major Cabernet Sauvignon and Bronze Medal Awards for its 2010 Fou Fou le Blanc Sauvignon Blanc, 2009 Merlot Over and Play Dead and 2009 Out of Reach Muttitage Red Wine. For Brenda Lynch, "it is always gratifying to have my wines win awards. To be a perfect '6 for 6' is very special recognition."

2009 Out of Reach Muttitage Red Wine. Mutt Lynch Winery was proud to select Out of Reach, artist Nancy Schutt's 'naughty' dog painting, as the winner in its 3rd Annual 'dog art' wine label contest. This amazing painting graces the label of its 2009 Sonoma

County 'Muttitage' red wine, a blend of 87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot and 1% Cabernet Franc aged for 18 months in French oak barrels. Only 198 cases of this limited edition wine were produced.

Benefiting Muttville of San Francisco. Mutt Lynch Winery selects a very deserving animal nonprofit each year to benefit from sales of its 'dog art' wine. For the 2009 Out of Reach, Mutt Lynch has committed to donate 10% of the proceeds for all sales of this very special wine to Muttville of San Francisco. Brenda Lynch is very excited about this choice of animal rescue charity, "Muttville of San Francisco is dedicated to improving the lives of senior dogs. On a local level, Muttville rescues senior dogs and finds them new homes or gives them hospice. On a global level, Muttville provides information about caring for older dogs and support for people who do." Mutt Lynch is proud to assist Muttville with donations from sales from their Out of Reach wine

Mutt Lynch Winery. Mutt Lynch is known for its unique and irreverent wines - *Unleashed* Chardonnay, *Fou Fou le Blanc* Sauvignon Blanc, *Chateau d'Og* Cabernet Sauvignon, *Portrait of a Mutt* Zinfandel, *Merlot Over and Play Dead* Merlot and *Canis Major* limited production single vineyard wines. Owner Brenda Lynch has combined her love of winemaking and dogs into Mutt Lynch Winery.

For more information about the winery go to www.muttlynchwinery.com.

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