

2008 "Rusty" Muttitage

Mutt Lynch Winery and **Dog Art Today** were ecstatic to select Rusty, artist Kimberly Santini's soulful painting of her recently deceased grandfather's favorite dog Rusty, as this year's winner in our 2010 'dog art' wine label contest. Kimberly's favorite story of Rusty was when her Grandmother left the Christmas dinner to cool on the countertop while she enjoyed a sherry with Grandfather. They returned to find that Rusty had served himself a rather generous portion of ham, leaving nothing for the family. Rusty was our kind of dog! His painting now graces the label of our 2008 Sonoma County 'Muttitage' red wine.

10% of Sales Proceed Donated to SF SPCA. This year we have selected the San Francisco SPCA as the recipient of our 'dog art' charity program. 10% of all sales proceeds from "Rusty" will be donated to this great animal rescue organization.

A 'Muttitage' Blend

"Rusty" is a proprietary blend of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Petit Verdot and 8% Petite Sirah, selected from the best 'reserve' quality French oak barrels in the winery.

Brenda's Winemaking

"Rusty" Muttitage is a statement of Brenda's tasting and blending sensibilities. All the wines used in the Rusty blend come from barrels reserved for our Canis Major wines. At the wine's core is Cabernet Sauvignon coming from the Perotti Vineyard in Dry Creek Valley. Brenda then found two small lots of Petit Verdot and Petite Sirah that added some wonderful flavors of dark berry fruit and additional complexity and structure to the wine.

Tasting Notes

Aromas of cassis and red berry fruit are framed by youthful tannins and pretty dark chocolate French oak flavors. The wine has a wonderful entry that is both lively and bold. Rusty tastes great now, but is definitely a "keeper" that will soften and grow more complex with some bottle age.



Information

Vintage:	2008
Appellation:	Sonoma County
Alcohol:	14.1%
Produced:	96 cases



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