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Charitable Wine for the Dog Days of Summer

Plus, Formula 1 racer Jarno Trulli introduces his wines to the U.S., and Alto Adige's Kris winery supports arts education from Washington to Florida

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The dog days of summer are well-upon us, and one Napa winery is celebrating the season with a new line of wines inspired by its owner's French bulldog, and which will also benefit the ASPCA. Frenchie the French Bulldog is owned by Raymond Vineyards' Jean-Charles Boisset and his wife, Gina Gallo. Portraits of Frenchie in label-themed costumes adorn each of the Frenchie Winery bottlings—2009 Frenchie Napoleon red blend, Louis XIV Cabernet Sauvignon and soon-to-be-released Marie Antoinette white blend—with \$1 donated to the ASPCA for each of the \$30 bottles purchased (Boisset says a minimum of \$5,000 will be donated). Boisset and Raymond Vineyards aren't just helping out man's best friends by supporting the ASPCA, either: Frenchie Winery features a tasting room at Raymond designed specifically for dogs. It offers five kennel spaces for visiting pets with dog beds made from wine barrels and an outdoor play area. Human visitors to Raymond's main tasting room can keep tabs on their pups via the doggie-cam. This Saturday, Frenchie Winery's first ever "Bark-B-Que" (\$25 for adults; no charge for dogs) will offer plenty of food and wine, and a mobile pet groomer, with a portion of the proceeds donated to the Napa Humane Society.



Courtesy of Podere Castorani

Former Formula 1 driver Jarno Trulli eyes a recent crop in Abruzzo.

team has employed some of its Formula 1 expertise in the winemaking process: Trulli and Cavuto called on Toyota Formula 1 engineers to help with the design of the humidity-control system used at the winery for drying their Montepulciano and Trebbiano grapes in the Amarone tradition. The winery and its grapes are both certified organic, and the Castorani wines are increasingly available in the U.S. for \$14 to \$80.



Courtesy of Boisset Family Estates

Artist Carol Lew's portrait of Frenchie the bulldog as Napoleon

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