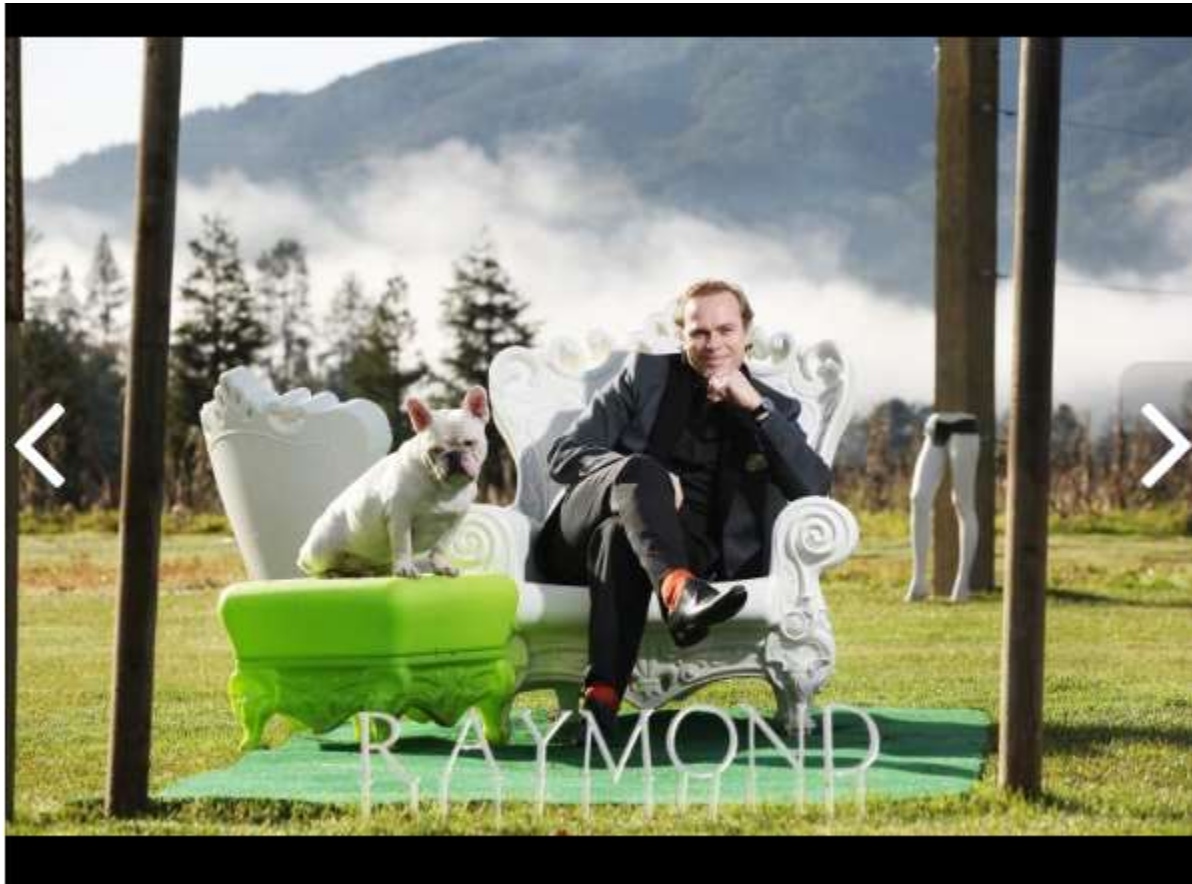


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(1 of 35) Jean-Charles Boisset, president of Boisset Family Estates, sits with his dog, Frenchie, outside Raymond Vineyards in St. Helena. The furniture along with the art objects are part of the winery's 2011 "Theater of Nature" art installation. (Charlie Gesell/ For Savor Magazine)

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Whether on the job or just hanging out, winery dogs are a cherished part of many North Coast wine-making families. Man's best friend can chase deer out of a vineyard or simply provide comfort at the end of a 14-hour work day.

At Mendocino County's Navarro Vineyards a sheep dog herds the flock of Babydoll and Panama sheep that weed the vineyard rows.

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