

# VINEPAIR

## 14 WINERY POOCHES TO MELT YOUR HEART

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“All swag, all the time. Plus, yeah, I got my own doggy winery.”

And you thought wineries couldn't get any better...Meet, the winery dog. AKA vineyard dog. AKA informal mascot, pest control, guest greeter, and general keeper-of-things-cool. A lot of wineries have them, for reasons practical (killing moles that dig into their soil) and adorable ('nuf said), and we wanted to celebrate them. Because, well, dogs.

Turns out we're not the only ones who want to see all the adorable winery dog faces. Not only are many vineyards increasingly pet-friendly and pet-accommodating, but the “winery dog” has become kind of a thing. There's a calendar. There's a hardcover book for \$35. And yes, there's even a dog winery (see below).

Mostly, everything about winery dogs is straightforward, including their smoochability. But lest you get confused like we did, a heads up, the “Dogue de Bordeaux” is not a Bordeaux wine dog but another name for the massive French mastiff (if you’ve seen The Sandlot, you’ve seen the English kind). Though our favorite mix-up might just be the hard-rock band The Winery Dogs, which may or may not have anything to do with wine and pooches but *does* have a new album called Hot Streak, now available on iTunes. Good luck to them on their rock journey (they’re not messin’ around) but onto the dogs!