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Sonoma in Bloom: Wine tasting with your dog

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With the tender shoots of spring blossoming around Healdsburg and Kenwood — two of Northern California's great wine-making towns about an hour and a half north of San Francisco — there's wine tasting and outdoor excursions aplenty for you and your dog.

The knowledgeable local guides at [Sonoma Vineyard Walks](#) can get you started. They offer northern Sonoma County one day walks and three day visits to vineyards led by professional guides. One of their featured wineries is [Montemaggiore Vineyards](#) where two- and four-footed guests are welcome. Winery dog Zeppli is responsible for chasing rabbits from tender vine-shoots. The vineyard is noted for its Syrahs, as well as bio-dynamically farmed olive oil.

Continue down West Dry Creek Road to [Lambert Bridge Winery](#), where Gus, a handsome yellow Lab, and Bernadette, a friendly St. Bernard, love to play and you can sample their artisanal Bordeaux blends. Lambert Bridge is one of the 46 wineries participating in the wine, food and music [Passport to Dry Creek Wine weekend](#) ([April 24 and 25](#)) and on the first Friday of June, July and August, mingle with fellow pet lovers at their [Pizzas & Yappy Hour](#), sampling wines and wood-fired pizzas.



Head south on 101 and then east on the Sonoma Highway to sample Kenwood wineries and more dog-friendly activities. At the [Sonoma Valley Regional Park](#), there are 162 acres of trails that are accessible to dogs on leash. Your dog can stretch his legs in [Elizabeth Anne Perrone Dog Park](#), a one-acre, fully fenced play area within the park.



At [Kunde Estate Winery](#), also off of highway 12, winegrower Jeff Kunde leads the Eco-Tour Dog Hike, three-mile trek through his family's estate (May 15 and July 3). The walk concludes at Boot Hill overlooking the valley, where walkers enjoy wine tasting and a box lunch, and dogs get water and treats.

At [Landmark Vineyards](#), winery dog Finnegan greets visitors. The grounds feature a beautifully landscaped garden, bocce court and a tasting room where you can try their signature Chardonnay; make your visit to springtime Sonoma a mini-vacation with a stay in their lodgings overlooking the vineyards.

For even more ideas on dog-friendly Sonoma wineries, visit [Sonoma County Vintners](#).