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## **Volcano Vineyards Displays Paintings by Bend Artist Brian Vegter**

**Bend, Oregon, 16 October 2006** – The Tasting Room of Bend, Oregon-based micro-winery Volcano Vineyards now features paintings by Bend artist Brian Vegter. Brian's subject matter is one that is close to the heart of many Bend-ites: dogs! Volcano Vineyards co-owner Liz Ratcliff jumped at the chance to hang Brian's works in their space. "His paintings are joyful – there's no other word to describe them," Liz said. "He captures the individual personalities and such subtle details that the paintings convey movement and life."

Brian began focusing on dogs as his main subject matter back in 2003. He began by painting his own dog, Zephyr, and the dogs of several friends, then moved on to include dogs he saw who piqued his interest. As Brian explains, "There's nothing I'd rather depict than a dog. I think it's because I get so much joy from just being around the furry little guys and gals."

Brian's work has been featured on the Animal Planet TV show "K9 Karma" and "The New York Dog" magazine. And his latest works can also be viewed on his website [www.dogsbybri.com](http://www.dogsbybri.com).

The works of Brian Vegter, along with paintings by Bend artist Katherine Taylor, will be on display at The Volcano Vineyards Tasting Room through the fall. In addition to their Volcano Vineyards wines, owners Scott and Liz Ratcliff pour other small, artisan producers not usually available in the Central Oregon area. The Tasting Room offers wines by the taste, flight, and glass along with bottle and case sales. The Volcano Vineyards Tasting Room is located at 930 NW Brooks Street in downtown Bend between The Pine Tavern and Hans back patio. It is open Tuesday through Thursday from noon to 6 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays noon – 7 p.m. and is available for special events. Please call 541.617.1102 for more information.