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US Festival 1983 (MVDvisual, DVD)

Back in the days when MTV was king, Apple Computers co-founder Steve Wozniak decided to put a ton of money into holding the best rock festival *ever*, and he damn well may have succeeded. 1983's US Festival, which attracted a half-million people on day two, featured the biggest acts of the day, from The Stray Cats to The Clash to Stevie Nicks to U2. As presented on this newly released DVD, the fest seems to break up into three thematic days: New Wave (sorta) on day one, which featured InXS, The English Beat, Men at Work and other hot, edgy bands of the day; Metal on day two, which saw Judas Priest, Triumph and Scorpions rock the stage like a hurricane; and melodic rock on day three, which featured Berlin, Quaterflash and Missing Persons. The video (shot in full screen for TV) is standard 1983 MTV quality, but these are some great performances in an enormous show we won't see the likes of again.

