



# '83 US Festival (Wienerworld)

So the history bit; The US festival took place on Memorial Day Weekend 1983 and was the brainchild of Apple Computers Steve Wozniak (Jobs apparently thought the idea a duffer) featuring three days of new wave, heavy metal and MTV style pop acts and included performances from U2, the Clash, Judas Priest, Stevie Nicks, Scorpions, INXS, Men at Work, Stray Cats, The Beat and more. Given the amount of material that was filmed one must assume there is a vault full of it somewhere (which is almost certainly never going to see the light of day due to contracts with the bands management), what you do have is an overall summation of the whole event with interviews and performances cherry picked from across the three day show. What you also have is a real moment in time as 1983 was at the height of MTV fever so acts like Divinyls, Stray Cats, Men At Work, Berlin, Missing Words and Quarterflash were certainly booked due to heavy MTV rotation (and lordy is there a lot of primary colours, spiked hair and trousers gathered at the ankle on show), that said Judas Priest, U2, The Beat, The Clash – featuring Mick Jones last live performance - and (oddly enough) The Scorpions all deliver quality moments.

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