

FAQS Weddings and Events at Ciccone Vineyard & Winery

Q: What is included in the Venue Rental?

Event Coordinator (EC)

- Planning and consultation from booking to Wedding/Event day
- Detailed floor plans, layouts and timeline
- Coordination of all outside vendors
- Conduct Rehearsal on day prior to Wedding (4PM)
- Coordination of on-site activities day of Wedding/Event

Ciccone Staff

- Chairs and tables, set up and tear down at Ceremony, Cocktail, and Reception sites
- Directed parking available during guest arrival
- Tasting Room attendant during event

On site Accommodations

- The "Criesta", our Ceremony Site overlooking the vineyards (several layouts possible)
- Historic Rustic Barn for Reception
- Ceremony Arch (2) and Wine Barrels (6)
- Bridal Suite/Preparation Room with full kitchen, restroom
- Groom Room with small kitchenette, restroom with shower
- Rehearsal time day prior to event, to be scheduled
- Set up time 12-6PM on Friday included, for Saturday Wedding/events.
- Set up for weekday Weddings/Events: EC will pre-arrange time around other onsite events, if any
- Use of entire property during event for photography
- Electricity available throughout property
- Access to pick up decorations the next day
- Liquor and Beer can be brought in, Ciccone Wine only
- Tent Rentals available, 4 sizes (additional cost)

*Ask about other chair and table options, rental rates upon request

**Raised platforms and stage options available to rent.

Q: When can we access the property to decorate?

For Saturday Weddings/Events you will have access to the property on Friday 12Noon- 6PM, as well as for florists, decorators, deliveries, etc. During this time we will schedule a Ceremony Rehearsal walk through for the wedding party with the Officiant, Musician and others taking part in the Ceremony. For weekday weddings, your Event Coordinator will arrange set up and Rehearsal times.

Q: What time can we arrive on our Wedding/Event Day?

You may arrive as early as 8:00AM *by making arrangements* with your Event Coordinator. You have full use of the Bridal Suite, as well as a private space for the Groom & his attendants, for all your personal pre-wedding preparations and photography.

Q: Can we drop anything off the day before?

Yes, please make arrangements with your Event Coordinator to drop off items to be used the day of your Wedding/ Event.

Q: Do we have to take everything off site after our Wedding/event?

At the end of the event, all valuables such as cards, gifts, personal belongings- and food must be taken with you; non-valuables and decorations may be left behind and picked up by noon the next day.

Q: Can we put up decorations in the Barn?

Restrictions in the Barn regarding set-up: No nails are to be used in our barn, however it has many hooks already in the interior. Open flame candles are allowed ONLY in an enclosed vase that is taller than the flame; there are many battery and solar candles that look real and flicker.

Q: Where does everyone park? How many cars can be parked?

We can park approximately 50 cars on our property for your event. If you have more than 120 guests we require a shuttle service be hired. In this way, your guests will arrive on time and return home safely. Your Event Coordinator can work with the shuttle service on timing.

Q: How late can our event run? Is there a time we need to be off the property?

Per our local ordinance, we must give "last call" at 9:45PM, and music must stop at 10PM. Generally guests will begin to leave shortly afterward. You may want to direct them to an afterglow. Your Event Coordinator will work with the shuttle service on timing.

Q: When do we have to decide if we need to enact the Rain Plan for the Ceremony?

In the Contract there is a description of our "Inclement Weather Plan". The rates for our Tents are available - ask your Ciccone event coordinator. When there is over a 50% chance of rain, we will decide together **48 hours prior** to the Ceremony and a Tent for your number of guests will be put up by our Staff. The Tent fee will be due at the close of the evening. Cash and Credit Cards accepted.

Q: Who can I use as a caterer?

Caterers must submit the following information to obtain approval to work on our site: a State of Michigan Food Establishment License as well as Liquor Liability Insurance naming Ciccone Vineyard & Winery as additional insured. Your Event Coordinator will contact your Caterer for these documents. Most caterers have certified bartenders on their staff, or you may hire Ciccone bartenders. Please check with your Event Coordinator.

Q: How can we find photographers, and florists, DJs, etc.?

Please see our Vendor List on our website.

Q: Can we serve beer and alcohol?

Yes, to both. If alcohol is to be served a minimum wine purchase is required. For less than 120 guests it is \$500.00; for over 120 it is \$1000.00, for over 200 it is \$1,500. There is no minimum wine purchase if only beer is being served.

Q: Is there anywhere on your site that we can get ready?

Yes, we have a Bridal Suite that is 200 sq ft, and includes:

- Full length mirror
- Clothing/dress rack
- Full kitchen, with microwave
- refrigerator : 34 ¼ high, 24 wide 24 ½ deep
- Bar, tables, and chairs

There is a Groom Room that is a smaller upstairs room, with kitchenette, microwave, and full bathroom.

Q: How many and what are the sizes of the Tables? And Chairs that are included?

- (17) 8' banquet tables
- (2) 6' banquet tables
- (2) 4' standard height tables
- (28) 60" banquet rounds
- (7) 48" banquet rounds
- (2) children's high chairs
- (6) high-top bistro tables
- (5) low 24" round cocktail table
- (317) chairs, natural wood
- (8) wine barrels

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FAQs re: Dimensions

Tasting Room:

- Approx. 24' x 40"
- Two handicap accessible restrooms

Barn: Overall: 36'x54' square feet

Double Door opening: 96" wide x 92" height (approx) it is an old building!

Windows: 3' to 4' wide Height: Floor to Beam – 10' 7"

Arbor:

5' Deep x 7' Wide

7' 6" Arch Height

9' 6" Full Height

Chairs: Natural wood folding chairs. If you plan to order chair covers, ask for a spec sheet.

