



EVENT PLANNING GUIDE

The Wine Loft of Birmingham hosts events of all sizes. From a private tasting for two in our Tasting Room to a birthday bash with two hundred guests, we have the space, the menu, and the atmosphere to make your event one to remember.

OUR MENUS AND HOST BAR OPTIONS

MENUS

The Wine Loft of Birmingham offers three menu styles for events. We can mix-and-match items from all three menus to create the perfect cuisine for your taste.

Our A la Carte Cuisine menu consists of smaller, bite-sized items that are perfect for the cocktail hour. These items are easy for guests to snack on while they mingle, and can be passed through the crowd by our serving staff. These items come in platters of 50 pieces each with the exception of the Cubed Cheese, Vegetable, Fruit, Sweets, and Baked Brie Platters, and the number of platters you will want to order will depend on the size and type of your party.

Our Buffet-Style Cuisine menu is heavier fare, much of which is available on our regular menu. This menu is best if you wish to provide your guests with heavy hors d'oeuvres. The items are designed to feed approximately 30 guests per order, and also make a great statement centerpiece when paired with our A la Carte items.

Our new Prix Fixe menu is perfect for those events that call for a full meal. For a single price per person we can provide a number of entrees with sides served as a buffet that will be sure to satisfy even the hungriest guest. Prix Fixe items can also be combined with our A La Carte and Buffet-Style Cuisine items to add variety to your table.

If you would like something that you don't see on our menu, let us know. We welcome the opportunity to perfect a new dish!

Our House Manager is experienced in planning events of all types, and she will be glad to help with all stages of planning your menu. We will work with the needs of your event and your budget to create the perfect combination for you.

HOST BAR OPTIONS

The Wine Loft of Birmingham offers three levels of Host Bar: House, Standard, and Premium. Each of these is priced per head per hour, and we require a two-hour minimum on each bar package. These packages give your guests a "bottomless glass" during the times you specify, and include unlimited soft drinks for your non-drinking guests.

Each level of Host Bar Package has a limited menu that we will provide for your guests, making it easy for them to order. We can also create personalized menus to commemorate your event, making a very special keepsake. These packages take all of the headaches out of drink service, and make the service itself a snap.

If you would prefer to set up a tab for your guests or for your guests to order on their own we will be happy to set that up for you as well.

OUTSIDE CATERING

The Wine Loft of Birmingham welcomes the opportunity to work with local caterers. If you would prefer to bring in a caterer, The Wine Loft will charge a \$200 catering fee. Cakes are an exception to this rule.

PRICING AND EXCLUSIVE USE

The Wine Loft does not charge a fee to reserve space. The only cost to you is the food and drink you choose to provide for your guests. The two exceptions are for those parties interested in having the use of the full venue and for those who wish to come in on a day or at a time when we are normally closed.

For the exclusive use of the venue during our normal hours of operation, we ask that you spend at least \$1500 for each hour that we will be closed to the public. Food and drinks purchased for the event is applied to the minimum spend.

If you would prefer to host your event on a day that we are not normally open or during hours when we would be closed to the public, we ask for an open fee of \$600 for off days and \$200 for off hours. This fee is in addition to your food and drink costs.

Once you have decided on a date, we will ask for either a deposit of \$200 or a credit card number to confirm and hold that date. Once the details of your menu have been worked out, we will ask for 25% payment of your total bill. The deposit amount will be applied to your total bill.

ALL THE EXTRAS

❖ **Bands and DJ's:** We will be happy to have a band or DJ in for your event, but would prefer to have notice as far in advance as possible. We may wish to exercise some control over the content or volume. If you choose not to do an exclusive and we are open to the public during your event, or if we will be hosting another event at that time, we may also ask that you not bring in a band or DJ.

❖ **Outside Music:** We do not play music brought in by guests unless we are closed to the public at the time of the party.

❖ **Cakes, Flowers, and Other Decorations:** We will provide plates, napkins, forks, and cake servers for cakes and in many cases can help you to cut and serve the cake to your guests. For a dedicated cake server we will add \$25 to the gratuity on your final bill. Flowers and other decorations are welcome; make sure to coordinate set-up times with our House Manager when booking your event. We do ask that no confetti, glitter, or feathers be brought in due to the difficulty in cleaning up these items.

❖ **Valet Parking:** We will provide valet parking for \$100 per valet.

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