



THE BACKYARD

Reservations – Rules & General Information

Reserve The Backyard wine & beer garden for your private party, celebration, or special event! Located in the heart of beautiful downtown Paso Robles, The Backyard offers over 7,500 square feet of alfresco space with seating for 325+ guests. We have misters and shade structures providing relief during the hot days, and heaters and fire pits to keep you and your guests warm during those cool Paso evenings. A full lunch and dinner menu is available through our onsite restaurant. We also offer a separate catering menu for larger parties and special events. The Backyard provides a casual and relaxed atmosphere, that is both family and dog-friendly. Make your special event truly memorable by reserving one of the most unique spaces in SLO County!

Be sure to refer to the **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)** on page 6 below (“Attachment 1”) as you’re planning your event.

Please note that all food pre-orders, special requests, and Extras and Add-Ons must be confirmed at least one week prior to your event date.

PRICING

Visit our reservation page: <https://www.thebackyardpaso.com/reservations/> for the latest pricing, availability, booking and cancellation policy information. All reservations should be made directly through our self-service online booking system accessible via our website. Pricing is subject to change and not guaranteed until booking is complete.

A large party service / cleaning fee may apply, and is included in the price of some of the reservation offerings:
\$50 for up to 50 guests
\$100 for 51-100 guests
\$150 for 101-150 guests
\$250 for 151+ guests

You may be subject to additional service / cleaning fees as described above if capacity limits are exceeded, or for multiple bookings that are available as a “package” but that are booked separately.

INCLUDES

- Area(s) reserved for your group / private party. **Note that staff members and other guests may require right-of-way passage through your reserved area(s) to gain access to the restrooms and other areas.*
- Private party event signage.
- Use of existing tables and chairs, with the possibility of rearranging furniture (upon prior approval from The Backyard, which may be subject to additional fees)
- Use of heaters, fire pits, and/or misters, where available
- Use of television(s), where available
- Prior onsite visits for planning if necessary
- Access to up to 28 rotating taps showcasing local craft beer, cider and wine as well as a wide selection of cans and bottles, non-alcoholic, and kid-friendly beverages
- You may be able to special order specific beverages of your choice

DETAILS

- Events may take place during regular business hours. For an additional fee, an event may take place outside

of regular business hours - inquire for details.

- Additional dedicated staff are available for \$50 per employee per hour. Must be confirmed at least one week in advance.
- All alcohol must be purchased through The Backyard.
- Outside wine and/or champagne may be brought in if arranged ahead of time; a corkage fee of \$15/bottle will apply.
- No hard alcohol allowed on site at any time.
- Food is available for purchase through our onsite restaurant.
- Free to choose your own vendors for anything outside of food and beverages (except where otherwise stated).

BEVERAGES

You have the ability to have an open bar, a hosted bar with certain beverages, or a no-host bar. Wristbands or drink tickets are available to designate members of your party to ensure other guests don't charge drinks to your tab.

You and your guests will have access to up to 28 rotating taps showcasing local craft beer, cider and wine as well as a wide selection of cans and bottles, non-alcoholic, and kid-friendly beverages. You may be able to special order specific beverages of your choice (with prior approval from The Backyard and subject to availability through our distribution channels; must be confirmed at least one week in advance).

Everyone in your party who wishes to be served alcoholic beverages needs to bring a photo ID.

FOOD

Food is available for purchase at our onsite restaurant. We offer a [full lunch and dinner menu](#) with kid-friendly options and are open 7 days a week.

For smaller groups (generally fewer than 16 people), guests are welcome to order food individually off our regular menu as desired (no pre-order required).

We also offer a separate [catering menu](#) for larger parties and special events. For larger parties of 16 or more people, we highly recommend pre-ordering off the catering menu or pre-selecting two or three entree items from our regular menu for your guests to choose from. This helps ensure that we are adequately staffed, have enough food items, and can get orders out to your group (and other customers) quickly.

Copies of our current regular and catering menus are posted on our website and are also available by request. Please note that these menus are subject to change, and some dishes are only available seasonally. Food menu, pricing, options, and service arrangements (i.e. timing, set-up, logistics, etc.) will need to be agreed upon and coordinated at least one week in advance and may require a deposit.

Inquire about any special requests. Please disclose all dietary restrictions and food allergies.

OUTSIDE FOOD & BEVERAGES

Smaller parties (up to 16 guests) may bring food from home, other restaurants, or delivery. Outside food for large groups of 16+ people is not permitted (except dessert, with prior approval).

You may bring dessert in for parties of any size and are welcome to store it in The Backyard's refrigerated trailer (ask us for local bakery recommendations). Must be confirmed at least one week in advance.

All outside food shall be at your own expense including plates, napkins, utensils, condiments, “to go” containers, etc. (these items are available for purchase). You must clean up your area when finished including clearing tables, throwing away all trash and remaining food items, cleaning up any messes or spills (e.g., frosting), or you may incur an additional cleaning fee of up to \$250.

Outside beverages, including non-alcoholic beverages (e.g. soda, water, lemonade, tea, coffee, etc.), are not allowed unless approved and arranged ahead of time, and may be subject to an additional fee.

If you would like to bring in outside bottles of wine and/or champagne, you are able to do so, and there will be a \$15/bottle corkage fee. Inform the on-duty bartender and they will open your bottle(s) for you and add the applicable corkage fee to your tab.

No hard alcohol is permitted on The Backyard property at any time.

MINORS

Children and young adults are welcome; however, they must be supervised by an adult at all times. The Backyard staff reserves the right to ID any guest. Underaged guests will not be served alcohol.

PARKING

There is an onsite parking lot with 5 spaces, including 1 handicapped spot. However, parking lot access is not guaranteed unless prearranged.

Ample street parking is available, and we are within walking distance of several downtown hotels. Note that some downtown streets may be subject to paid parking. Look for posted signs, and text “PARKPaso” to 727563.

Please do not park in any of the neighboring businesses’ parking lots (as your vehicle may be towed).

COORDINATION

You are welcome to hire a coordinator or appoint a family or friend to coordinate your event. The Backyard will help with the planning process and provide a point of contact for your party; however, The Backyard will not be responsible for facilitating or coordinating your event, unless you would like us to do so for an additional fee.

RENTALS

Guests may wish to create a more formal atmosphere with additional furniture, linens, place settings, tents, etc. All necessary rentals must be arranged by you at your own expense and must be from a licensed and approved vendor. Delivery and pick up times must also be prearranged in coordination with The Backyard. Where agreed, rentals may be coordinated by The Backyard and may require an additional fee.

FLOWERS & DECORATIONS – NO GLITTER OR CONFETTI!

You are welcome to bring in your own flowers and decorations (ask us for florist recommendations). Flowers can be stored in our refrigerated trailer if prearranged.

Items like confetti, glitter and feathers (including balloons that come with these items inside) make a mess that’s very hard to clean up and are not allowed at The Backyard. If this is discovered, there will be an additional \$100 cleaning fee charged to your credit card.

Your area must be cleared by your reservation end time. Remove all items used for celebratory decorations including signs, banners, balloons, tape, string, etc.

AUDIO/VISUAL & LIVE MUSIC

You may request to bring a microphone/PA system, choose a music station, and/or show videos or slideshows on the TV screens. All A/V requests must be confirmed at least one week in advance.

Events such as Game Nights, Tap Takeovers, DJs and Live Music are regularly scheduled at The Backyard, and may be taking place during your reservation time. Check out our [events calendar](#) on our website and inquire for the most up-to-date information.

You may be allowed to bring in live music, at your own expense, with prior approval from The Backyard. We can provide recommendations for local bands, musicians and/or DJs, and can help coordinate. Please inquire about adding live music.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY

You will have access to take photos and/or videos on any part of The Backyard property. You agree to allow The Backyard to use any images and video that we take of your event as needed for marketing and advertising purposes. Of course, we would love for you to share any photos/videos with us as well.

VENDORS

If you are not local (or even if you are!) and would like recommendations about some of our favorite vendors, we are happy to help!

HOUSE RULES

All guests must follow our House Rules (posted onsite and provided on page 9 below as “Attachment 2”).

WEATHER POLICY

We are unable to refund an event because of hot or cold weather. If you are hosting an event outside of summer months or at night, you should advise your guests to bring an extra outer layer to stay warm. The Main Patio space is uncovered but does have four large heaters. There are heaters in the Garage (shipping container). In addition, there are two Fire Pits and each of the Porches has a fire pit table that guests may sit around. If rain is predicted in the forecast, we will reach out to you to check on the status of your event.

Tenting may be rented from us or may be brought in at your own expense and must be from a licensed and approved vendor. In the case of a rain out on the day of your event, you may either choose to reschedule your event or cancel your event for a full refund.

CANCELLATION POLICY

A full refund is given for cancellations up to 2 weeks before the event. A 50% refund is given up to one week before the event. No refund is offered for cancellations made less than 7 days before the event. Email info@thebackyardpaso.com to inquire about rebooking or a cancellation.

Unless otherwise agreed in advance, your space will be held for 15 minutes after your reservation start time. If a member of your party has not arrived by then, it will be considered a no-show, the reserved space will be released and become available to other customers. No-shows will be charged full price.

A full refund will be given if The Backyard cancels your reservation due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

TAXES & GRATUITY / SERVICE CHARGES

8.75% California sales tax will be added to all taxable items. 20% gratuity / service fee will automatically be added to all open bar and hosted bar tabs, as well as any unclosed tabs. Any additional gratuity is left to the discretion of the guests.

HOLD HARMLESS

The Backyard is not responsible for any items, personal or otherwise, brought into the event facility/property that are lost, stolen, damaged, or otherwise lose value. You specifically waive and agree to indemnify and hold harmless The Backyard, its agents, and employees from any claims, loss, or damage to any guests or others as a result of the use of said event space, adjacent areas, and The Backyard site or areas traversed to access said event space, unless said claim, loss, or damage is the result of direct intentional misconduct by The Backyard, its employees, or agents.

CONTACT

For further questions, date availability, or to arrange a site visit, please send an email to: info@thebackyardpaso.com.

Thank you for considering The Backyard wine & beer garden for your special event!

BE KIND. UNWIND.™

Attachment 1

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

(About us) I've never been to The Backyard before; can you tell me what to expect?

The Backyard is not a “typical” restaurant, but rather we are a kid friendly (and dog friendly) outdoor wine & beer garden with a full lunch and dinner menu available through our onsite walk-up style restaurant. Enjoy our spacious outdoor venue that offers traditional German biergarten tables, a variety of seating areas, plenty of shade, misters, heaters, and music. We have 28 rotating taps showcasing local craft beer, cider and wine as well as a wide selection of beer, wine, champagne, cider, kombucha, seltzer and various non-alcoholic and kid-friendly beverage options available in bottles and cans (which can also be purchased “to go”). Our selection is constantly rotating, so be sure to visit our [tap list](#) for an up-to-date drink menu.

Food and drinks can be purchased at the walk-up bar (the shipping container located on the southeast corner, near the railroad tracks). We don't typically provide table service; however, this is something that can be added for your party (see **“Dedicated Bartender Options”** below for details).

We are happy to meet and give you a tour of the venue (if you're local or if you're going to be in the area), or you can click here for a quick [video tour](#).

Are children allowed?

Yes. We are a family-friendly establishment; however, children must always be supervised by a parent or guardian. All guests must be at least 21 years old with a valid government issued ID to purchase and/or consume alcohol on premises.

Are you a brewery?

No, we don't brew our own beer. Instead, we proudly showcase many of the Central Coast's best local craft breweries including: [Silva Brewing](#), [Kilo Kilo](#), [BarrelHouse](#), [Firestone Walker](#), [Wild Fields](#), [Central Coast Brewing](#), [Liquid Gravity](#), [There Does Not Exist](#), [Figueroa Mountain](#) and [Topa Topa](#). And for those non-beer drinkers in your group, we also serve a wide selection of local craft cider, wine, hard seltzer, and hard kombucha.

Do you have cocktails?

Yes! The following canned cocktails made with [SABÉ](#), a blend of tequila or vodka and sake, are available for purchase: London G&T, Mojito, Moscow Mule, Margarita, Grapefruit Paloma, Ranch Water. In addition, we can provide a Private Cocktail Bar for your group where a dedicated bartender would serve a limited selection of beer, wine, and cocktails exclusively for your party (see **“Dedicated Bartender Options”** below for details). We've partnered with a local small batch cocktail mixer company [YES Cocktails](#) to create specialty cocktail drinks using SABÉ.

Do you have non-alcoholic beverages?

Yes! We have a number of options available in cans and bottles including sodas, tea, juice, sparkling and still water, non-alcoholic kombucha, and non-alcoholic beer. We also have a free self-serve water station.

Do you have food options available onsite?

Yes! As of June 20th, 2023, we now own and operate the onsite restaurant (the building located on the southwest corner of the property) and offer a [full lunch and dinner menu](#) created by Executive Chef Mike Learned. For smaller groups (generally fewer than 16 people), guests are welcome to order food individually off our regular menu as desired (no pre-order required).

We also offer a separate [catering menu](#) for larger parties and special events. For larger parties of 16 or more people, we highly recommend pre-ordering off the catering menu or pre-selecting two or three entree items from our regular menu for your guests to choose from. This helps ensure that we are adequately staffed, have enough food items, and can get orders out to your group (and other customers) quickly. Food menu, pricing, options, and service arrangements (i.e. timing, set-up, logistics, etc.) will need to be agreed upon and coordinated at least one week in advance and may require a deposit.

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Can food be brought in from local caterers or restaurants?

Outside food for large groups of 16+ people is not permitted (except dessert, with prior approval).

Can we play songs from our own playlist?

We do not allow external playlists for a few reasons. Most notably of which, because we are a business we are required to play only fully-licensed music -- we use a streaming service that meets this requirement. You can, however, request in advance certain artists or genres (e.g. Country, 80's Yacht Rock, R&B, early 2000's pop, etc.) and we will do our best to accommodate your request to play those selections throughout the evening (bearing in mind however, that we do have other customers to consider and will rotate with other music that appeals to everyone).

Can we decorate, and can we come in early to set up?

You are welcome to bring your own flowers and decorations. However, items like confetti, glitter and feathers (including balloons that come with these items inside) are strictly prohibited. Your area must be cleared by your reservation end time.

If there are no reservations prior to yours, and no walk-in customers occupying the space, then you are welcome to come in early to decorate and set up. Otherwise, you will have to wait until the space is unoccupied. The only way to ensure early access is to reserve the space for the prior time slot.

Is there any indoor space?

No. The Backyard is intentionally designed to be an outdoor venue to take full advantage of the Central Coast's amazing climate. As such, it is very weather dependent so be sure to dress accordingly. We do have a few small-covered areas (Garage, Porches) and are equipped with plenty of shade, umbrellas, misters, heaters, and fire pits to provide comfort during most days and evenings.

Is my reservation time long enough?

If there are no reservations after yours, you and your guests are welcome to stay in your reserved area for as long as you want (until we close). Please note that there's a good chance one or more of the spaces you reserved will be booked by another group after you. If that happens, members of your party will have to vacate the area(s) by your reservation end time so we can clear it and get it ready for the next group. Based on experience, we recommend that you reserve at least some of the spaces for the 2-hour time slot immediately following your original reservation period as well so you and your guests aren't rushed. Otherwise, when your reservation period ends you/your guests are welcome to stay at The Backyard as long as they'd like but will have to find another open area to move to (we will do our best to help relocate you).

Can we have an open tab, or at least pay for some of our guests' drinks?

Yes! You may choose to have an Open bar, a Hosted bar, or a No-Host bar:

- Open bar - your guests may order any drinks they like during the event, and the charges will go onto one tab to be paid at the end of the event. A credit card is required to open a tab.
- Hosted bar - you agree to pay for a certain number of drink tickets, or up to a certain dollar amount; once that limit is reached, guests may purchase their own drinks.
- No-Host / Cash bar - guests will purchase their own drinks (no open tab).
- Wristbands or drink tickets are available to designate members of your party to ensure other guests don't charge drinks to your tab.
- CA Sales tax (8.75%) and gratuity/service charge (20%) will be added to all Open and Hosted Bar charges.

(Dedicated Bartender Options) I don't want my guests to have to wait in line; can we have a dedicated bartender for our group?

YES! We recommend this for large parties to reduce line wait times and enhance your guests' overall experience. The following are options for having dedicated bartenders for your group - there is a fee of \$50/hr per server (1 server per each 50 guests):

1. **Table Service** - dedicated servers walk around and take orders and deliver drinks to members of your party (instead of them having to wait in line at the bar).
2. **VIP Express Line** - dedicated bartender taking orders only from guests in your party.
3. **Private Wine Bar or Cocktail Bar** - dedicated bartender serving select wines by the glass or cocktails in your reservation area.
 - We'll work with you to customize the beverage menu (must be confirmed at least one week in advance; otherwise we will create a custom menu based on available inventory)

- *Only provides a limited selection of beverages and not access to our full beverage menu. For access to our full beverage menu, guests would still have to go to the main bar to order (or else you could also add Table Service and/or VIP Express Line)

(Extras & Add-Ons) Is there anything you recommend to make our party fun and unique?

Absolutely! Here are a few other options we offer to enhance your guests' experience and make your party special and memorable. Let us know if you're interested in learning more about any of them – please note that additional fees do apply:

- **V.I.P. Roof Deck** – private rooftop seating area for up to 16 guests. Overlooks the beer garden offering scenic views of downtown Paso Robles and great photo ops (\$150)
- **Live Music or DJ** by [Crush Events](#) – Nothing adds to a party like live music! We can provide a list of local artists we work with and recommend (\$200 - \$500)
- **Limo / Shuttle Service to/from The Backyard** provided by [Lush Limo](#) or [SLO Safe Ride](#)
- **Photo Booth** by [Medina Light Show Designs](#) or [Formal Hippie](#)
- **Mobile Axe Throwing Truck** by [SLO Axe Co.](#)
- **Bingo!** – We provide all the supplies, a bingo caller and even prizes for the winners!
- **Endless Ice Cream!** – unlimited access to our ice cream fridge featuring an assortment of [It's-It](#) ice cream sandwiches and popsicles.
- **Private Beer Tasting** – unique personal beer tasting experience with local brewery owner [Chuck Silva](#), a pioneer of the West Coast IPA movement.
- **Chilled Bottles of Wine** – chilled bottles of Paso Robles wine waiting for you when you and your guests arrive
- **Wine Flights** from [Thibido Winery](#) – 4 Wines per flight / 3 oz. pour each (12 oz total) / \$40 per person
- **Mobile Coffee Cart** on a Motorcycle by [Iron Wolf](#)
- **Propane Heaters** – 2 (two) available for rent for (\$75 each)
- **Tents** – 2 (two) 10' x 15' white tents available for rent
- **Rentals** – create a more formal atmosphere with additional furniture, linens, place settings, tents, etc.
- **Extended Hours** – keep the party going by extending your reservation past our normal [10pm](#) closing time.

Also, be sure to consider the following as you're planning your weekend:

- **Wedding "After Party"** – Many of the wedding venues shut down at [10pm](#); continue the party afterward at The Backyard!
- **Post-wedding "send-off" brunch** – your last chance to see friends and loved ones before everyone departs.
- **Jockey Box** – stainless steel two-tap Jockey Box available for rent

Attachment 2

House Rules for your Health & Safety

Welcome to our Backyard!

The health & safety of our customers and employees is our first priority. To ensure the experience is enjoyable for everyone, please follow these House Rules:

- We are a family-friendly establishment; however, children must always be supervised by an adult.
- Friendly dogs are welcome provided they are kept on a short leash and are well behaved. Dogs may not relieve themselves inside the premises. Dogs exhibiting aggressive behavior will be asked to leave.
- No smoking, vaping, or chewing tobacco is allowed anywhere on the premises.
- No outside alcoholic beverages are permitted on the premises (except for wine, which is allowed with a \$15 per bottle corkage fee).
- No riding bicycles, scooters, hoverboards, or skateboards on the premises
- Shoes and shirts are required.
- Last call is 30 minutes prior to closing.
- All unclosed tabs are subject to a 20% gratuity.
- Reserved seating is available for some areas, which may be booked in advance for a fee. Otherwise, all of our seating is available on a first come, first serve basis.
- The roof deck is a private area, accessible to authorized personnel only.
- If you are experiencing COVID symptoms, we ask that you please stay home to protect others.
- Be Kind. Unwind.

We reserve the right to ask anyone to leave if they are not complying with these guidelines.

Thank you for your flexibility, understanding, and help in order for The Backyard to stay safe and open for all to enjoy!