

MYSTWOOD *Weddings*

ALCOHOL AT YOUR WEDDING

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Please note, we are a BYO venue and we have a \$10 per head surcharge for all guests over 18 years old.

This document is to clarify the rules around alcohol at your wedding. Regulation of the serving of alcohol (responsible service of alcohol/RSA), is becoming stricter and our guidelines are clear and must be adhered to by every wedding guest including the bridal party.

OUR RULES AT MYSTWOOD

- We must adhere to strict Responsible Service of Alcohol Guidelines (RSA).
- No shots allowed. (If you however wish to do 1 Shot with guests, talk to us)
- Last drinks are served 15 minutes before the close of event.
- Any guests becoming over intoxicated will be cut off from alcohol.
- Any guests going to cars or cabins or their bags for alcohol and bringing that alcohol into the venue, will be advised that this cannot continue or they will be removed from the venue. Any alcohol brought into the venue must be handed over at the bar for service.
- Drinking alcohol or taking alcohol from other guests once they have been cut off will result in a warning. If it continues, they will be removed from the venue. Over intoxicated guests can easily cause harm to them themselves and others.

- We have a duty of care to keep our team safe and under no circumstance will we tolerate any form of abuse from guests toward any of our team members.
- Our goal is to create a beautiful wedding day filled with memories and a lot of fun. There is a fine line however between fun and stupidity with over intoxication and we have a zero-tolerance policy.

What are the 4 main reasons for refusal of service?

- law requires it (e.g. if the person is a minor or unduly intoxicated or disorderly)
- safety of the guest is in jeopardy (i.e. from the consumption of liquor)
- safety of others is in jeopardy (i.e. from the consumption of liquor by a particular guest)
- venue considers it warranted (provided it is not discriminatory).

Can we refuse to serve a rude customer?

Yes, we can refuse service legally. A guest threatens or verbally abuses any team members or other guests, we can ask them to leave.

Intoxication defined

Intoxication is defined to assist industry comply with their responsible serving obligations.

A person is considered to be intoxicated if:

- The person's speech, balance, coordination or behaviour is noticeably affected; and

- It is reasonable, in the circumstances, to believe that the affected speech, balance, coordination or behaviour is the result of the consumption of alcohol.

The noticeable signs of intoxication include:

Speech – The person is slurring words, talking in rambling or unintelligible sentences, incoherent or muddled speech.

Balance – The person is unsteady on their feet, is stumbling or bumping into people or objects, is swaying uncontrollably or cannot stand or walk straight.

Coordination – The person may be (for example) fumbling to light a cigarette, spilling or dropping drinks, having difficulty in opening or closing doors.

Behaviour – The person is rude, aggressive, or offensive, is unable to concentrate or follow instructions, is boisterous or is pestering other guests or staff.

These guidelines recognise the need to form a reasonable belief that the person is intoxicated as a result of alcohol consumption. The guidelines also recognise that some medical conditions, disabilities or the use of drugs may cause similar behaviours without the person being intoxicated as a result of consuming alcohol.

A note on smoking:

There is only one outside smokers area at the venue with many large silver ash tray buckets provided. Smokers are only by law permitted to smoke in this one area and nowhere else at the venue.

Cigarette butts must be placed in buckets only.**Glassware**

At our venue, we provide all glassware. As a rustic indoor/outdoor space with mostly concrete and paved areas, traditional glassware poses a safety risk, often getting knocked over or broken.

To maintain both elegance and safety, we exclusively supply premium acrylic glassware. These high-quality pieces are designed to look stunning while offering the durability needed for a wedding. Our collection includes tumblers, wine glasses, champagne flutes, retro champagne coupes, and stylish cocktail glasses—all meticulously chosen to enhance your event.

Guests consistently rave about the look and feel of our glassware, and for good reason! While traditional glassware costs \$1-\$2 per glass, our premium acrylic options cost upwards of \$11 per piece—a testament to our commitment to both aesthetics and guest safety on your special day.

Drinks information for your Wedding

With BYO option in your package, you will need to supply your drinks in bulk. Please talk with us regarding time and day of drinks drop off. It is always best to get the drinks to us a week or two before the wedding if possible.

Dan Murphys

We have proudly partnered with Dan Murphys in 2023 to offer you a personalised service when it comes ordering your bulk drinks. You'll get advice and great prices from their events department and they can assist you with drinks from the engagement party, hens and bucks night as well as the wedding day. Please email me at yodaofweddings@gmail.com if you would like to utilise this service and I will connect you with them.

Thoughts when purchasing drinks

Many times couples buy way too many drinks.

Please remember it's a wedding where people are socialising, sitting and eating and watching formalities. You won't go through as much alcohol as you may think.

Over ordering costs you money and wastes a lot of your time.

We do practise RSA so any guests over intoxicated will be cut off.

The quickest way to ruin a wedding is someone who is over intoxicated behaving poorly.

Guests bringing their own drinks

Guests are welcome to bring their own drinks, but they must hand them over to the bar upon entry. Their drinks will be served back to them and any left at the end of the reception, they can take home with them.

This is a condition of our RSA.

Bar closing

30 minutes before the official end time, we will pour drinks in disposable cups as too many times our expensive acrylic glasses grow legs and walk. 🙄🤔

The bar will close 15 minutes before the official end time of your reception.

All guests not staying at Mystwood cabins will leave at that time.

Any guests staying in the cabins are welcome to continue on at the venue after the official finish, as long as they have booked all of the cabins.

Champagne tower

We can set up and pack down an amazing champagne tower for you and your guests. \$250. Price includes champagne, your choice of pink or white. You may have this at the ceremony or the reception. Please talk to us.

To assist with your drinks purchasing:

You may open the bar as guests arrive before the ceremony if you wish.

We do think it's a good idea to wait until after the ceremony to serve alcohol. Guests can become over intoxicated easily when starting to drink early in the day. This however is your decision.

Spirits

You may supply spirits in pre mix cans or bottles or you may supply bottles of spirits to put behind the bar.

We do STRONGLY recommend not serving spirits until after speeches, but if you wish to serve them sooner, please talk to us. It is always easier and quicker to serve guests pre mixed bottles or cans of spirits rather than supplying bottles of straight spirits.

Shots

By law we are not able to serve shots, it breaches our RSA guidelines. However, if you would like to do one shot with guests as a celebratory gesture, we are happy to accommodate that.

Cocktails

If you wish to serve cocktails, please supply one or two in pre mixed type cocktails that we can place in large dispensers for easy and quick service.

We don't serve cocktails usually until after the meal, but if you wish to serve them sooner, please talk to us.

If you wish to supply cocktails that need to be individually created, you will need to pay for a second bar person for this service.

Talk to us if you are interested in this.

How much to purchase:

For example if you have 50 guests, you could guess that half are men.
Amounts below are based on 50 guests

Beers

That's 25 men to cater beer for.

Allow 8 beers each = 200

As there is 24 beers in a case that would be 8 cases.

It would be a good idea to have 2 more cases as a backup.

Always supply 1 case of light beer.

If you supply a beer like corona, please supply some lemons and limes.
6 of each should be enough.

Wines

As a guide for around 25 women

Champagne or brut cuvée

12 bottles

Coles Liquorland has Whispers brand wines from \$5 per bottle.

Coles Liquorland and BWS has Hardy's brand wines from \$10 per litre bottle.

BWS has Chancellor & Co wines from \$5 per bottle.

All are used regularly at weddings and guests are always happy!

It is very rare that people have champagne for speeches for all their guests. Most guests don't like champagne and prefer to toast with their preferred drink.

If you wish to do a champagne toast, please be aware there will be a lot of wastage of champagne, please let us know.

You will need to supply 12 extra bottles for all guests to have a glass for champagne toast.

White wine - sweet

A sweet white wine like a Semillon Sav is a good idea, it's never as popular as a dry white however.

6 bottles

White wine - dry

A dry white wine like a Sav Blanc is a good idea, however you could have other whites also such as verdhelo/chardonnay if you wish

8-10 bottles

Red wine

Supply red wine such as merlot, shiraz, cab sav or similar.

Reds are never that popular but it's still important to have a few.

4-6 bottles

Pink bubbly moscato

Pink bubbly moscato is always the most popular drink with women

12-18 bottles

White bubbly moscato

White bubbly moscato is not as popular as pink

6-12 bottles

Soft drinks

8 x 2 litre coke no sugar - (always more popular than normal coke)

6 x 2 litre coke

8 x 1 litre soda water

3 x 1 litre tonic water

6 x 1 litre lemonade

6 x 1 litre dry ginger ale

Other soft drinks to consider are:

Passionfruit, raspberry and lemon

Any drinks left over you will take away with you.

Don't forget to supply some extra drinks for the night before the wedding if you are staying in the cabins, and a few for getting ready on the wedding day.

If you have any questions please ask.

Sincerely

Yoda