



# Beverage Guide

*Your complete guide to purchasing alcohol for your event*

Thank you for booking Sip N Saddle! As we operate on a dry hire basis, you'll be purchasing the alcohol while we provide the bartending expertise, equipment, and all mixers and garnishes. This guide will help you know exactly what to buy.

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## Quick Reference: How Much Do I Need?

### Standard Consumption Estimates (per person)

- **Cocktail Events (2-3 hours):** 3-4 drinks per person
- **Full Event (4-5 hours):** 5-6 drinks per person
- **All-Day Event (6+ hours):** 6-8 drinks per person

**General Rule:** Plan for 1 drink per person per hour, adjusting for your crowd.

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## Recommended Alcohol Shopping List

### For 50 Guests (4-hour event)

#### Spirits (for cocktails)

- Vodka: 2 x 700ml bottles
- Gin: 2 x 700ml bottles
- Rum (white): 1 x 700ml bottle
- Rum (dark/spiced): 1 x 700ml bottle
- Tequila: 1 x 700ml bottle (if requested)
- Whiskey/Bourbon: 1 x 700ml bottle (if requested)

#### Wine

- White wine: 12 bottles (750ml)
- Red wine: 8 bottles (750ml)
- Sparkling wine/Champagne: 6 bottles (750ml)

#### Beer & Cider

- Beer: 48 bottles/cans (2 cartons)
- Cider: 12 bottles/cans

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## For 100 Guests (4-hour event)

### Spirits

- Vodka: 4 x 700ml bottles
- Gin: 4 x 700ml bottles
- Rum (white): 2 x 700ml bottles
- Rum (dark/spiced): 2 x 700ml bottles
- Tequila: 2 x 700ml bottles
- Whiskey/Bourbon: 2 x 700ml bottles

### Wine

- White wine: 24 bottles
- Red wine: 16 bottles
- Sparkling wine/Champagne: 12 bottles

### Beer & Cider

- Beer: 96 bottles/cans (4 cartons)
- Cider: 24 bottles/cans (1 carton)

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## Cocktail-Specific Recommendations

### Classic Cocktail Package

*Mojitos, Margaritas, Gin & Tonics*

#### For 50 guests:

- White Rum: 2 x 700ml
- Tequila: 1 x 700ml
- Gin: 2 x 700ml

### Premium Cocktail Package

*Espresso Martinis, Old Fashioneds, Cosmopolitans, Margaritas*

#### For 50 guests:

- Vodka: 3 x 700ml
- Whiskey/Bourbon: 2 x 700ml
- Tequila: 1 x 700ml
- Coffee Liqueur (Kahlúa): 1 x 700ml

## **Tropical Cocktail Package**

*Piña Coladas, Mai Tais, Daiquiris*

### **For 50 guests:**

- White Rum: 3 x 700ml
- Dark Rum: 2 x 700ml
- Coconut Rum (Malibu): 1 x 700ml

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## **Wine Selection Guide**

### **By Event Type**

#### **Daytime/Casual Events:**

- 60% white wine
- 30% sparkling wine
- 10% red wine

#### **Evening/Formal Events:**

- 40% white wine
- 30% red wine
- 30% sparkling wine

#### **Summer Events:**

- 50% white wine
- 30% sparkling wine/rosé
- 20% red wine

#### **Winter Events:**

- 40% red wine
- 35% white wine
- 25% sparkling wine

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## Recommended Brands (Queensland)

### Budget-Friendly Options

#### Spirits:

- Vodka: Smirnoff, Absolut
- Gin: Gordon's, Beefeater
- Rum: Bundaberg, Bacardi
- Tequila: Jose Cuervo, Olmeca

#### Wine: (\$10-15/bottle)

- Jacob's Creek, Banrock Station, Penfolds Koonunga Hill, Yellowglen (sparkling)

#### Beer:

- XXXX Gold, Great Northern, Carlton Dry

### Mid-Range Options

#### Spirits:

- Vodka: Grey Goose, Ketel One
- Gin: Tanqueray, Hendrick's, Four Pillars
- Rum: Sailor Jerry, Captain Morgan Black
- Tequila: Espolòn, El Jimador

#### Wine: (\$15-25/bottle)

- Oyster Bay, Wither Hills, Wolf Blass, Chandon (sparkling)

#### Beer:

- Stone & Wood, Balter, 4 Pines, Byron Bay Premium Lager

### Premium Options

#### Spirits:

- Vodka: Belvedere, Cîroc
- Gin: Bombay Sapphire, The Botanist, Monkey 47
- Rum: Diplomatico, Mount Gay XO
- Tequila: Patrón, Don Julio
- Whiskey: Jack Daniel's, Maker's Mark, Johnnie Walker

#### Wine: (\$25+/bottle)

- Cloudy Bay, Veuve Clicquot (sparkling), Penfolds Bin series, Moss Wood

#### Beer:

- Asahi Super Dry, Corona, Peroni, craft beer selections

# Where to Buy

## Recommended Brisbane Retailers

### Large Format Stores:

- Dan Murphy's (price match guarantee, online ordering)
- BWS (Woolworths connection, frequent sales)
- Liquorland (competitive pricing)
- First Choice Liquor (Coles connection)

### Specialty/Craft:

- The Bottle-O (local selection)
- Vintage Cellars (premium range)
- Independent bottle shops (personal service)

## Money-Saving Tips

- ✓ Check catalogues for weekly specials
- ✓ Buy in bulk for discounts
- ✓ Order online for delivery to your venue
- ✓ Price match between major retailers
- ✓ Consider buying 1-2 weeks ahead during sales
- ✓ Keep receipts - most stores accept returns of unopened bottles

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# Adjust for Your Crowd

### Increase quantities if:

- Event is outdoors in summer
- Guests are predominantly 25-40 years old
- It's a celebration (wedding, milestone birthday)
- Event runs past midnight

### Decrease quantities if:

- Many guests are non-drinkers or light drinkers
- Event includes older guests or families
- Meal service is substantial
- Event is short (under 3 hours)

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## Pro Tips from Our Bartenders

### Do:

- Chill wine and beer 24 hours before the event
- Buy at least 10% extra - it's better to have leftovers
- Keep spirits at room temperature
- Organize delivery to arrive 1-2 days before
- Provide a variety - not everyone likes the same drinks

### Don't:

- Buy flavored vodkas (we'll create flavor with mixers)
- Forget about non-drinkers (we provide mocktails with included mixers)
- Wait until the day before to shop
- Buy premium spirits for mixed cocktails (mid-range is perfect)
- Forget to keep receipts for returns

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## What We Provide

**You only purchase the alcohol. We supply:**

- ✓ All mixers (tonic, soda, cola, lemonade, ginger beer, juices)
- ✓ Fresh garnishes (limes, lemons, mint, berries, herbs)
- ✓ Ice
- ✓ Simple syrups and specialty ingredients
- ✓ Bitters and liqueurs for cocktails (excluding coffee liqueur for Espresso Martinis)
- ✓ Soft drinks and mocktail ingredients
- ✓ All bar equipment and glassware

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## Custom Shopping List

Once you confirm your booking, we'll create a **personalised shopping list** tailored to:

- Your exact guest count
- Event duration
- Drink preferences
- Cocktail menu selections
- Budget considerations

We'll send you a detailed PDF with specific products, quantities, and recommended retailers.

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## Returns Policy (Most Retailers)

- Unopened bottles in original condition: Usually accepted within 30 days
- Keep all receipts
- Check specific store policy before purchasing
- Opened bottles cannot be returned but are yours to keep

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## Need Help?

Not sure what to buy? Contact us:

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We're here to make the process easy and stress-free!

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*Note: Quantities are estimates based on standard consumption. Actual requirements may vary based on your specific event and guests.*