



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.

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.

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.

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!

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