

Empty Nest Winery

Graduation Venue Information ~ 2027

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- Thank you for inquiring about our event room at Empty Nest Winery to celebrate your child's graduation. Our goal is to make your party special, fun, as stress free as possible, and we will try to accommodate your wants and needs as much as possible to make this an epic event in your child's life! Below are a few of our requirements
- There is uplighting on the beams that can either be on or off but can't be moved or removed. Any decorating of the beams needs to be done by *Staymmeyer Signature Events (608) 792-5293*. You may decorate to your taste, but need to take it all with you when you leave. No nails, tacks, tape of any kind or screws on the walls, ceilings or beams. Command strips work best, any questions on this, please ask us.
- We can accommodate graduation open house (where people come and go during your party hours) parties up to 400+ people. We will provide inside tables & seating for the event room you are renting. We also have bistro tables & chairs outside on the covered patio that your guests may also use during your party. There is also over 2 acres of grass area where children can play but we ask that parents supervise their children playing outside. No trampolines, bouncy houses, etc are allowed. Also no balls being thrown/hit close to the Winery at all, this is for safety reasons. The event room has white banquet tables and chairs; usually for graduations we set up for about 70 -80 as people come and go during an open house. We also have high top round tables to use either for guests to stand around & visit or for guest book sign-ins, etc. Any questions, please ask us.
- Our event room is climate controlled so no matter the weather outside, it's 70 inside. We have a large parking lot to accommodate your guests vehicles; parking lot was blacktopped in 2018 & resurfaced in 2021. You also can use the patio area and acres of grass area if the weather is nice for your guests to fully enjoy your graduation day.
- For alcohol at your event; we provide a bartender at $50/4 hours. Our bar accommodates drink tickets, cash, or open bar to serve drinks; no underage drinking is allowed. Absolutely no alcohol or other beverages can be brought onto the premises, this is per state code. We serve can, tap & bottled beer, wine, sangrias, slushes, hard ciders, water, pop; no hard alcohol is allowed; a fine is added if any is found. Let us know 3 weeks in advance for special drink requests. You may bring in non-alcoholic punch / lemonade or we can make it for you too.
- Want to be stress-free for your party, enjoy the moment & your family & friends; let us do all the catering and refilling the food on the buffet line all during your party. You won't have to lift a finger using the Winery catering service. You may bring in your own food (no food from other caterers) but the kitchen is not available to use & there is a $75.00 cleanup fee; there are outlets in the event room to use for crockpots or roasters. Questions, ask.
- Half of the rent is due as a deposit when you sign & return the contract. We will block off & lock in your date when we receive the signed contract & deposit. Without the deposit & signed contract, the date will remain open for others to book their event. We only book one graduation party per day so you can take your time setting up your child's memorabilia, go home to change and come back for the party. Graduation rent is $575.00
- If you cancel your event AND we can rebook the date we will refund your deposit. If we can't rebook the date, then you will forfeit the deposit amount. The remainder of the rent is due one week before your event.

Please don't hesitate to call or email us with any questions or concerns at any time before your event as we want your event special and as stress free as possible! References available upon request.

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