

 **Wedding and/or Reception Venue Frequently Asked Questions
 2025**

**Welcome to Painted Prairie**

Congratulations on your recent engagement. Whether you are in the early stages of finding your perfect venue or just looking for more information in anticipation of an upcoming engagement, we are excited you are seeking out additional information on our property.

We are a destination venue located in the heart of Southwest Minnesota surrounded by rolling prairie and vineyard. We are a winery, but yet, we offer so much more. Our packages change every season to give you the best experience possible. We care deeply about our property and the events we host each season. New to 2025, we are adding customizable wine labels for your special day and a complimentary Groom’s Supper space the day prior.

We specialize in small to medium size celebrations offering customizable and special touches to make your day magical. What we offer is privacy, natural beauty and an ambiance right out of a fairytale.

If you see yourself in that setting, give us a call and we will schedule a tour. During that time, our staff will meet with you one-on-one to show you the property and answer all questions you might have regarding planning your dream wedding at Painted Prairie.

I look forward to visiting with you in 2025,

Krista Kopperud, CEO

**Pre-Event**

*How do I book my wedding at Painted Prairie Vineyard?*

The first step to booking your wedding is to find a date that works for you and the winery. The winery hosts one wedding per day. If you would like to schedule a tour or start the booking process, reach out to Painted Prairie Vineyard.

*After I book my wedding at Painted Prairie, what happens next?*

Once you book your wedding date, you will schedule a time to visit with the winery to begin planning your special day. All appointments must be made in advance with Painted Prairie Vineyard and will depend upon the availability of the owner. More frequent visits will take place as you get closer to your wedding date.

*How much money is due at the time of the booking?*

50% of the package is required at the time of booking and the second half is to be paid in full two weeks prior to the wedding. Additional expenses such as bar tab, service fees (if applicable) will be paid the night of the event or day after (upon the agreement of the couple and Painted Prairie). Painted Prairie includes a 18% service charge and a 20% gratuity to the final bill earmarked to offset costs of the event, itself, and pay employees who render their services pre, during, and post event. Down payment and final payment must be paid by check or cash. A 3.0% transaction fee will be added on any payment done electronically.

*Is there a charge to hold my wedding ceremony rehearsal/rehearsal dinner at Painted Prairie?*

In 2025, Ceremony rehearsals are included in package pricing with no additional charge but will be scheduled at the discretion of Painted Prairie staff, dependent on the timing of other events at the winery. The Pavilion or Red Barn on the property will be designated for the wedding party to utilize as a Groom’s Dinner or social gathering the evening prior to the event at no charge.

**Day of the Event**

*Does Painted Prairie have decorations I can rent?*

Painted Prairie has a minimal number of decorations the wedding party can use to decorate. It is the responsibility of the wedding party to provide majority of the decorations. All decorating must have the approval of Painted Prairie staff. No waxed candles (or real flame) can be used for decoration inside or outside.

*Does Painted Prairie have tablecloths and napkins for use?*

Painted Prairie has black and cream-colored rectangular tablecloths for use on the serving tables. If you choose to go with an outside vendor for tablecloths, it is your responsibility to have them placed on the tables by either the vendor or the wedding party. There are no linen napkins available at the Vineyard and must be brought in from an outside vendor. If you choose to have Painted Prairie staff decorate there is additional fee for their service.

*Who sets china on the tables?*

Your caterer is responsible for providing andsetting the china unless rented from Painted Prairie Vineyard. Additionally, your caterer is responsible for busing tables and washing dishes. Table service can be provided by Painted Prairie for $5 per person. In the event Painted Prairie caters your meal, the responsibility of busing tables and clean-up of dishes is on Painted Prairie and their staff.

*Can I or my family member cook the food for the dinner and bring it to the winery?*

Painted Prairie requires all wedding events to be catered by a licensed caterer or by Painted Prairie. Please ask Painted Prairie staff for a list of approved, local licensed caterers. Desserts can be homemade.

*What can I expect on the day of the event?*

On the day of your event, you will have access to the venue at 8:00 a.m. You can expect to be checked upon throughout the day by Painted Prairie staff. Last call at the bar and the DJ’s last song will be at 11:00 p.m. Painted Prairie asks all guests leave by 11:30 p.m. and the renters/DJ/personal items are cleared out by 12:00 p.m. A $50 fee will be applied if guests stay later than noted closing time.

*Can we bring in our own food and drinks on the day of the wedding?*

Painted Prairie allows wedding parties to bring their own food for breakfast and lunch before the wedding. However, all beverages must be purchased through the winery and outside beverages are not allowed. RENTERS AND GUESTS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED FROM BRINGING OUTSIDE ALCOHOL ONTO PAINTED PRAIRIE WINERY PREMISES. Painted Prairie will immediately add a $1000 cork fee to the final tab if outside alcohol is found during the duration of the event. Confiscated alcohol will become property of Painted Prairie.

*What alcohol options are available to serve guests during my reception?*

Painted Prairie Vineyard has a full liquor license and offers a plethora of options during a private event booked in the Pavilion and Red Barn. This can include wine, beer, and hard alcohol. Painted Prairie staff will work with you to select your final bar selections one month prior to your event.

*Where can my wedding party get dressed for the wedding?*

At this time, Painted Prairie does not have a designated spot for the wedding party to get dressed onsite. However, the Red Barn is included in the rental for use of the wedding party however they deem fit. In addition, there are a couple sites within a 10 mile radius of the winery available to parties for a fee. Painted Prairies does not allow RVs or campers to be parked onsite for wedding party dressing space.

*Can I or my guests park RVs or campers in the Painted Prairie parking lot and spend the night?*

Painted Prairie does not allow guests to spend the night on the winery premises, unless special arrangements has been made by the wedding party. All guests of the winery must leave the grounds by 12:30 p.m.; wedding party/family at 1:00 a.m. Painted Prairie encourages carpooling and permits vehicles to stay overnight.

*Where is parking available?*

Parking is available to guests by the Painted Prairie Pavilion. Additional transportation may be arranged for handicapped guests onsite. Painted Prairie Vineyard staff will assist in directing parking.

*Is smoking permitted at Painted Prairie?*

Painted Prairie is smoke-free in all indoor and outdoor areas, except marked, designated smoking areas. Cigarette butts must be placed in the appropriate disposal unit.

*Are children allowed at Painted Prairie?*

Children are welcome but are the responsibility of their parents or guardians and must be supervised at all times. A one-time warning will be given if inappropriate behavior is witnessed. If a second warning is given, the child will be asked to leave the premise of the property. All damage is the responsibility of the wedding party.

**Cost of the Event**

*Can I change my event package selection after booking?*

Painted Prairie will allow event packages to be changed up to six months prior to the event. Parties are responsible for paying the difference in down payment (if any) at the time of changing the package.

*Are the prices described in the Event Packages document guaranteed?*

Painted Prairie will guarantee your rental and event package prices but cannot guarantee the cost of items Painted Prairie rents or purchases through other vendors due to market prices.

*Am I subject to any service fees payable to Painted Prairie staff?*

Painted Prairie includes an 20% gratuity to the final bill, which is designated to pay employees who render their services for pre, during, and post events. An 18% service fee is added to the bill to offset labor costs associated with food and beverage service. The service fee is not distributed to the staff.

*Are there any hidden charges to hosting my wedding at Painted Prairie?*

An event at Painted Prairie has many components and each one might come with a cost. Painted Prairie will be upfront about any costs that might be incurred as you make decisions about your event. A quote will be provided to the party prior to the event, but it will only be an estimate and final amounts owed may vary upon bar tabs, service fees, taxes, etc. which will be calculated and paid the night of the event, as applicable. Please see the fees section in the event packages document.

*Is there a beverage minimum?*

With each package, there are mandatory wine purchases of two cases. Painted Prairie staff will work with each couple to determine how alcohol purchases will be handled. It can be done open bar, a la carte, or 100% purchased by guests. Painted Prairie does not host dry wedding events. Non-alcoholic beverages must be provided by Painted Prairie. At this time there is no minimum purchase requirements.

*Liability Insurance*

Painted Prairie requires a General Liability Certificate of Insurance covering the date of the event in the amount of $250,000 naming Painted Prairie as an additional insured, which must be received at least two (2) weeks prior to the event. A general liability certificate can usually be obtained from your insurance provider or online from an insurance broker.

*Underage Drinking; Other Illegal and Objectionable Behavior*

Underage drinking, use of illegal substances, and other illegal activity are prohibited on Painted Prairie Vineyard’s property, and such restrictions will be strictly enforced. Painted Prairie Vineyard expressly disclaims, and the client voluntarily assumes and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Painted Prairie Vineyard from all responsibility and liability related to underage drinking, other illegal activity, and negligent or reckless behavior of the client and/or its guests while on or around Painted Prairie Vineyard’s property. Painted Prairie Vineyard reserves the right to refuse service to or demand that any or all guests leave the event and our property whenever we determine in our sole discretion that circumstances require it, including, without limitation, for failure to adhere to our rules, use of illegal substances or underage drinking, excessive consumption of alcohol or sound levels, threats of or actual violence, discrimination or other unhealthy, illegal, or otherwise objectionable behavior. In such an event, the client will remain fully responsible for all fees and payments owed to Painted Prairie Vineyard. Please just be thoughtful and respectful and this will likely never become an issue.

Please reach out to Krista at Painted Prairie Vineyard for additional information. krista@paintedprairiewine.com

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