



Selecting a Dessert Vendor for a Vineyard Wedding

Choosing the perfect desserts and wedding cake for your special day is more than just a sweet detail—it's an opportunity to wow your guests and reflect your personal style. With so many delicious options and talented vendors available, it can feel overwhelming to know where to start. That's where this checklist comes in! Whether you're dreaming of a vineyard-inspired cake, a rustic dessert bar, or wine-infused treats that tie into your winery wedding theme, this guide will help you stay organized, ask the right questions, and make confident decisions. Let's ensure your desserts are as unforgettable as your big day!

DEFINE YOUR VISION AND BUDGET

- ☐ **MONEY MATTERS**
DETERMINE HOW MUCH YOU'RE WILLING TO SPEND ON DESSERTS AND YOUR WEDDING CAKE.
- ☐ **WHAT'S YOUR STYLE?**
DECIDE ON THE STYLE OF DESSERTS YOU WANT (TIERED CAKE, DESSERT BAR, WINE-INFUSED TREATS).
- ☐ **THINK ABOUT THE THEME**
CHOOSE A THEME OR DESIGN (E.G., VINEYARD-INSPIRED, RUSTIC ELEGANCE, MODERN MINIMALISM).
- ☐ **OPTIONS MATTER**
PLAN FOR DIETARY PREFERENCES OR SPECIAL DESSERT OPTIONS (E.G., GLUTEN-FREE, VEGAN).

RESEARCH VENDORS

- ☐ **KEEP IT LOCAL**
CREATE A LIST OF LOCAL BAKERS AND DESSERT VENDORS WITH EXPERIENCE IN WEDDINGS.
- ☐ **LOOK FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**
CHECK ONLINE REVIEWS, SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES, AND WEDDING FORUMS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS.
- ☐ **SEEK REFERRALS**
ASK FOR REFERRALS FROM YOUR VENUE, WEDDING PLANNER, OR OTHER COUPLES.

SCHEDULE TASTINGS

- ☐ **SCHEDULE A FEW**
BOOK TASTINGS WITH YOUR TOP 2-3 VENDORS.
- ☐ **VISUALS HELP**
BRING INSPIRATION PHOTOS OR SKETCHES TO COMMUNICATE YOUR VISION.
- ☐ **TAKE A TASTE**
SAMPLE VARIOUS CAKE FLAVORS, FILLINGS, AND FROSTINGS, AS WELL AS DESSERT OPTIONS.
- ☐ **DON'T FORGET**
ASK ABOUT THEIR SPECIALTY FLAVORS OR SIGNATURE STYLES THAT ALIGN WITH YOUR THEME.
- ☐ **AND WHAT ABOUT WINE PAIRINGS?**
BRING A BOTTLE OF WINE FROM THE VINEYARD TO TEST PAIRINGS.





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As you finalize the details for your desserts and wedding cake, remember that collaboration with your vendors is key to bringing your vision to life. This second page of the checklist focuses on the logistics, presentation, and final touches that ensure everything runs smoothly on your wedding day. From delivery and setup to packaging those sweet leftovers, these steps will help you tie up any loose ends and create a stunning dessert experience your guests will rave about. Let's dive into the finishing details that make all the difference!

DISCUSS CUSTOMIZATION

- ☐ **DESIGN CUSTOMIZATION**
CONFIRM THE VENDOR CAN CREATE CUSTOM DESIGNS (E.G., SUGAR GRAPEVINES, EDIBLE FLOWERS).
- ☐ **DECORATION IDEAS**
ASK IF THEY CAN INCORPORATE WINE OR VINEYARD ELEMENTS INTO THE FLAVORS OR DECORATIONS.
- ☐ **ADD A PERSONAL TOUCH**
ASK FOR PERSONAL TOUCH OPTIONS, LIKE MONOGRAMMED COOKIES OR CUSTOM TOPPERS.
- ☐ **OPTIONS MATTER**
PLAN FOR DIETARY PREFERENCES OR SPECIAL DESSERT OPTIONS (E.G., GLUTEN-FREE, VEGAN).

UNDERSTAND PRICING

- ☐ **COLLECT QUOTES**
REQUEST A DETAILED QUOTE, INCLUDING COSTS FOR EACH DESSERT, DELIVERY, AND SETUP.
- ☐ **CONFIRM EXTRA FEES**
CONFIRM IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL FEES FOR TASTINGS, CUSTOM DESIGNS, OR CAKE CUTTING.
- ☐ **ASK ABOUT DEPOSITS**
ASK ABOUT DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS AND PAYMENT SCHEDULES.

CONFIRM DELIVERY AND SET UP

- ☐ **READ THE DETAILS**
READ THE CONTRACT THOROUGHLY TO ENSURE ALL DETAILS MATCH YOUR DISCUSSIONS.
- ☐ **REVIEW ALL POLICIES**
CHECK POLICIES FOR CANCELLATIONS, REFUNDS, AND LAST-MINUTE CHANGES.

PLAN FOR PRESENTATION AND ENJOY THE SWEET MOMENTS!

- ☐ **WHAT'S THE SET-UP?**
DISCUSS HOW THE DESSERTS AND CAKE WILL BE DISPLAYED (E.G., DESSERT BAR, CAKE TABLE).
- ☐ **CAN YOU WORK WITH THE FLORIST?**
ASK IF THEY PROVIDE DÉCOR ELEMENTS LIKE CAKE STANDS, TRAYS, OR SIGNAGE AND CAN COLLABORATE WITH YOUR FLORIST OR DECORATOR FOR COHESIVE STYLING .
- ☐ **WHAT TO DO WITH LEFTOVERS**
MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR LEFTOVER DESSERTS—YOUR GUESTS (OR YOU!) WILL WANT EXTRAS.
- ☐ **SHARE SPECIAL TIME**
SCHEDULE A TASTING FOR JUST YOU AND YOUR PARTNER TO RELIVE THE FLAVORS BEFORE THE BIG DAY.

