

Rodeo Uncorked!

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™
Champion Wine Garden

The Champion Wine Garden at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ is a popular destination. We are pleased to offer reservation opportunities within the Garden for your party. We offer table reservations for smaller groups and tent reservations for larger groups. The link to the reservation site will be available on Dec. 1, 2021. Please read the information below and FAQs carefully before making your reservation.

To make a table or tent reservation on behalf of an HLSR volunteer committee, please contact the Wine Show at wine@rodeohouston.com or 832.667.1184 to discuss reservation opportunities. Committee reservations should not be made through the online website.

TABLES:

Twenty (20) tables located near the Founder's Tent are available for reservation. This tented area offers protection from inclement weather, close proximity to the restrooms, a convenient bar and is a great spot to listen to the live music. Table reservations are \$50 each Monday – Friday and \$75 each Saturday and Sunday. Each table can accommodate up to (four) 4 guests. For parties larger than four (4), please reserve additional tables and the tables will be assigned together. No more than four (4) tables are permitted in a single reservation on a single day. The reservation fee is for the table only. Wine may be purchased separately from a hostess on site.

Table reservations are available from 4 - 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 12 – 9 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. If your party does not arrive by 9 p.m. or all members of your party leave the table before 9 p.m., the reservation will be forfeited, and seating will be offered to other guests. Table reservations will not be held after 9 p.m. If your party arrives before 9 p.m. and remains at the table, you are welcome to enjoy the reservation until we close.

There are no exchanges or returns on table reservations so please purchase carefully. It is highly advisable to read all the FAQs listed below before purchasing.

TENTS:

Five (5) tents are available for private party space. Tent reservations are available between the hours of 4 – 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 2 – 9 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. If your party does not arrive by 9 p.m., or all members of the party leave the tent before 9 p.m., the reservation will be forfeited, and seating will be offered to other guests. Tent reservations will

not be held after 9 p.m. If your party arrives before 9 p.m. and remains at the table, you are welcome to enjoy the reservation until we close.

All tents are located on the West side of the Champion Wine Garden. They do not have a sight line to the main stage. All tents are in the proximity of the Acoustic Stage, which will be programmed daily during the Rodeo. While this is the quieter side of the Garden, the music will be heard in the tent spaces.

All tent reservations are required to complete an online Event Booking Form at least 1 week prior to the event. The form will be sent via email in late January. The Champion Wine Garden Hospitality Team will try to set up your tent as requested on your event booking form. However, the equipment inventory is shared among all hospitality spaces, and we may not be able to fully accommodate your requests.

As with the tables, there are no exchanges or returns, so please purchase carefully. Please read all the FAQs listed below before purchasing.

The **Stuart Lang Tent** (30' x 30') holds approximately 100 guests standing and 60 guests seated. It is located on a stone plaza below the hillside. The cost for this tent is \$600.

The **Valley Tent** (20' x 30') holds approximately 65 guests standing and 45 guests seated. It is located on the grassy hill and will have flooring. The cost for this tent is \$400.

The **High Plains Tent (Wine Education Seminar Tent)** (20' X 30') holds approximately 65 guests standing and 45 guests seated. It is located on the grassy hill and will have flooring. The cost for this tent is \$400.

The **Bluebonnet Tent** (20' X 30') holds approximately 65 guests standing and 45 guests seated. It is located on the grassy hill and will have flooring. The cost for this tent is \$400.

The **Trellis Tent** (20' X 30' holds approximately 65 guests standing and 45 guests seated. It is located on the grassy hill and will have flooring. The cost for this tent is \$400.

The **Hill Country Tent** (30' x 50') can accommodate approximately 150 guests standing and 100 guests seated. It is located on the grassy hill and will have flooring. The cost for this tent is \$1,000.

Tents are available for private entertaining purposes only. Access to the tents may not be resold in the form of tickets, sponsorships or other types of admission fees. Guests are permitted to contribute together to host a joint social event.

Frequently Asked Questions

Are there ID requirements or an age limit to enter the event? There are no age limits to enter the Champion Wine Garden or the seminars; however, guests must be 21 years old to drink alcohol anywhere in the Champion Wine Garden or the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo grounds.

What are my transportation/parking options getting to the event? The Champion Wine Garden is inside the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo grounds. Admission and parking information can be found on www.rodeohouston.com. Guests to the grounds must purchase a separate ticket to enter. This is not included in the price of the Champion Wine Garden reservation.

How do I complete payment for my wine, cheese or charcuterie trays ordered? A valid credit or debit card must be presented to your hostess at the time of check out to complete check out. If you are charging on a Director's account, the card and card holder must be present at the time of check out. Advance or post event billing is not available.

What can/can't I bring to the event? The Champion Wine Garden is located at Carruth Plaza in NRG Park. Therefore, the rules stated on www.rodeohouston.com/Visit-the-Rodeo/Visitors-Guide/Guest-Services apply to the Champion Wine Garden. It is a good idea to check the weather to ensure appropriate dress.

Where can I contact the organizer with any questions? Please contact hlsrwineconciierge@gmail.com with your questions.

Is my registration/ticket transferrable? You may give anyone your confirmation, but you cannot transfer it online and it must be used for the same date/time/space.

Do I have to bring my printed confirmation to the Champion Wine Garden? No, but it does help us ensure you gain access to your reserved area in a quick and efficient manner. If you forget to print your tickets, we will have a list of those we are expecting.

What is the refund policy? There are no refunds once the reservation is purchased.

The name on the registration/ticket doesn't match the attendee. Is that okay? Yes, if someone has given a third party their reservation information, it will be accepted at the hostess stand. If the original ticket purchaser arrives, and any dispute over the reservation occurs, the original ticket purchaser will be granted the space.

Can I select my reserved table ahead of time? No. Guests are permitted to select their table once they arrive at the hostess stand on the day of the reservation.

What happens at 9 p.m. when our reservation is officially over? Guests are welcome to stay and enjoy tables or tents up to the time the Champion Wine Garden closes that night. However, if the reserved table or tent is vacated, the reservation will no longer be held. This policy applies even if guests leave to go into the RodeoHouston performance in NRG Stadium.

Where is the Hostess Stand? Inside the Champion Wine Garden near the Founder's Tent on the East side of the Garden. Please look for signs or ask any of our volunteers wearing an apron.

May I sit at my table or tent early on Saturday and Sundays? Yes, on Saturday and Sunday, access to reserved tables or tents is available beginning at 12 noon.

Can I share the tent reservation fee with other guests? Reservation costs may be shared among other guests of the table or tent. However, only one credit card will be accepted upon payment of reservation.

Can I sell admission to my wine seminar? No, selling tickets or admission to an event within the reserved space, such as a private wine seminar, is not permitted. The space may not be resold for profit.

What about food - who will help me? Larger cheese or charcuterie trays are available for prepurchase. These must be ordered at least 3 days in advance. The concierge team is happy to put you in touch with any of the food vendors on the grounds during the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, however, guests will need to organize the order and delivery. Guests are also welcomed to bring outside food, however, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo cannot arrange for transportation of these items from the delivery vehicle, nor do we offer food serving items or plates, etc. Please plan ahead for your event if you choose to bring in food.

What food is served in the Champion Wine Garden? Cheese and charcuterie trays, as well as 20 oz. bottled water are offered for sale in the Champion Wine Garden. Additionally, numerous food exhibitors are located throughout the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo grounds offering many diverse cuisines.

I have a guest that drinks beer. Can I bring in beer or soft drinks? Yes, you may purchase a beer or frozen beverage from another vendor at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and bring it into the Champion Wine Garden. Guests are not permitted to bring outside beer or other alcohol into the Rodeo grounds. Soft drinks are not available for sale inside of the Champion Wine Garden but may be purchased from any vendor on the grounds, or may be brought in for your event.

Can I move the tables and chairs around in the tent I have rented? Yes, it is okay to move around tables and chairs if they don't get damaged by weather or neglect. We have limited capabilities when it comes to providing you with a certain number of chairs, types of tables and set up in tents. Please understand that the Wine Garden Committee will do their best to accommodate any additional requests not included in your original layout.

I just ordered another reserved table. How can I ensure that this table gets put next to my previously reserved tables? While not guaranteed, the Wine Garden Committee will do their best to place tables together upon request.

What if I want to reserve multiple tents and the open area space in between the tents? There doesn't seem to be a place to make that reservation. This requires an email/phone call to work through the details. The Champion Wine Garden is a very popular destination during the Rodeo., and it is often difficult to get large reserved parties into the Garden without an impact on the experience of other guests. Contact hlsrwineconcierge@gmail.com to set up a time to discuss the details of your request.

What happens if it rains? The Show must go on! Through rain, wind, and storms (luckily no snow yet) the Champion Wine Garden remains open. Remember, there are no refunds, so we hope you still come out and experience the Champion Wine Garden!