



# Vino Visit Planning Guide

You're always welcome to "come as you are," however, a little pre-planning allows you to take full advantage of all [Vino in the Valley](#) has to offer! This handy Planning Guide is the perfect resource for a leisurely and relaxing visit.

## Step 1: Set Your Objective

When using this guide, we think it's important to keep in mind the reason for your visit. There's a 101 reasons why people visit [Vino in the Valley](#); everything from an afternoon of relaxation with friends, to popping "The Question". Setting your intention ensures proper planning and that your visit won't disappoint!

The purpose of our Vino visit is (check all that apply)...

- Romance
- Adventure
- Relaxation
- Fun times with good friends
- Family outing
- Girl's Getaway
- Celebration of a special occasion (i.e. birthday or anniversary)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Step 2: Important To-Dos

We recommend completing the to-do list below in preparation for your visit. Of course the adventurous will opt to take the spontaneous route, and that's great! You'll have a great time no matter what!

- "Like" VINO in the Valley on [Facebook](#). You'll want to follow the latest happenings, specials and announcements on your news feed!
- Clear your schedule. A VINO visit is a unique experience and we want you to plan sufficient time to take it all in. Plan to spend your entire afternoon or evening with us.
- Make reservations. For groups of 10 or more, you may want to consider making a reservation. See our [Reservation Policy](#) for stipulations.
- Check out the [Entertainment Schedule](#). Fortunately we're surrounded by much local talent, and if you enjoy music while you dine, you'll want to plan your visit around the performance schedule.
- Review the [menu](#). Go ahead and wake up your taste buds by taking a sneak peek at our online menu.
- Print [directions](#). We're less than an hour east of the Twin Cities and 70 minutes west of Eau Claire. The drive takes you through some of the most beautiful countryside in the world. We would hate for you to miss your turn!
- For something extra special, enjoy the view from a chauffeur driven vehicle. Free of traffic, parking, and weather worries (and best of all no flashing lights in your rear view mirror on the way home). [Leah's Limo](#) (our preferred local service for those in western Wisconsin) and [Total Luxury Limousine](#) (serving our patrons out of the Twin Cities) offer VINO visitors special rates!



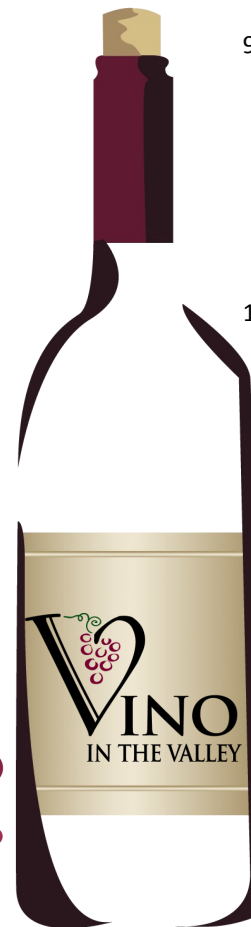
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## Top 10 Things to do during your visit to Vino in the Valley...

### Step 3: Things to Bring

- ❑ **Walking Shoes:** You won't be able to resist a stroll in the vineyard and along the banks of the Rush River. Both can be difficult to do in strappy sandals and high-heeled shoes.
- ❑ **Jacket:** We're in our own little world in the valley (even when it comes to the weather). When the sun starts to set, it can get cool quickly. We suggest a jacket for your comfort.
- ❑ **Sunglasses:** Of course it's shaded under the dining pavilion. On sunny days you'll appreciate a pair of sunglasses while exploring the vineyard or enjoying the patio.
- ❑ **Camera:** You'll want to capture on "film" the wonderful memories made during your visit.
- ❑ **Gift List:** During your visit you may as well get some shopping out of the way. Be it a wedding, anniversary, or birthday gift, you'll find the perfect thing in our [Gift Shop](#). Vino in the Valley gift certificates make great gifts, too!
- ❑ **Umbrella:** Don't let the rain keep you from Vino. Some of the best times here are had in the rain! It's always dry under the dining pavilion, but an umbrella comes in handy as you walk in from the parking area.
- ❑ **Wine Journal:** We offer many varieties of wines (and beer), and many are available for purchase in our gift shop. Document your tasting notes and mark your favorites for future visits and purchases.
- ❑ **Games:** During busy times at Vino there can sometimes be a wait. Many of our visitors enjoy passing the time by throwing around a few bean bags, or with a rousing game of Croquet (request a set from the hostess). Maybe you prefer dice or cards? Throw them in; you just never know!

1. Have your own impromptu wine (or beer) tasting.
2. Try something interesting on the menu (Italian nachos, anyone?).
3. Walk through the vineyard and stroll along the banks of the Rush River.
4. Sit by the bonfire (weather permitting).
5. Enjoy our live entertainment. See our [Entertainment Schedule](#) for details.
6. Visit the [Vino Gift Shop](#).
7. Toss around a few bean bags or play a game of Croquet (request a set from the hostess).
8. Join in when we sing "That's Amore".
9. Visit our Christmas Tree Farm. Our trees are nearly full grown and starting in 2013 you'll be able to select and purchase the perfect tree during your summer visit, watch it grow through the season, and pick it up during the holidays. Start a new family tradition!
10. Enjoy one of our special activities (watch our [Facebook](#) page for details on our horse drawn vineyard tours, Farmer's Market events, Mother's Day massages, pumpkin picking, and "Christmas at Vino" with Christmas trees, visits from Santa and Mrs. Claus, and much, much more!



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# Wine Pairing Card

Of course our menu suggests the perfect wine-pairing for each of the signature dishes served at Vino in the Valley. But, what happens when you take our wines home? Who's there to help you find the perfect pairing then?

We've partnered with our wine experts to guide you in your wine selections for not only traditional fare, but a few unusual (we prefer creative) meals, as well. Of course we welcome you to be inventive and invite you to share your winning wine and food combinations on our **Facebook** page so we can try them, too!

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Print this page. Cut along the dotted gray line and fold on the solid gray line (printed side out). Hang on your refrigerator or inside your cupboard door for a handy two-sided reference card.



## Traditional Wine Pairings

### APPETIZERS

*Cheese Fondue*      *La Crema Sonoma Pinot Noir*  
*Bruschetta*      *Clos Du Bois Chardonnay*

### BEEF

*Streak*      *Peter Lehman Shiraz*  
*Prime Rib*      *Horse Heaven Hills Merlot by Columbia Crest*

### PASTA

*Pasta Alfredo*      *Chateau Ste Michelle Dry Riesling*  
*Chicken Marsala*      *Chateau Ste Michelle Indian Wells Chardonnay*

### PORK

*Ham*      *Vino in the Valley Rush River Red*  
*Pork Chop*      *Murphy Goode Cabernet*

### POULTRY

*Roast Turkey*      *Twin Vines Vihno Verde*  
*Roast Chicken*      *Vino in the Valley Lost Creek Sunset*

### SEAFOOD

*Shrimp*      *Chateau Ste Michelle Horse Heaven Sauvignon Blanc*

*Salmon*      *Smoking Loon Syrah*

### DESSERT

*Cheesecake*      *Schlink Haus Spatlese*  
*Chocolate Truffle*      *Columbia Crest Grand Estate Merlot*

## Unconventional Wine Pairings

### APPETIZERS

*Ellsworth Cheese Curds*      *Vino in the Valley Moonlight Whisper*  
*Chips and Salsa*      *Zen of Zin*

### BEEF

*Cheeseburger*      *Big House Red Wine*  
*Chili*      *Gabbiano Chianti*

### PASTA

*Mac and Cheese*      *Cavit Pinot Grigio*  
*Spaghetti*      *Menage-A-Trois Red Wine*

### PORK

*Bratwurst*      *Terrazzas Malbec*  
*Barbecued Ribs*      *Chateau Ste Michelle Indian Wells Cabernet*

### POULTRY

*Grilled Chicken*      *Erath Pinot Gris*  
*Chicken Tacos*      *Twin Vines Vihno Verde*

### SEAFOOD

*Tuna Melt*      *Erath Pinot Noir*  
*Fish and Chips*      *Joel Gott Chardonnay*

### DESSERT

*Dark Chocolate*      *Hess Monterrey Cabernet*  
*Milk Chocolate*      *LoDuca Moscato D'Asti*

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