

St Josef's Grapestomping 2023- Our 41st Annual!

Frequently Asked Questions

Before there were micro brews and Starbucks in Oregon, there was the St Josef's Grapestomping Festival!

The festival started in 1983 when there were less than 30 wineries in Oregon. Proprietors, Josef & Lilli who emigrated from Germany, wanted to pass on a little bit of the harvest spirit to the burgeoning Oregon wine industry. Since running a vineyard and winery is a lot of hard work, they believed it was important to start the busy crush season off with a lighthearted approach. It all began with lively music, local foods and of course, stomping grapes in a barrel. It has grown to stomping next to a 1200 gallon Oak barrel that holds 3,000 bottles of wine, great music & locally made foods in a casual, relaxed European atmosphere.

When is the event?

Rain or Shine- Saturday, Sept 23rd and Sunday September 24th. Open Noon – 5pm.

Saturday- The dance band Big Bad Beat plays from 1:30-4:30. Grape Stomping from 12:45-4:30.

Sunday - The Boat Drinks Band plays from 1:30-4:30. Grape Stomping from 12:45-4:30.

What is the cost?

There are THREE WAYS to purchase advance tickets to enjoy the Grapestomping Festival!

Advance tickets are available from noon on Saturday 9/9 until 5pm on Friday Sept 23rd.

Advance tickets are 2 for \$30

Includes Entry for Two- two souvenir St Josef's wine glasses and a glass of wine (or beer or wine tasting) for each.

Grape-Stomping Experience Package- \$55 for Two People

Includes entry for two- two souvenir St Josef's wine glass and a glass of wine (or beer or wine tasting) for each & reserved grapestomping time for two! Plus Tour the winery with the Wine-Maker.

VIP Stomping Experience Package- \$100 for Two People

Includes entry for two- two souvenir St Josef's wine glass and a glass of wine (or beer or wine tasting) for each & reserved grapestomping time for two! Tour of the winery with the Wine-Maker; Plus three bottles of wine to take home- one each of Red, White & Sparkling Wines of your choice of our current releases.

Advance tickets are available from noon on Saturday 9/9 until 5pm on Friday Sept 22nd.

**Day of the event price is \$ 20 per person
and includes a souvenir glass and a glass of wine (or beer or wine tasting).**

Do you have bottles of wine to enjoy?

Yes- we have will have wines available by the glass and bottle, including our German Style Riesling, Gewurztraminer, Sparkling Riesling and Spate Burgunder!
Along with our other estate grown wines, plus beer, water and non-alcoholic beverages.

Is there food?

Yes- many options for you to enjoy!

- > Charcuterie Boards from L' Petite Bistro in Hubbard
- > Wood Fired Pizza from Crust Pizza
- > Local German-Style Sausages served up by our friends @ the Canby Boosters
- > Chocolate Treats made by the Truffle Shuffle of Salem

If you're food persnickety you can have lunch before the event at several local places that serve our wines- including Filberts Farmhouse, Wayward Sandwiches, Markum Inn & Cutsforth Thriftway.

Are you going to do the stomp?

Yes! we will be stomping both days. You can make an advance reservation to stomp grapes- it is a reservation for two during one of our stomping contest windows.
We will have a picture area where you can get a good photo of your feet grapes.

Do we need to make a reservation to attend the event?

No- but we are limiting the number of tickets and advance tickets will save you a few \$\$ and guarantee your entry.

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Will we be able to taste wines?

Yes we will have a special area set up to taste some of our favorite wines. There is an additional tasting fee for the wine flight.

Are wines available for purchase to take home?

Yes- our gift shop will be open and there will be special discounts on wines to go. Get \$10 off 3 bottles – from our already special wines 2GO price!

Can we bring a food or picnic?

No outside food this weekend since this is a special event. You're welcome to come back another time when we don't have an event to enjoy a picnic at the pond. No outside beverages allowed at any time. We will have water stations to fill up your empty water bottles.

Are children welcome?

Not really. Please keep in mind it is a winery and festival. Children need to be attended at all times. No cover charge for minors.

What about dogs? We love dogs, but they NOT ALLOWED at the festival. Bring your pooch another time.

Is there parking?

Yes, we have FREE parking areas situated on both sides of our property. We do ask that you CARPOOL to the event so that you can have a designated driver and we can have ample parking for all. It is NOT a good weekend for a car rally event since the parking is limited.

Is there camper/trailer/RV parking?

Sorry, no.

What time do the gates open?

The winery is open from 12pm to 5pm. We aren't open before 12pm. Gates will open @ 11:45. Last pour is 4:45 each day.

Can we pick grapes?

No. Please respect our farm. Most of our acreage has been certified organic and we can't risk the introduction of other things into the vineyards.

What happens if it rains?

We have tents, and we will get wet- but the show will go on. We're Oregonians after all.

What if we can't attend after we've purchased advance tickets?

Come visit St Josef's during our normal hours before Christmas and you will receive your souvenir wine glass and glass of wine.