



Welcome to Graze the Bench 2018

We look forward to welcoming you to celebrate the kick-off to summer with our 11th annual wine and food event this year. Your VIP pass gives you the opportunity to travel from winery to winery and enjoy wine, live music and light fare from local restaurants and food trucks.

We have enclosed your Graze the Bench VIP passes. Please wear them proudly while you graze – you will need to show it to access the special VIP areas at each winery venue. You're welcome to use your own lanyard, or we'll have baskets of them at each winery when you arrive.

EVENT DETAILS:

- The "Grazing Area" at each winery is available to VIP pass holders only. You must wear your VIP pass at all times.
- Your VIP Pass is valid only for the day specified. Passes cannot be exchanged or refunded.
- Event time is from 12 noon to 5pm both days.
- Your VIP pass includes 3 tear off tickets which can be redeemed at any one of the participating wineries.
 - Ticket 1: Redeem for a souvenir *RIEDEL crystal* Graze the Bench wine glass
 - Ticket 2: Redeem for your first glass of wine*
 - Ticket 3: Redeem for your first food item
- Additional **glasses of wine** and **small plate food items** are \$8 each (incl. HST) and can be purchased at any winery. Note that these are not sample-sized portions!
- The event will take place rain or shine and tickets are non-refundable. If the skies look grey, bring your Wellies and an umbrella – some of the best events have had a shower or two!
- Vegetarian options are available at many of the venues. Please see the enclosed brochure for the listings.
- If you are a Designated Driver, you can use your "Glass of Wine" token for a second food option. Simply present your Wine Token to any of our great chefs.
- **The Graze Shuttle** will let you graze in style! For only \$5 (per day), you can enjoy hop-on hop-off privileges at all seven Graze wineries. Shuttle bracelets can be purchased at www.grazethebench.com in advance of the event to guarantee your spot. You must wear the bracelet at all times to access the shuttle.
- The Graze Shuttle Parking lot is located at St. John School ONLY - 5684 King St, Beamsville, ON L0R 1B0. Please do not park at the wineries as parking is very limited throughout the weekend. Shuttles will run every 10 minutes and will continuously loop between 11:45am and 5:30pm. Pre-purchased bracelets must be worn at all times to access shuttle.
- Reminder: For the safety and enjoyment of our grazers, group transportation policies are in place. See page 2 for details.

YOU OUGHTA BE IN PICTURES...

We - and many of our guests – love to share the spirit of Graze on social media, so... By attending Graze the Bench, you acknowledge that your image may be used for social sharing and/or promotional purposes by the BEAMSVILLE BENCH WINERY ASSOCIATION. If you would prefer not to be photographed, we will gladly refund your ticket. Please contact Guest Services at grazethebench@gmail.com. Better yet, share your experience with us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @grazethebench and tag #grazethebench.



GRAZE RULES IF WE ALL FOLLOW THE #grazerules...

- Only guests wearing a valid VIP Pass will be served
- Guests may be requested to provide proof of age at any time
- No outside food or drink is permitted on any winery property
- Pets are not permitted in the Graze the Bench areas. (We love pets, but must adhere to the regulations set out by Niagara Regional Public Health)
- NO OPEN BOTTLES OF WINE/ALCOHOL are permitted on event sites or the Graze Shuttles. If found, the bottle will be confiscated, and you will be asked to leave the event. The participating wineries are licensed to serve wine “by the glass” only, so you are breaking the law if you have an open bottle!
- You must finish your glass of wine before you “trek on” to the next winery. The local police are very friendly and care about the safety of our guests and residents. They will be visiting us throughout the weekend so please ensure that you adhere to this policy.

GETTING AROUND OR SPEND THE NIGHT!

Please drink responsibly. We are thrilled to have the new GRAZE SHUTTLE and a group of fabulous transportation and accommodation partners to help you enjoy your Graze experience even more:

- **WE DRIVE Designated Drivers Inc.** – www.yourdd.ca or 289-929-0701.
- **Niagara’s Designated Drivers** – www.niagaradd.com or 905-394-2731.
 - These two great community service companies to get you home safely. You must pre-book to ensure availability.
- **Coventry Connections** – www.coventryconnections.com. Graze in style! Group transportation options that include limousines, black cars, vans and luxury vans! Can arrange door to door transport from any Southern Ontario city to the Beamsville Bench and can arrange for taxi service within the region.
- **Looking to stay the night? Visit our friends at Twenty Valley Tourism** – www.20valley.ca...A great resource to find charming B&B and boutique inn locations in the area

GRAZE THE BENCH 2017 – GROUP POLICY

For the safety and enjoyment of our Grazers, the Beamsville Bench Winery Association has implemented the following policy, effective April 1, 2016.

- The maximum group size is 24 guests. Groups larger than 24 guests will not be permitted to enter a single winery together (can be split across two or more properties).
- No coach buses are permitted on the Graze the Bench route during event weekend.

The following vehicles are not permitted in the driveways/parking lots of the Graze the Bench wineries (Peninsula Ridge Estate Winery excepted):

- Coach buses (not permitted on event route during event weekend)
- Vans or vehicles with a capacity of 12 or more guests
- Limousines
- The above vehicles are not permitted to park on winery property or driveways during Graze the Bench weekend. Guests will be dropped off at the end of the driveway (or marked location) and the vehicle must clear the area and return for pick up at the designated location. These vehicles can park at our shuttle stop at **St. John School** - 5684 King St, Beamsville
- *An exception will be made for vehicles with a valid handicapped sticker or for pre-approved medical/accessibility concerns. Please contact grazethebench@gmail.com for further details.*

If we can help you plan your weekend or you have any questions, please get in touch! **Also, visit our website, www.grazethebench.com, and Facebook page for updates.** We’re looking forward to sharing a fantastic weekend with you!

