



Welcome to Graze the Bench 2024

We look forward to welcoming you to celebrate the kick-off to summer with our 13th annual wine and food event this year. Your VIP pass allows you to travel from winery to winery and enjoy wine, live music and light fare from local chefs. **PLEASE NOTE** –You will need to show your 2024 pass 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. **Guests must always wear the 2024 pass during the event.**

EVENT DETAILS:

- The "Grazing Area" at each of the 6 wineries is available to VIP pass holders only. Please always wear your VIP pass.
- Your VIP Pass is valid only for the day specified. Passes cannot be exchanged or refunded.
- Event time is from 12 noon to 5 pm on both days.
- Your VIP pass includes 4 tear-off tickets which can be redeemed at any one of the participating wineries.
 - Ticket 1: Redeem for a souvenir stemless Graze the Bench wine glass.
 - Ticket 2: Redeem for food or wine.
 - Ticket 3: Redeem for food or wine.
 - Ticket 4: Redeem for food or wine.
- Additional **glasses of wine** and **small plate food items** are \$10 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 and gluten-free options are available at many of the venues. Please see the Graze Guide online for the listings @ www.grazethebench.com
- **The Graze Shuttle** will let you graze in style! For only \$10 plus HST (per day), you can enjoy hop-on hop-off privileges at all six Graze wineries. Shuttle bracelets can be purchased at Thirty Bench, Fielding, Peninsula Ridge, or Hidden Bench in advance of the event to guarantee your spot. You must always wear the bracelet to access the shuttle.
- Take advantage of our Wine Check program – buy wine at any winery, tag it, put it on a shuttle and pick it up at St. Johns School at the end of the day!
- The Graze Shuttle Parking lot is located at St. John School- 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 11:45 am and 5:30 pm. Pre-purchased bracelets must be worn at all times to access the 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 and Instagram @grazethebench and tag #grazethebench.



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

- **Only guests wearing a valid 2024 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 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. You must pre-book to ensure availability.
- **Coventry Connections** – www.coventryconnections.com or 905-468-7727. 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 Niagara Benchlands** - <https://niagarabenchlands.ca>

GRAZE THE BENCH 2024 – GROUP POLICY

For the safety and enjoyment of our Grazers, the Beamsville Bench Winery Association has implemented the following policy:

- 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 the 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 and Instagram pages for updates.** We’re looking forward to sharing a fantastic weekend with you!

