



CHANKASKA CREEK  
RANCH, WINERY & DISTILLERY

# *The Perfect Story.*

The Perfect Experience.



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WEDDING PLANNING GUIDE

# RENTAL INFORMATION & PRICING

## CHANKASKA CREEKSIDE & FOREST PRICING & MINIMUMS

Maximum of 250 people

Day of Week	Friday	Saturday & Sunday
May 1 - October 31	\$3,500 Rental Fee \$1,000 Bar Minimum	\$4,000 Rental Fee \$1,500 Bar Minimum

## CHANKASKA EVENT CENTER PRICING & MINIMUMS

Maximum of 350 people

Day of Week	Friday	Saturday & Sunday
Year Round	\$7,000 Rental Fee \$1,000 Bar Minimum	\$8,000 Rental Fee \$1,000 Bar Minimum

## CEREMONY ONLY PRICING

Forest	Creekside	Court
\$2,500 Rental Fee	\$2,500 Rental Fee	\$1,500 Rental Fee
Barrel Room For Bridal Changing Room \$500 Winemaker's House for Bridal Changing Room \$500		

## DEPOSITS & PAYMENTS

We require a non-refundable deposit of 50% of the event fee, along with a signed contract to reserve your date.

After your deposit is received the following payment schedule will be in place.

30 Days	Remainder of event fee
15 Days	Food & beverage estimate due

## TAX & SERVICE CHARGE

An 18% Service Charge is applied to all food, labor & rental charges. Chankaska Creek Ranch & Winery has complete discretion as to its use and distribution. There will be a 7.375% (or current MN sales tax) sales tax applied to all food, beverages, equipment, labor and service charges. An additional alcohol tax (2.5%) will be applied to all alcohol purchases.

## CANCELLATIONS

In the event of a cancellation, the winery will retain the full deposit amount. Should the facility be re-booked, on your date, all deposits will be returned in full. Chankaska Creek Ranch & Winery reserves the right to refuse service or to terminate an event at any time.

# RENTAL INFORMATION & PRICING

## INCLUDED IN CHANKASKA CREEK RANCH & WINERY WEDDINGS

### CUSTOM CEREMONY CREEKSIDE TENT

Ceremony location - choice of Creekside, Forest or Court  
White garden chairs, setup & tear down  
Golf cart shuttle - by Chankaska employee  
Beautiful wooden arch (excludes Court)

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### CREEKSIDE & CHANKASKA EVENT CENTER RECEPTION

Setup of tables, chairs and linens  
60" round guest tables that seat 8 per table  
8' rectangle tables that seat 8-10 per table (limited quantity)  
Foldable linen napkins in white or black - depending on caterer  
White or black linens for all tables  
All other table needs (gift table, guest book table, etc) with floor length linens  
Romantic lighting around tent perimeter  
Portable Restrooms (Creekside Only)  
Pipe & Drape (Creekside Only)  
Unlimited water  
Unlimited soda

### ADDITIONAL ITEMS INCLUDED

Bridal Suite  
Venue Coordinator  
Day of wedding services  
Parking attendants/staff directing guests  
Reception security  
Bar staff  
Yard games

# CEREMONY LOCATIONS

## CREEKSIDE

This premier ceremony space is located on the right bank of Chankaska Creek and is set in a natural canopy of trees. Walk down the aisle and say your “I Do’s” under a beautiful wooden arch listening to the babbling creek.



## FOREST

Guests will be delighted when crossing one of the two beautiful bridges to this two tiered, picturesque site that offers an open-air, intimate venue for ceremonies. Beautiful stone steps and a wooden arch highlight the area.



## COURT

This beautiful ceremony site is outlined with mature birch trees and colorful wild flowers. This site is also home to our famous oak tree. Any way your guests are seated they will love the view!





# RECEPTION VENUES

## RECEPTION IN CREEKSIDE

Chankaska Creekside is a stunning reception venue that is lined with mature trees and a winding creek. It features a 40 x 80 tent with cathedral windows and 20 foot vaulted ceilings. Dance the night away under the romantic lighting or find yourself sitting by a crackling fire. Use the additional outdoor area for lawn games, cocktail hour or a casual social space through out the evening. The Creekside Tent can be cooled or heated depending on the season and can accommodate approximately 250 guests for seated events.



# RECEPTION VENUES

## RECEPTION IN EVENT CENTER

As you walk into the Chankaska Event Center the chandeliers are sure to make a statement while they highlight exposed wooden beams that are also complimented by natural lighting. The outdoor patio overlooking the vineyard, private fire area and exclusive lounge tie this whole reception site together. Additional features of the Event Center include a bridal suite and grooms suite for all your wedding day needs.

Enjoy this versatile space all year long.





# POLICIES & GUIDELINES

## RENTAL TIMING

CREEKSIDE & EVENT CENTER RENTAL: Friday, Saturday & Holiday Sunday rentals shall have the use of Creekside and Event Center 11am - 11pm. Ceremony locations will be given a four hour block of time as agreed upon in event agreement. Barrel Room or Winemaker House is available from 11am-5pm.

Music and alcohol service must cease at 11pm. DJ or band and wedding couple have until 12:00am to remove all items from the premises including (but not limited to) any decorations, personal items, gifts or items other vendors supplied or an overage fee will be applied.

## CEREMONY

You will have access to your ceremony venue one hour prior to your scheduled ceremony time. Rental includes two hours of rental for the ceremony location including the one hour prior to ceremony.

## FACILITY

We may host more than one wedding a day at the winery on the day of your wedding. Other events may take place including wedding rehearsals, groom's dinners, corporate groups, etc. on the day of your wedding as well.

## REHEARSAL

Rehearsals are included in the rental at no charge and must be scheduled with your Wedding Director at least one month prior to your wedding date. Rehearsals may be scheduled with the venue coordinator

## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

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Bar minimums may be met by a hosted bar, cash bar or combination of hosted & cash. The minimum does not include sales tax or gratuity. Any keg reserved for the wedding that is not used will be subject to a \$50 handling fee rather than full keg price. If beer is hosted, then wine must be hosted as well to match dollar amount spent on beer. If dollar amount of beer is reduced on the day of the wedding (ie. a keg is not used), it will not change the dollar amount spent on wine.

## SMOKING

Chankaska Creek is a no-smoking facility. Smoking is not allowed inside the building or outside on the grounds, including the parking lot. There are no designated areas on the property. Chankaska Winery reserves the right to withhold money from damage deposit for cleaning up cigarettes left on the grounds.

## CATERING

All food and beverages must be purchased from Chankaska Creek Ranch and Winery or a preferred vendor, with the exception of wedding cakes. All wedding cakes brought onto the property must be from a licensed baker. If food or beverages from an outside source are brought onto the property, Chankaska Creek Ranch and Winery reserves the right to hold those items and return following the event, or assess an appropriate charge. Due to Department of Health regulations we cannot allow any leftover food or beverages to be taken off the property. Winery events will be catered by one of Chankaska Creek Ranch and Winery preferred caterers. Outside food or beverages are not allowed with the exception of wedding cakes.

# POLICIES & GUIDELINES

## FINAL COUNT

Final count is due 30 days prior to the event. Minimum charges will be based on the final count given at this time. Final count should include all children, vendors and special request meals if applicable.

## SPECIAL EVENT INSURANCE

The host of the event is required to get a liability insurance policy and present it to their Wedding Coordinator at least 14 days prior to their event. The policy is required to have the following:

- \$1,000,000 occurrence
- Chankaska Creek Ranch and Winery listed as additionally insured

## WEATHER

Most of the Chankaska Creek facilities available for events are outdoors. We cannot be held responsible for inclement weather conditions. It is the responsibility of the lessee to make arrangements with Chankaska Creek for tent rental prior to the event. Events canceled due to inclement weather will have the option to reschedule on an available date. Completely canceled events will not receive a refund on the deposit. The Winery is in no way responsible for the actions of animal(s), wild or domestic or insects of any kind, or any disruption, inconvenience or injury that may occur as a result of their action(s).

We are an operating winery and vineyard, and as such, the production and sale of our wine and grapes is our main objective, therefore we will not be responsible for any disruption that may occur as a result of that process. The tasting room will remain open to the public during regular operating hours.

## CONDUCT

In the effort to provide an enjoyable safe environment for all our guests, Chankaska Creek Ranch and Winery reserves the right to ask guests to leave that; wear indecent attire, exhibit nudity and/or behave violently, vulgarly or offensively toward others. The police may be asked to intervene at our discretion and no refunds will be granted if a group is asked to leave due to these issues.

## MISCELLANEOUS POLICIES

Chankaska Creek Ranch and Winery practices a high level of environmental sustainability and we hope you can support that mission while at the winery. Please refrain from throwing rice, birdseed, potpourri and confetti on the property. No individual silk or fabric flower petals are allowed on the ground. Chankaska Creek is a no-smoking facility. Smoking is not allowed inside the building or outside on the grounds, including the parking lot. Children under 12 must be supervised. Absolutely no adhesive, tape, nails, screws etc are allowed to be fastened to any walls ceilings or furnishings within any part of the winery or outside structures (rented or owned by Chankaska Creek Ranch and Winery) without explicit prior approval. You will be responsible for any damages. Absolutely no animals are allowed on the premises anywhere at anytime except for approved service animals.

## STAFF

Chankaska Creek Ranch and Winery will provide catering, alcoholic beverage service, equipment per the contract, trash patrol, landscape maintenance, security and restroom maintenance.

## DEPOSIT AND OVERAGE FEE

A \$300 security deposit fee shall be collected 30 days prior to each event. This deposit will be returned in full no later than two weeks after the conclusion of each event on the condition that the facility is left in its original condition. Breakage costs will be reviewed in the catering contract. Broken or missing Chankaska Creek Ranch and Winery glasses are subject to a \$4 per glass replacement fee. Contractee subject to additional fees for damaged linens, outside food or beverages or excessive smoking.



# RECOMMENDED VENDORS

These vendors are suggested to work with for your wedding! All vendors have provided services here previously.

**\*All but catering are suggestions, the following caterers are required.\***

## DECORATORS

**\*floral accommodations available**

Parties & Weddings Plus  
507-345-7277

Amber Terese  
Weddings & Events  
507-933-0293

Festivities  
763-682-4846

## FLORISTS

Flowers by Jeanie  
507-385-1950

Hilltop Florist & Greenhouse  
507-387-7908

## PHOTOGRAPHER

Malwitz Photography  
507-420-8192

Midwest Lifeshots Photography  
507-951-8859

## VIDEOGRAPHY

Max Brinfamour  
612-558-0346

## MENS CLOTHING

J. Longs for Men  
507-345-8885

## STATIONERY

Ginger P. Designs  
507-327-7422

## CATERING

**\*Required\***

Najwa's Catering  
507-389-3003

Absolute Custom Catering  
507-382-2133

A'BriTin Catering  
612-339-0222

## LODGING

Country Inn & Suites  
Located off of Hwy 22  
507-388-8555

Courtyard by Marriott  
Located off of Hwy 14  
507-386-9138

Hilton Garden Inn  
Located in downtown Mankato  
507-344-1111

## CAKES & DESSERTS

Lush Cakes  
507-479-1908

Hy-Vee Bakery  
507-625-9070

## TRANSPORTATION

Classic Coaches  
507-344-1200

Land to Air Express  
507-625-3977

Kicker Coaches  
507-381-5367

Good Times Bus Lines  
320-444-5466

## SALONS

LIV Aveda Salon & Spa  
507-388-1559

Raydiance Salon  
507-388-8811

Karizma  
507-779-7110

War Paint  
651-353-1711

## DJS

Weddings By Will  
507-382-8683

Midwest Sound Entertainment  
651-644-4111

## LIVE PERFORMERS

Les Moore Band  
lesmooreband@gmail.com

Garrett Steinberg  
507-317-6688

Neon Live  
507-317-6688

## WEDDING COORDINATOR

Amber Terese Events  
507-933-0293

# BAR MENU

## SPIRIT OFFERINGS

### SIGNATURE SPIRITS \$8

**Gin:** Ranch Road Gin, Barrel Gin

**Brandy:** Ranch Road Apple Brandy, Ranch Road Unaged Apple Brandy,  
Ranch Road Reserve Brandy

**Whiskey:** Ranch Road Light Whiskey, Ranch Road Aged Whiskey,  
Ranch Road Straight Bourbon, Ranch Road Hard Hops [Nut Brown] Whiskey,  
Ranch Road Hard Hops Imperial Whiskey

**Rum:** Ranch Road Rum

**Vodka:** Ranch Road Vodka

Other Liquors by Request

## BEER OFFERINGS

### Domestic \$5

Michelob Golden Light

Bud Light

Coors Light

### Import & Craft \$6

Mankato Brewery

Alaskan Amber

Blue Moon

Corona

Stella

### Domestic Keg \$425

Michelob Golden Light

Bud Light

Coors Light

Busch Light

Budweiser

### Import & Craft Keg \$500

Blue Moon

Goose Island IPA

Mankato Brewery - Kato Lager

Mankato Brewery - Organ Grinder

Mankato Brewery - Mad Butcher

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