



Frequently asked questions regarding Passport

The first Dry Creek Valley Passport took place the last weekend in April of 1990. There were 19 wineries participating and only a few hundred passports were sold. With 48 wineries participating in 2016 it's clear how much this event has grown. Passport has grown by word of mouth and press coverage. Attendees continue to tell their friends, relatives and even strangers about how much fun they had at the event. Participants travel from all over the country to attend Passport. From Texas to Pennsylvania, from New York to Arizona...they make their way to the Dry Creek Valley, certain to have their Passport stamped!

What is Passport to Dry Creek Valley?

Passport to Dry Creek Valley® is an annual event showcasing the wineries, vineyards and exceptional beauty of Dry Creek Valley. Wineries up and down Dry Creek Valley celebrate the magic of their valley with wine, food, entertainment and the hospitality for which Dry Creek Valley is famous. Many of the wineries create a theme around which they showcase their wine. Some examples of past themes include Mardi Gras, Wizard of Oz, Summer of Love, Surf's Up, Disco, Hollywood, Western, and even the Kentucky Derby. Nearly every winery features live entertainment. From Blues to Jazz to 50's rock and roll, you are certain to be carried away by the festive atmosphere that each winery creates. Unlike other large tasting events Passport tickets are limited and therefore offer a more intimate experience. It allows participants a chance to speak to and connect with the winemakers and vineyard owners on a personal level, and learn more about the history and culture of Dry Creek Valley and its wines. Because the number of participants is limited, Passports are sold first come first served, like a concert. Passports go on sale February 1st at 10:00 a.m. PST every year. To be placed on our mailing list to receive

information about Passport and all WDCV events please email your name, address & phone to info@wdcv.com. Passport to Dry Creek Valley is held the last full weekend of April each year, Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Why do I have to choose a starting winery?

The starting winery is simply where you will pick up your wristband, glass and event materials on Saturday for 2-day tickets, and Sunday for 1-day tickets. After you have checked in and received your event materials, you are free to visit any participating winery.

What if the winery I want to visit says "Sold Out"?

Each winery is allotted a certain number of check-in slots. This ensures that the event traffic is spread out throughout the valley and eases the check-in wait times. If a winery says sold out, it simply means the check-in slots for that particular winery are sold out. After your initial check-in, you are free to visit any participating winery.

What is the price of a ticket to Passport to Dry Creek Valley?

The price of a Passport ticket is \$135.00 each, plus tax for a 2-day Passport. The Sunday only tickets are \$80.00 each plus tax. Each person is allowed to purchase up to 6 tickets at a time. You can choose all 2-day tickets, Sunday only tickets or a combination of both. New in 2016 we will offer a designated driver ticket.

What does a "designated driver" ticket offer?

We do not provide a driver. This is a ticket for someone in your party willing to drive and NOT sample any wine. Designated drivers will be able to enjoy the food and live entertainment each winery provides.

Passport to Dry Creek Valley is a two-day experience immersing guests in the best of the wine country lifestyle. Extravagant theme parties at more than 45 wineries, gourmet food from the region's best chefs and caterers, top-notch live entertainment, and educational experiences make Passport so much more than a wine tasting event. The designated driver ticket price reflects the cost of creating this experience.

Do I need to be 21 to purchase a designated driver ticket?

Yes! The event is for adults who over the age of 21. You must carry your ID with you throughout the entire event.

What if I need to cancel?

Passport tickets are non-refundable; however they can be transferred. WDCV is not able to assist customers with trying to sell tickets that they cannot use, or that they are hoping to resell. We suggest emailing family & friends, listing them on Craigslist or a company bulletin board advertising them for sale. If someone contacts you to purchase them we suggest using PayPal to complete the financial transaction. Once that has been resolved the seller should give the buyer a copy of their receipt/confirmation that they received after the initial purchase. The new buyers will then travel under the original purchaser's name. The new buyer will go the starting winery originally chosen and give the purchaser's name. The tickets are will call at the starting winery. Even if the check in staff requests ID they will hand over the Passports. If you have additional questions contact the WDCV for more information.

How do I get on the Passport mailing list?

Email us with your name, address, & phone to info@wdcv.com, or you may call us at 707-433-3031 and leave your information on our voice mail. Once you are in the database you stay in the database. It is only necessary to register once. It is not necessary to register each year.

We would like to attend Passport with a group. Can we hire a bus?

When making plans for Passport, please be aware that large, full size buses will not be allowed at this event. Receiving a group of 40-60 people at one time is difficult on the wineries. To be responsible hosts, to provide an experience worth remembering, and to adequately describe the variety of wines being poured, smaller groups of people are ideal. Therefore smaller buses and limousines are allowed at Passport; however not all wineries can accommodate buses and limousines so please refer to your Passport Booklet to be sure. If you have a group of 6 or more please contact WDCV prior to purchasing to make sure that there are enough starting positions at the winery you choose to start at. The Winegrowers of Dry Creek Valley encourage you to drink responsibly.

May I bring my dog?

We kindly request that you do not bring your dog to this event. It is often hot on Passport weekend so leaving a pet in the car is not a good option either.

May I bring my child?

This event is for adults who are over the age of 21. Children, including infants are not allowed to attend this event. If you are seen at the event with a child you will be asked to leave.

Do I need to carry my ID?

Yes! The event is for adults who over the age of 21. You must carry your ID with you throughout the entire event. Many people think that because they showed their ID at their starting winery that they then can put it away. Each winery is responsible for the people tasting at their winery and reserve the right to request ID; if you are unable to provide it they can refuse service. More importantly carrying your ID is the law.

Do you have any tips on how to structure my day?

We suggest that you begin your Passport adventure in the area of the winery at which you are assigned to begin. For instance, if you are assigned to pick up your Passports Saturday at Mill Creek Winery in the southern end of the valley, plan on visiting Armida, DaVero, Blanchard, Malm, Roadhouse, Selby etc. on Saturday. On Sunday head to the north end of the valley or vice versa. Go through the online itinerary planner at drycreekvalley.org and decide which wineries are important to you. Once you know which wineries you really want to visit, stay in that general area. It is nearly impossible to visit all of the wineries that participate.

Suggestions:

*please refrain from wearing perfumes, colognes, aftershave or lotions. Fragrance can overwhelm the aromas and taste of the wines for you and the people around you.

*Limit the amount of wine you taste. Swirl, Sniff, Sip and Spit; Water is provided-stay hydrated; Take your time at each winery. The Winegrowers of Dry Creek Valley encourage you to drink responsibly.

*Drive carefully-The winding roads are narrow and the scenery is breathtaking! There is a lot of traffic during Passport weekend. Please be advised that the California Highway Patrol will be in the valley to enforce parking restrictions.

*As with all occasions at which alcohol is consumed, we encourage guests to exercise caution, limiting consumption, staying hydrated and utilizing one of the region's many [transportation services](#) or purchasing a designated driver ticket.

If you need additional information please contact WDCV at 707-433-3031.