

Winery Invite:

We would like to invite you to join us for Rip's Wine Festival in Downtown Eastland. The festival will take place under the Pavilion next to The Lumber Yard Event Center at 313 W. Main St. We are looking for 5-8 wineries during the event and looking forward to a large crowd.

Date and Hours: Saturday, May 9th 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM.

Location: Lyric Art Center 107 S. Lamar Street, Eastland, TX 76448

Materials and Requirements:

We will provide: One 8' table and two chairs, dump buckets, water for rinsing and one complimentary tasting glass to each guest. Wineries are responsible for: tablecloth and any other promotional and/or decorating items such as banners (no larger than 10 feet in length) and small giveaway items. Be sure to bring ice chest/coolers, and ice to chill your white wines or keep your reds cool. There is an ice machine as you come into Eastland located at 300 E. Main Street. There is no ice machine inside the Lyric.

Setup: Wineries may begin setup as early as 7:00 AM and must be fully set up by 11:45 AM. A designated drop-off location will be available on Main Street at Lamar Street (in front of the concrete barricades). This drop-off point is **outside the event perimeter** and will remain accessible for unloading at any time prior to the start of the wine tasting.

The event perimeter will be closed to vehicle traffic at 8:00 AM Saturday, and all vehicles must be removed from the downtown area by that time.

You may also drop off products and/or set up your table on Friday evening between 6:00 PM and 10:00 PM. Please be ready to begin pouring at 12:00 PM on Saturday.

A map of the area will be sent with your paperwork needed to apply for your temporary permit.

Please be sure to share this information with your staff and volunteers.

Reimbursement: We are pleased to announce we will offer a \$0.75 per tasting to offset your costs. You will receive a reimbursement check for all

tastings the week following the festival. At the end of the event please count your tickets and give your total to Staff/Volunteer at the door.

Selling on the Premises: You may sell full glasses and/or bottles during the event. We ask that you give NO FREE TASTINGS to anyone. Tastings will be available for purchase by the Eastland Chamber of Commerce. Customers will have individual tickets to give in exchange for a tasting. (Please provide glasses for the individuals purchasing a full glass from your winery). IDs will be checked at the entrance and 21+ will have an armband.

List of Activities:

- Rip's Ribs Cookoff with Vendors & Food Trucks around the square: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
- Live Entertainment on the Square.
- Cook Off Awards at 5:30 pm

For any questions, please call the Eastland Chamber of Commerce at 254-629-2332 or email Julie Elrod at chamber@eastland.net. Thank you for your consideration in joining us for the 2026 Rip's Wine Festival.