

## Tasting Room Etiquette

- If there are more than 6 people in your tasting party, please call the winery ahead of time and let them know to ensure they can accommodate your group.
- If you are traveling by a limo, please call the winery ahead of time and let them know.
- If the tasting room is crowded, please be aware of the other guests so that everyone has an experience tasting at the bar.
- Most wineries have tasting notes at the bar. Read the tasting notes as you taste and see if you notice any of the aromas or flavors.
- Toss any unwanted wine in your glass into the dump bucket which can usually be found on the tasting room counter.
- If water is provided, use it to clear your palate or to rinse your glass. A small amount of the next wine can be poured into the glass (then dumped) to rinse as well.
- Sometimes crackers are provided and used to clear the palate after tasting each wine or when moving from white to red or to dessert wines.
- Some tasting rooms will require that you pay a fee to taste the wine. Some wineries apply this fee to a purchase. Others might include a souvenir glass with the fee.
- If you enjoy a wine, you are encouraged to purchase a bottle. Wineries are one of the only businesses that give away product so it is encouraged that tasters support the business and the industry.
- If you choose to picnic at the winery and enjoy some wine, please only drink wine from the winery you are picnicking at. Also, be sure to check the winery website for any property guidelines.
- Typically, wine tasters can visit and fully experience the hospitality and wines of approximately 3-4 wineries on any given day.
- Remember, wine is approachable and questions are encouraged.