

Cunningham Creek
WINERY
at MIDDLE FORK FARM

Weddings & Events

History

Before it was Cunningham Creek Winery at Middle Fork Farm, it was the Bragg Farm for over a hundred years. Instead of fields with grapes, strawberries, pumpkins, and goats, there were fields of cows and hay. Then in 2011, Bruce and Debby “retired” and literally bought the farm. They joined forces with long-time friends Rick and Sara, and together gave the beautiful rolling land new life. The first year and a half was dedicated to cleaning up planning, and preparing for what was to come. In 2013, they planted the first vines, acquired with the initial goatherd, and planted the first strawberry field. Today Cunningham Creek Winery at Middle Fork Farm is once again a vibrant working farm. With eleven acres of Chardonnay, Viognier, Pinot Gris, Cab Franc, Merlot, Petit Verdot, a couple acres of strawberries and pumpkins, 30+ Kiko-Boer goats, you will find two very busy and happy families.

The Cottage

Built in 2012, the owners took residence here while renovating their circa 1900 manor home. This comfy one bedroom/one bath is yours for an event weekend or a weeklong stay with the comforts of a full kitchen and living area and surrounded by rolling hills and the working farm.

Rental Fees for The Cottage

Weekend: Friday 4:00 pm check-in thru Sunday 10:00 am checkout - \$375 (2 nights)

Weekly: Sunday 4:00 pm check-in thru Sunday 10:00 am check-out \$750 (7 nights)

Tasting Room & Perimeter 5:30 to 11:00 (music til 10:00; less than 80 guests)

Saturday \$4,000

Friday, Sunday or Holiday Monday \$3,000

Weekdays Monday-Thursday \$1,500

Event Rental with Tent Package 5:30 to 11:00 (music til 10:00 pm)

Saturday \$7,250.00 for up to 125 guests; \$6,400.00 up to 80 guests

Friday, Sunday or Holiday Monday \$6,000 (125); \$5,000 (80)

Weekdays Monday-Thursday \$4,800 (125); \$3,900 (80)

Each event contract requires a minimum 2-case wine purchase

Tent Packages include:

to seat 125 guests in 40 x 80' tent

16 - 5' round tables

4 - 8' rectangular tables

125 white folding chairs for the ceremony

125 white folding chairs for the reception

dance floor 20 x 20"

to seat 80 guests in 40 x 60' tent

10 - 5' round tables

4 - 8' rectangular tables

80 white folding chairs for the ceremony

80 white folding chairs for the reception

dance floor 16' x 18'

Cunningham Creek requires any tent and/or restroom trailer rentals exclusively from Virginia Tents and a package rate sheet is available. Engagement photo sessions are included and limited to one hour with no access to houses or other buildings. This session must be scheduled with Barbara Lundgren at 434.531.3247 or barb@barbwiredllc.com. Please be aware that at certain times of the year vineyard maintenance may be a factor in scheduling.

Cunningham Creek will provide access to designated areas of the Winery and Community Room to include three rest rooms. The Community Room can be used for staging the bridal party but is not available for dressing rooms i.e. hair & make-up services (see above for cottage rental). Access to surrounding lawns is open to the client however access to the vineyard is by permission only due to vineyard maintenance and/or harvest.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is included in your reception package? The flat fee includes access to designated areas of the Cunningham Creek Tasting Room and the surrounding property as stated on page 1. No guests, caterers or staff are permitted under any circumstances to be in the secured areas of the production building unless otherwise authorized.

Do I need to make an appointment to meet with someone there or can I just show up? Cunningham Creek is open to the public however, our events staff is not on site at all times. Therefore we require an appointment. Contact us at 434.531.3247 or barb@barbwiredllc.com.

Do you offer an open bar? Your bar is to be provided through the chosen approved caterer. We prefer and encourage a limited bar of beer and wine. There is a 2 case minimum purchase required with each contract. Bar selections are permitted with the appropriate ABC license from the caterer, which we monitor. All beverage service is handled through the approved caterers and no "shots" of liquor are permitted during any event and no tip jars are allowed. Cunningham Creek adheres to Virginia ABC Liquor Laws and bartenders will monitor serving of alcohol to guests only over the age of 21. Guests should bring proper identification. If there is any doubt of age by the bartender, the guest will be asked for I.D. If no I.D. is provided, alcohol will be withheld. We require that the bar close ½ hour prior to the close of your event.

Is catering done on premise or can we hire our own caterer? Cunningham Creek would like to assure exceptional quality and service when you book your event. It is for that reason we have an approved list of caterers ranging in price and variety of menus. You are limited to this list only for catering. (catering guidelines available upon request)

Do you require a wedding planner? To ensure smooth communications between Cunningham Creek and the Lessee, as well as an organized and memorable event, we require the use of one of our approved event planners. Although we will have one staff person on-site during your event, they are responsible for the venue (restrooms, power, etc.) and do not act as event planners/wedding directors. We typically partner with Barb Wired Event Management and they are available for a free consultation.

Can you give me an estimated cost for my catering or the entire wedding? With respect to your personality, personal wishes, family traditions and customs, we do not take a "cookie cutter" approach to any event. The costs associated to your wedding should always be determined by your budget. Your wedding planner can help you with this.

Are we responsible for set-up/clean-up? Set-up and clean-up are done by the caterer and you should confirm these arrangements with them. Everything must be done the day of the event and within your contracted hours. All personal and rented items must be removed from the property at the conclusion of the event. Pick-up of any personal items, flowers, rentals, etc. stored outside must be completed by 10am the next day. All trash must be taken away from the premises, as we do not provide dumpsters.

What, if any decorations are provided? None.

What decorating can be done to the space? Flowers, candles and specialty lighting are all allowed however specialty lighting must be installed by an approved licensed vendor. You are permitted to have candles as long as they are in an approved and enclosed container. We do not allow nailing, stapling, taping, or anything to be applied that will cause damage to the walls/poles of the tent, trees, or any buildings.

What can be used as an exit for the bride and groom? You are limited to bubbles, real rose petals, or sparklers. Sparklers must be lit outside only (not under a tent) and you must provide receptacles with sand or water for disposal. If sparklers or other items are thrown on the ground, they must be retrieved. Sparklers must also be limited to 18-20" long.

Do you include valet parking, do we need them and is there a cost for this? Parking will be in areas designated by Cunningham Creek. If desired, the Lessee will provide valet or parking service.

Are you covered by insurance in case of an accident? Cunningham Creek is insured for its own liability; insurance for the event is also required to be carried by the Lessee. You can obtain this information from your homeowners agent or apply at www.wedsafe.com

Are tents included in the price or do they cost extra? A tent package is offered for larger events. All other tenting must be added as needed per event. Tent rentals are exclusive to Virginia Tents and quotes will be made available.

What is the cancellation policy? *The deposit is non-refundable and once paid the balance is non-refundable. If we are able to rebook the date, the deposit will be returned.*

Will there be another wedding on-site the same day? *No, but you may see a tour for future couples on the property prior to the start of your event.*

What is the location of rooms for changing? *There are dressing rooms and/or changing rooms available for those clients renting the cottage. Otherwise, all parties should come dressed and ready for the event.*

Are restrooms available? *There are adequate rest rooms available at the tasting room. Other facilities are rented exclusively through Virginia Tent.*

Are there rooms for babysitting? *There are no rooms available at the Tasting room however babysitting can be provided at the Cottage if rented by the client under a separate contract. Your security deposit will be withheld if there are any damages to the room. Markers, Play-doh, etc., are not permitted. There must be one sitter provided for every group of 4 children.*

Can we post signs to direct wedding traffic to the winery? *It is illegal in Fluvanna County to post signs not on one's own private property. Any signs posted on county property (i.e. medians) are removed by county police immediately. Signs on neighboring properties are removed by those neighbors. The entrance to Cunningham Creek is clearly marked and parking signs will be provided.*

What is the typical timing of an event? *The property will be available to you and your vendors within the time frame of your contract. It is recommended that your ceremony commence no later than 6:00 pm due to time constraints and county laws and regulations.*

Can we have a rehearsal for our ceremony? *You will be allowed a time the day prior to your event, and this time is limited to one hour and completed no later than 6 pm. The time may not be confirmed until 3 months prior to your event pending another booking for that day. Please make these arrangements through Barbara Lundgren at 434.531.3247 or barb@barbwiredllc.com.*

Do you have any on-premise accommodations? *There is a 1-bedroom Cottage available for rent under a separate contract. We have hotel recommendations on our vendors list.*

Are dogs permitted for my ceremony? *No animals* are permitted during your contracted time. This includes animals in crates. If you would like your pet to be available for a few photos or for the ceremony only, he/she must remain outside on a leash. Pets are not to be left unattended throughout the evening (i.e. tied to a post). It is best to have a friend drive the pet out for a few pictures and bring it back to your house. OR, call a local boarding establishment where they will drive the pet out and back to their facility for boarding for the evening. *Service animals are permitted with a permit.*

May I arrive earlier on my event date? *With approval by the Events Staff, you may adjust your day to accommodate an earlier arrival time. Additional hours will be billed at \$200.00 per hour.*

When do I need to give a headcount? *2 weeks prior to the event. A checklist of items and details of your event will be requested by the Events Staff in order to properly prepare for your day. There are no guest counts allowed over 125.*

Is there a designated smoking area for my guests? *No smoking will be permitted inside any building or tent. Should lessee request it, an outdoor area for smoking will be designated by Cunningham Creek and receptacles will be provided.*

Are we able to take photos at other areas? *No guests other than the bridal party are allowed in the production building or estate home at any time, as this is a designated private area. Photos in the vineyard, strawberry and pumpkin patches can be arranged.*

How late are we able to play music at the reception? *To remain neighbor friendly, we require outdoor music to cease by 10:00 pm. We reserve the right to request that music volume be lowered as necessary to conform to County Rules & Regulations.*

Can we use an iPod for our reception? *No, we require you hire a professional DJ or band from our approved list.*

Are we allowed to use buses? *Buses are encouraged and the specific needs of your event can be detailed with your approved event planner.*