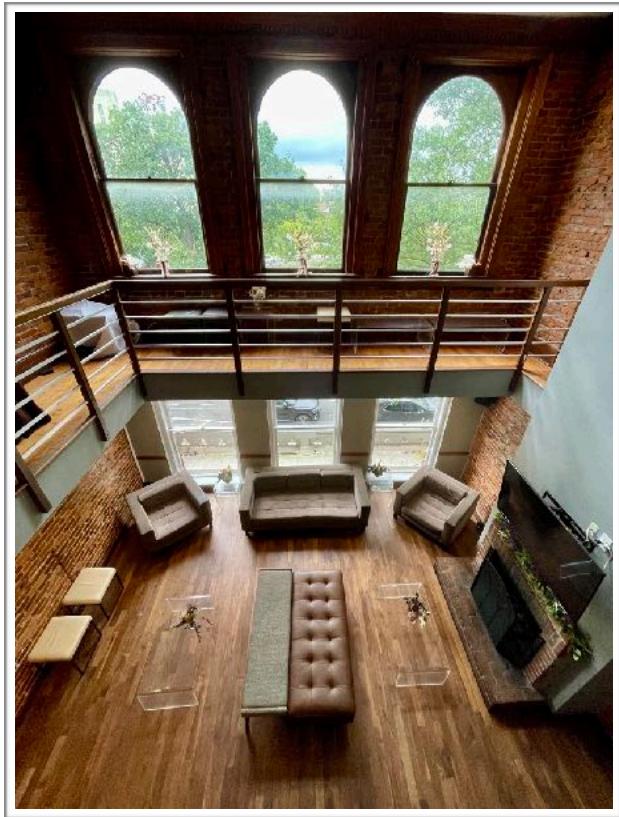




2026 EVENT PLANNING KIT



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Private Events at Sonoma:

A unique location at the heart of Capitol Hill

Sonoma Restaurant is a premier private event venue on Capitol Hill

Sonoma is one of the city's premier private event locations, and frequently hosts political, corporate, and media events for members of Congress, in addition to hosting intimate neighborhood events for personal celebrations.

Sonoma offers a variety of food and beverage packages that make it the perfect location for birthday parties, intimate and exclusive wine dinners, cocktail parties, product launches, and community fundraisers.

Our private event menus feature our from-scratch kitchen, where we cook local and seasonal ingredients with global influences. You'll find classics like housemade meatballs and beef bourguignon alongside elaborate charcuterie boards, house cured salmon, and delicate desserts.

Intimate dinners or large receptions - our private rooms can fit any event

On Sonoma's second floor, you'll find an expansive private lounge which overlooks the Library of Congress and Pennsylvania Avenue. And towards the back of our second floor you'll find a secluded dining room suited well for quieter functions.

You can even combine these two rooms for a buyout of our entire second floor.

Whether you're planning an intimate dinner for a dozen friends or business associates, a contemporary, warm atmosphere for a reception, or need totally private space for a political fundraiser, Sonoma can accommodate your group.

With space for up to 275 guests for a cocktail reception, we'll tailor our spaces to fit even the largest gatherings.



Event Spaces

Avenue Lounge

The second floor Avenue Lounge features an open floor plan, furnished with contemporary sofas and club chairs, and is perfect for larger private events for groups larger than 40. It is an airy, elegant space with a raised stage and two-story fireplace, and has capacity for 65 guests for a seated event or 100 standing, with a ceiling height of 9-20 feet. It is our recommended space for large cocktail receptions, fundraisers, media events, and seated luncheons or dinners for more than 40 guests.



Avenue Lounge Capacities: 65 seated lunch or dinner | 100 standing reception

Avenue Lounge Minimum Revenue Fees: for two hour event; longer events require a prorated minimum

DAYTIME: Mon - Fri, 11am-3pm
\$750 food & beverage minimum

EVENING: Mon - Fri, 4-10pm; Sat all day
\$2000 food & beverage minimum

Sonoma charges a 24% taxable house fee and 10% tax on top of all event sales and/or minimums

Event Spaces

Private Dining Room

The second floor Private Dining Room is our most intimate and secluded private event space, located in the back of our second floor. The room has capacity for 40 guests at a seated event or up to 50 standing, with a ceiling height of 12 feet, highlighted by skylights that bring in plentiful natural light during the day. It is our recommended space for business lunches, quiet dinners, small standing receptions, presentations and private meetings for groups of 40 or less.



Private Dining Room Capacities: 40 seated lunch or dinner | 50 standing reception

Private Dining Room Minimum Revenue Fees: for two hour event; longer events require a prorated minimum

DAYTIME: Mon - Fri, 11am-3pm
\$750 food & beverage minimum

EVENING: Mon - Fri, 4-10pm; Sat all day
\$1000 food & beverage minimum

Sonoma charges a 24% taxable house fee and 10% tax on top of all event sales and/or minimums

Event Spaces

Entire Second Floor

The two private rooms upstairs can be combined for a reservation of the Entire Second Floor, which can accommodate up to 100 guests for a seated buffet-style lunch or dinner, or 150 guests for a standing cocktail reception. We offer many styles of room set ups, including all standing, combination standing with lounge seating, or fully seated. This space is ideal for a large speaking panel or standing reception, or smaller events wishing to combine a standing cocktail reception with separate seated dinner.



First Floor Main Dining Room

The First Floor Main Dining Room is Sonoma's only ADA accessible private space, and can be reserved on select dates and times subject to the owner's discretion. The Main Dining Room can host up to 60 guests for a seated lunch or dinner, or up to 125 for a standing reception. This space is popular for holiday receptions - ask the event manager for more info and photos featuring holiday decorations.



Full Restaurant Buyout

The entire restaurant at Sonoma (first, second, and third floors) can also be rented for large daytime events, and is ideal for large events for 150-275 guests with full privacy. The three separate rooms can be set up in a variety of event styles (fully seated for up to 150 guests, standing for up to 275 guests, and combinations of both). Ask our event manager for date-specific availability and pricing for a full restaurant buyout.



Minimum Revenue Fees

Private Room Food and Beverage Minimums

Minimum revenue fees are based on a 2 hour time period within the given window

For longer events, please ask event manager for prorated pricing



Avenue Lounge

DAYTIME: Mon-Fri, 11am-3pm

\$750 food & beverage minimum

EVENING: Mon-Fri, 4-10pm;

Sat all day 11am-10pm

\$2000 food & beverage minimum

Entire Second Floor

(Avenue Lounge + Private Dining Room)

DAYTIME: Mon-Fri, 11am-3pm

\$1500 minimum

EVENING: Mon-Fri, 4-10pm;

Sat all day 11am-10pm

\$3000 food & beverage minimum

Private Dining Room

DAYTIME: Mon-Fri, 11am-3pm

\$750 food & beverage minimum

EVENING: Mon-Fri, 4-10pm;

Sat all day 11am-10pm

\$1000 food & beverage minimum

First Floor Main Dining Room

or

Full Restaurant Buyout

Available on select dates only,
ask event manager for availability
and date-specific pricing

Sonoma charges a 24% house fee (includes gratuity) and 10% tax* on top of all event sales

*10% DC sales tax can be removed with proof of federal or DC tax exemption certificate

Lunch & Dinner Menu

Buffet Lunch & Dinner Dishes

Starters:

Market Salad (vegan, gf) - mixed greens, cucumbers, tomatoes, balsamic vinaigrette

Seasonal Salad - chef's selection seasonal veggies over greens or grains (may contain cheese)

Tomato-Basil Soup (gf) - san marzano tomatoes, heavy cream, fresh basil

Entrées:

Roasted Chicken (gf) - roasted bone-in chicken legs and wings, reduced chicken jus

Grilled Steak (gf) **(+\$10 per person)** - grilled NY strip steak, housemaid steak sauce

Beef Bourguignon (gf) - braised beef short ribs, red wine, beef demi glace, gourmet mushrooms

Pan Seared Salmon (gf) - boneless, crispy skin salmon filet, chimichurri sauce

Vegetarian Pasta - rigatoni with seasonal vegetables, creamy tomato sauce

Meat Pasta - rigatoni with ground beef bolognese sauce, tomato, parmesan cheese

Ratatouille Risotto (vegan, gf) - bomba rice, tomato, zucchini, eggplant, bell pepper, vegan-friendly stock

Sides:

Roasted Potatoes (vegan, gf) - olive oil, garlic, rosemary and thyme

Seasonal Vegetables (vegan, gf) - seasonal selection mixed roasted vegetables, olive oil, fresh herbs

Jasmine Rice Pilaf (gf) - toasted jasmine rice, butter, onion, carrot, bay leaf, vegetable stock

Desserts:

Cheese Cake - Chef's selection seasonal cheesecake w/housemade sauce

Chocolate Mousse (gf) - airy milk chocolate mousse, seasonal jam, white chocolate ganache

Apple Upside Down Cake - vanilla pound cake, caramel apple topping, white chocolate ganache

Sticky Toffee Pudding - spiced ginger and cinnamon cake, sticky toffee sauce, white chocolate ganache

Fresh Fruit Bowl (vegan, gf) - seasonal sliced fresh fruits

Sonoma Buffet Menu - \$50 per person (lunch or dinner)

choose 1 starter, 2 entrées, 1 side, and 1 dessert

Sonoma Plated Menu - \$60 per person (dinner only)

choose 1 starter, 2 entrées, and 1 dessert

*Plated meals offered for dinner only and for a maximum of 20 guests
Our Chef will choose plated entrée sides and sauces, which vary seasonally*

Lunch & Dinner Extras

Additional Starter, Side or Dessert.....	\$10 per person
Additional Entrée.....	\$15 per person
Artisanal Bread Baskets.....	\$8 per person
Plated Cheese Course (dinner only)	\$15 per person
Plated Cured Meats Course (dinner only)	\$15 per person

Sonoma lunch and dinner menu prices include bottomless non-alcoholic beverages

Appetizer Menu

Custom sizes available from 20-200 guests in increments of 10, with prorated pricing

Portion size is 2 pieces per person, *excluding* sliders, fruit & vegetable skewers, choc mousse | gf = gluten free

Vegetarian

Deluxe Cheese Board Two Artisanal Cheeses with Housemade Crackers and Fruit Jam
\$160 for 20 guests / **\$400** for 50 guests

Mini Margherita Pizzas with Fresh Basil
\$100 for 20 guests / **\$250** for 50 guests

Mini Pesto Puff Pastries with Genovese Spinach Pesto, Sundried Tomatoes, Parmesan
\$100 for 20 guests / **\$250** for 50 guests

Vegan

Roasted Vegetable Antipasto Platter (gf)
\$120 for 20 guests / **\$300** for 50 guests

Stuffed Mushrooms with Vegan Ratatouille Filling (gf)
\$100 for 20 guests / **\$250** for 50 guests

Split Pea Fritters with Cilantro Salsa (gf)
\$80 for 20 guests / **\$200** for 50 guests

Grilled Vegetable Skewers with Zucchini, Eggplant, Bell Pepper (gf)
\$80 for 20 guests / **\$200** for 50 guests

Fresh Fruit - CHOOSE ONE: Platter or Skewers (gf)
\$100 for 20 guests / **\$250** for 50 guests

Dessert

Mini Cream Puffs - CHOOSE ONE: Vanilla or Chocolate
 Mini Choux Pastry with Flavored Cream Filling
\$100 for 20 guests / **\$250** for 50 guests

Mini Puff Pastry Fruit Tarts with White Chocolate Ganache Filling and Fresh Fruit Topping
\$100 for 20 guests / **\$250** for 50 guests

Mini Oreo Cheesecake Bites with Berry Sauce
\$100 for 20 guests / **\$250** for 50 guests

Chocolate Mousse Cups with White Chocolate Ganache (gf)
\$120 for 20 guests / **\$300** for 50 guests

Meat

Deluxe Cured Meats Board Two Cured Meats with Grilled Bread and Whole Grain Mustard
\$160 for 20 guests / **\$400** for 50 guests

Pork and Beef Meatballs with Marinara Sauce, Parmesan
\$120 for 20 guests / **\$300** for 50 guests

Buttermilk Fried Chicken with Sweet Chili Sauce (gf)
\$100 for 20 guests / **\$250** for 50 guests

Grilled Chicken Skewers with Teriyaki Sauce (gf)
\$100 for 20 guests / **\$250** for 50 guests

Grilled Steak Skewers with Steak Sauce (gf)
\$120 for 20 guests / **\$300** for 50 guests

Pulled Beef Sliders with Blue Cheese, Aioli
\$120 for 20 guests / **\$300** for 50 guests

Fried Chicken Sliders with Kimchi Aioli
\$120 for 20 guests / **\$300** for 50 guests

Mini Pepperoni Pizzas
\$100 for 20 guests / **\$250** for 50 guests

Assorted Deviled Eggs Fresh Chives and Bacon (gf)
\$100 for 20 guests / **\$250** for 50 guests

Seafood

Cured Salmon Platter Thinly Sliced Salmon with Crackers, Capers, Lemon and Whipped Raifort Cream
\$180 for 20 guests / **\$450** for 50 guests

Crab Cake Sliders with Cabbage Slaw, Remoulade
\$140 for 20 guests / **\$350** for 50 guests

Buttermilk Fried Shrimp with Old Bay Cream Sauce (gf)
\$100 for 20 guests / **\$250** for 50 guests

Mini Crab Cakes with Curry Aioli
\$120 for 20 guests / **\$300** for 50 guests

Beverage Menu

Bottomless Beverage Packages

Start with one of our wine packages and then select any add-on packages;

Wine packages include non-alcoholic beverages and soft drinks;

2 hour package prices will be prorated for longer events

Sonoma Wine Package

\$20/person for 2 hours

99 Vines Chardonnay California NV, **99 Vines Pinot Grigio** California NV,

Havenscourt Pinot Noir California NV, **Havenscourt Cabernet Sauvignon** California NV

Executive Wine Package

\$29/person for 2 hours

Bosman Chenin Blanc South Africa 2023, **Broadbent Vinho Verde** Portugal NV,

Impero Montepulciano Italy 2022, **La Grande Moulin Merlot/Cabernet** France 2019

Deluxe Wine Package

\$39/person for 2 hours

Ten Sisters Sauvignon Blanc New Zealand 2023, **McNab Chardonnay** California 2023,

Jezebel Pinot Noir Oregon 2022, **Slingshot Cabernet Sauvignon** California 2021

Beverage Package Add-ons

House Sparkling Wine+ \$5 per person

Italian Prosecco+ \$10 per person

House Beer+ \$10 per person

Craft Beer+ \$15 per person

House Liquor+ \$15 per person

Premium Liquor+ \$25 per person

Bottomless Package prices are listed for 2 hours & will increase incrementally for additional time

We also offer hosted bars on consumption - see menu on next page,

which also lists labels offered in the beer and liquor price tiers

Beverage Menu

On Consumption Beverage Menu

Wine Price Tiers (\$ priced per bottle) – For a hosted on consumption bar:

1. Choose a preferred wine price tier and Sonoma will choose 4 labels from that tier, or
2. Choose specific labels from different tiers, can select up to 6 labels maximum

Sonoma House Wines

99 Vines pinot grigio, California, non-vintage	\$32
99 Vines chardonnay, California, non-vintage	\$32
Havenscourt pinot noir, California, non-vintage	\$32
Havenscourt cabernet sauvignon, California , non-vintage	\$32

Executive Wines

Bosman chenin blanc, South Africa, 2023	\$44
Broadbent vinho verde, Portugal, non-vintage	\$44
Cambridge Road animus blanc, New Zealand, 2019	\$44
Zestos garnacha rosé, Spain, 2023	\$44
Impero Collection montepulciano, Italy, 2022	\$48
La Grande Moulin merlot/cabernet, France, 2019	\$48

Deluxe Wines

McNab chardonnay, California, 2023	\$56
Ten Sisters sauvignon blanc, New Zealand, 2023	\$60
Les Sarris grenache rosé, France, 2022	\$56
Jezebel pinot noir, Oregon, 2022	\$60
Que Guapo malbec/syrah, Argentina, 2021	\$52
Slingshot cabernet sauvignon, California, 2021	\$64
Il Baccanale cabernet sauvignon/sangiovese, Italy, 2017	\$60

Sparkling Wines

Cricova sparkling brut, Moldova, non-vintage	\$32
Montelliana prosecco, Italy, non-vintage	\$48
Francois Montand blanc de blanc, France, non-vintage	\$60

Beer and Liquor Price Tiers (\$ priced per drink):

House Beer - Seasonal Draught (\$11), Miller Lite (\$9), Lagunitas IPA (\$10)

or

Craft Beer - Seasonal Draught (\$11), DC Brau Public Pale Ale (\$12, local), Atlas Bullpen Pilsner (\$12, local)

House Liquor (\$10-12) - Rubinoff vodka, Rubinoff gin, Old Mexico tequila blanco, Ron Roberto Superior rum, Cabin Still bourbon, Dewar's blended scotch

or

Premium Liquor (\$12-\$18) - Grey Goose vodka, Belvedere vodka, Titos vodka, Bacardi rum, Mount Gay spiced rum, Tanqueray gin, Bombay Sapphire gin, Hendrick's gin, Milagro silver tequila, Casamigos silver tequila, Maker's Mark whisky, Bulleit bourbon, Bulleit rye whiskey, Knob Creek bourbon, Knob Creek rye whiskey, Woodford Reserve bourbon, Jack Daniel's whiskey, Johnny Walker black scotch

Event Planning Sheet

EVENT SPACE	SEATING	NOTES/REQUESTS*	
Private Dining Room Avenue Lounge Entire Second Floor (Avenue Lounge + Private Dining Room) Full Restaurant Buy Out First Floor Main Dining Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seated • Standing • Combination • Special Request 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microphone (Avenue Lounge only) • Flat Screen TV • Music Preference (house radio/host playlist) • Other requests (early set up, decorations, byo dessert, live music) 	
MENU CHOICES	# GUESTS	PRICE	TOTAL
Lunch Menu (Buffet only) Please specify buffet choices for each course and any extras:		\$	\$
Dinner Menu (specify Buffet or Plated) Please specify choices for each course and any extras:		\$	\$
Reception Appetizer Menu Please specify appetizer platters or boards and size:		\$	\$
Beverage Menu Please specify beverage package or consumption bar with selections:		\$	\$
Miscellaneous Costs (describe)		\$	\$
Subtotal		\$	\$
House Fee (taxable)	24%	\$	\$
DC Sales Tax (need tax exemption certificate to remove)	10%	\$	\$
Total		\$	\$

Event Contract

Event Host Name: _____ Event Sign Wording: _____

Host Email Address: _____ Host Phone: _____

Event Date and Time: _____ Event Space: _____

Estimated Guest Count: _____ Event Type: _____

Minimum Revenue Fee: _____ (before 24% House Fee and 10% DC Sales Tax)

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ CVV: _____

Name on Card / Signature: _____

Sonoma Private Event Policies

- **Private event reservations are not final until a written confirmation has been sent from Sonoma Restaurant.**
- Events cancelled or moved less than 21 days prior to the event date will be charged 15% of the minimum revenue fee.
- Events cancelled or moved less than 14 days prior to the event date will be charged 50% of the minimum revenue fee.
- Events cancelled or moved less than 7 days prior to the event date will be charged the full minimum revenue fee.
- Events cancelled or moved less than 72 hours prior to the event will be charged the full event estimate as listed on the final event summary, minus 24% house fee and 10% tax.
- “No shows” or cancellations with less than 24 hours notice will be charged the full event estimate plus 24% house fee and 10% tax.
- **All cancellations or date changes must be received by email at least 21 days before the confirmed event date to avoid cancellation fees. All changes to an event must be made in writing and confirmed by the event manager.**
- No deposit is required in advance. All event minimums plus tax and service charge must be met on one bill and settled with no more than 4 types of payment on the date of your event. We do not accept invoices to be paid after the event date.
- A final guest count is needed no later than 48 hours before the event. Any last minute decreases in guest count within 48 hours will not affect the food and beverage charges settled prior to the 48 hour cut off point. Any last minute increases in guest count within 48 hours will be accepted conditionally, depending on space and product availability.
- A **24% House Fee** plus 10% DC sales tax will be applied to all private event sales. The 10% tax is added onto the food sales, beverage sales, house fee, and any other miscellaneous fees.
- The 24% House Fee covers staff compensation as well as other costs incurred from renting private space at our venue and is taxed. Any additional gratuity you wish to give the staff is completely at your discretion.
- Event hosts may arrive 30 minutes prior to event start time to set up. Longer load in times must be arranged with event manager in advance, and may require an additional staffing fee.
- Events exceeding their agreed upon time slot will be charged an additional staffing fee.
- Any items left after event at Sonoma are left at owner's own risk.

I understand and agree to the above policies.

Authorized Signature

Date

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What kind of environment and service can I expect at Sonoma?

A: Sonoma is a casual, upscale bistro. Servers are attentive and well educated in the food and wine at Sonoma. Private events will experience fine dining service in a casual environment.

Q: How are your prices determined?

A: Sonoma's prices are highly competitive with other Capitol Hill and downtown Washington event spaces, and reflect the following considerations:

- Unlike many restaurants, Sonoma does not charge a "room" fee, regardless of whether your private event is for 10 or 100 guests.
- Our per-head prices reflect our extensive experience with how much food and beverage the average party is likely to consume during a 2 hour period, and bottomless beverage packages include unlimited pours for 2 hours.
- Sonoma does not include professional party planning charges or other hidden fees. Instead, we charge a flat 24% House Fee that covers staff compensation for food and beverage preparation, room set up, service, and cleaning after your event, plus covers other costs such as rented event materials, and event space maintenance.
- All of our food - from buffet lunches to reception appetizers - is sourced locally and made on site in our from-scratch kitchen, and beverages are sourced from the highest quality local and international purveyors. Our prices reflect the care and attention put into the source and preparation of every ingredient.

Q: How do I reserve space?

A: You can confirm the availability of a date by emailing the Sonoma events manager, Hilary Smith, at events@sonomadc.com. If the date is available, a private room can be reserved only after a signed contract has been returned and you have received a confirmation email from the events manager. Signed contracts are accepted on a first come, first served basis and we do not offer soft holds for date inquiries.

Q: Can I have live music for my event?

A: Yes, Sonoma can accommodate live music for a private event. You will need to hire the band, musician, or DJ on your own and coordinate any early load in or sound check needed in advance with Sonoma's event manager.

Q: Can I decorate for my event, and can I arrive early to set up?

A: Yes, you are welcome to bring and display any decorations, signage, giveaways, or branding materials for your event. Thirty minutes of free set up time is included with your room rental, but we also offer earlier load in times, as long as arrangements are made in advance with the event manager.

Q: How long will my event last?

A: Lunch reservations will last 1.5 hours, and dinner and cocktail reception reservations will last 2 hours, unless you request a longer event time. Ask manager for prorated minimum revenue fees for longer events.

Q: Can I buyout the first floor main dining room in addition to the second floor spaces?

A: Yes, you can buyout the whole restaurant. Please ask our event manager for buyout availability and minimums.

Q: Can I book the space without seeing it first?

A: Booking a space without seeing it is permitted, but we strongly advise visiting for a tour of the room you are interested in. We can also provide lots of photos of all event spaces if you are unable to visit in person.

Q: Is your private event space accessible for those with wheelchairs or disabilities?

A: Our building is over 100 years old and our private event spaces are on the second floor, as such, we regret that these spaces are accessible only by stairway and are not ADA accessible. Unfortunately, we have no elevators, ramps, or other features that make the second floor space easily reached by those in wheelchairs or with difficulty climbing stairs.