

New Seconds Venue Information (May 2017)

Robibero Vineyard

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This years New Seconds weekend will be held at the Robibero Winery (for the old-timers, it's the old Rivendell Winery location – new name) on May 19-21. Fee includes weekend camping + catered dinner Sat. night (all other meals on your own). There will be a catered dinner event provided on Saturday at the Main winery building. We will have use of the facility from 6:30-10:30PM (note: the winery will be open to the public until 5-6PM every night).

The winery is a small NY State winery that bottles ~15 different wines for wine tasting and purchase by the glass or bottle – they also carry a selection of NY Brewery beers. The website (above) contains directions, pictures, and wine lists. They have been cultivating their own grapes for the last several years and may just have their first commercial offering this year – we'll see.

Camping (directions):

The winery is roughly ~5 miles West of New Paltz, on the way to the climbing cliffs. When you turn into the Robibero Vineyard sign (family houses down at entrance area), drive up the gravel road to the very top of the long hill and bear right at the Main building – the gravel road ends at a lone big tree. There will be a large mowed area down the back toward the lower building (orange line on page 2 of maps, do NOT park/tent in the blue circled area), park along the mowed area with tents around the mowed perimeter (beware of poison ivy close to the tree line).

Please see separately attached 2-page Google directions maps.

- DO NOT park anywhere on the gravel parking or the blue circle areas – those are for customer public parking only (11AM-6PM) and includes the overflow grass area with the lone big tree (blue circle area)
- Camping arrival is anytime Friday day/night
- You can stay until Monday morning
- Quiet hours are 10 PM – 6 AM. No loud music/ loud talking (house-neighbors are close by and most climbers will be in their tents “early”). And watch the high beams [aiming at other’s tents] and talking Friday night for the late arrivers.
- DO NOT leave beverage container, coolers, etc. outside on the grounds - there are loarge trash cans near the fire pit and the outdoor bathroom facilities (see below)
- And please police your own trash

Facilities:

The main winery building is on the left at the top of the hill on the gravel parking area (not for us). It has a tasting room with indoor seating for 40, bathrooms, coolers for chilled wine bottles, beer, meat, cheese, and fruit. There is a partially covered elevated porch with seating for 50 (we will try to move all the seating under the covered area if it rains). At the

edge of the building is an uncovered outdoor area with a large in-ground firepit (that should be running during our Sat. night dinner). The Main building (and firepit) is only available for us during the Sat. night dinner 6:30-10:30PM (normal public access 11AM-6PM daily). There are trash cans and recycle areas to leave bottles and glasses out around the firepit area (for after the winery closes at 10:30).

We will have access to 2 “fancy” flush/running water hand-build Port-a-Johns (real sinks and real toilets) located on platforms under the porch (down the slight hill in the grass from the firepit). **Those will be open all night and all weekend!**

Alcohol and beverage policy -- VERY IMPORTANT!!!:

NY State has some pretty draconian liquor laws for their family wineries/breweries. **THERE IS NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED ON THE PREMISES THAT HAS NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED IN THE MAIN WINERY BUILDING!!!!** Any violation of this policy will affect us ever being allowed back as well as their liquor license, please comply.

- NO OUTSIDE alcohol
- No outside beverages of any kind on the picnic/firepit area (keep it to your car/tent area). Water will be provided during the Sat. night dinner – NOTE: you can bring your water bottles to fill etc.
- The winery website describes the ~15 wines they make/carry and range in price from \$15-19 (with some limited edition reds from \$26-30)
- There will be a selection of beers on hand in the cooler in the Main building (again, access will be Sat night dinner). While I don't have an actual selection list, they carry various random selections from the following local NY State brewer brands:
 - o Yard Owl Craft Brewery, Captain Lawrence, Saranac, Lake Placid, Keegan Ales, Ithaca Brewing Company, Coney Island Beer Company, Brooklyn Brewery.

Saturday night catered dinner:

Doors open at 6:30, close at 10:30PM (they are open to the general public until 6PM) – please don't park in their gravel parking area. A two course buffet dinner will begin at 7:30 PM. There should be enough food for seconds, but please wait until the late stragglers (Return After Dark (RAD) climbers) have arrived for Round 1.

The menu is as follows:

- Chicken Veracruzana (olives, capers, tomato, onions, peppers, raisins)
- Mushroom polenta pie with spring greens and cheese (vegetarian – some w/o cheese available)
- Local field greens & cucumber salad with strawberries, mint, radish, and toasted almonds with champagne vinaigrette (vegan)
- Green herb rice pilaf (vegan)
- Baguettes (vegan) and multi-grain bread with butter
- Brownies and carrot cake
- Coffee and tea service
- Water, wine, beer from Robibero Winery

Raffle ticket sales (random gear + a new rope) will be on sale during the dinner from 6:30 on. Announcements will begin around 8:30/9'ish with the raffle ~30 min later.

- Wine tasting begins at 6:30 and is \$10 for a glass and 5 tastes (you keep the glass). Wine and beer purchase will be available all night (until 10:30). You can purchase wine by the glass as well as by the bottle (discounts for multiple bottles (1/2 case or more))
- Dinner will be finished by 10PM and the facility closed by 10:30 – the firepit should still be running if not raining. Can sit outside after, but need to keep the noise down.
- Seating indoor and covered-outdoor can accommodate ~100 people (more in the uncovered area). If it rains, we will try to move the seating to a covered area if it fits, but may mean people crowding in on the floor etc. If you have ~small camp-chairs, they may be useful inside as well as for sitting near the firepit (if not raining).

Mike Mullins (May 2017)