



Fact Sheet

DINE – AND WINE – AT THE ROYAL

While attendees of The Royal will no doubt feast their eyes on giant pumpkins and parsnips galore, these foods are not likely to satisfy their hearty appetites. For the hungry hearted, The Royal offers five different dining experiences – enough to satiate people of all ages and all culinary tastes. Mouth-watering treats – from fresh fudge to baked potatoes – can be purchased while walking the grounds of The Royal, while bison burgers and local delicacies can be savoured in the restaurants.

Vintners' Terrace

From coat tails to cocktails, Vintners' Terrace offers guests the finest dining experience at The Royal, in a newly redesigned setting this year. All foods served are local – satisfying those who want to promote their community, while artistic souls will be satisfied with Vintners' décor – where the inaugural Celebrating the Best of the Best Art Showcase features works of art by local artists to be on display throughout the restaurant.

Hitching Ring Café & Bar

Watch the horses warm up in the hitching ring over a range of Mediterranean tapas and a glass of wine, or simply relax at the bar. The Hitching Ring Café & Bar is back by popular demand and located in the Lower West Annex. This brasserie-type eatery offers a great selection of foods, as well as Ontario wines by the glass and bottle. Guests can enjoy mouth-watering meals while getting a close-up view of the behind-the-scenes preparations of horses and riders as they gear up for competition in the Ricoh Coliseum. Giddyup! After 9 PM The Hitching Ring scene alters to become Coyote Ugly, a bar that brings out the cowboy in everyone!

The Bit and Bridle Pub

From early birds to night owls, all are welcome at The Royal's famous pub. Offering hearty breakfasts and late-night nibbles, The Bit and Bridle Pub is located on the second floor of the Horse Palace. The pub is known for catering to the hectic schedules of the riders and grooms participating at The Royal, and is also open to the general public, acting as the ideal place for avid horse fans to mingle with professionals and watch as they prepare their horses for competition.

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The Outrageous Bull Pen Saloon

Yee haw! The Bull Pen is the place to meet cowboys from the East and the West, as this is the favourite destination for cattlemen, cowboys, cowgirls and others who like to dig their heels in for some country fun. A cowboy hat and knowledge of the Texas two-step come in handy at this “Bar and Grill” type eatery. Live country music on select nights keeps things stomping at one of most fun establishments at The Royal.

The Family Restaurant

Family-friendly food including burgers, pizza, fries and farm fresh salads featuring local produce are on the menu at this cafeteria-style restaurant. Families appreciate this quick service establishment that allows them to get back to all The Royal action quickly.

No need to stop at just food. Sumptuous snacks can be complemented with sophisticated wines. Get ready to sample, celebrate, and buy selections of Ontario’s finest wine!

Wine Tasting Bar and Patio

An amazing component of The Royal is the Wine Tasting Bar and Patio, as it has become the social event not to be missed for loyal guests and new faces attending The Royal. It is the perfect place for visitors to relax, for meetings to take place, and a focal point for those interested in making wine part of their trip to The Royal.

The Wine Tasting Bar and Patio features wines from 12 Ontario wineries and allows visitors to sample many varieties in a cost-efficient way. Visitors also get a chance to interact with some of the winemakers themselves.

For more information on Ontario’s wines, stop by the education centre for Ontario VQA wines. The LCBO will also be on site at The Royal for wine lovers who would like to take home a bottle of their favourite wine.

For more information on The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair visit www.royalfair.org

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