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THAT FOOD CAN BE A WORK OF ART?

WEDDING MENU



# (Nelcome TO ROYAL SONESTA HOUSTON

Located in the heart of Uptown Houston just a few blocks from The Galleria, Royal Sonesta Houston is home to the city's most celebrated weddings and receptions for up to 800 guests. Take your event to new heights amidst a royal backdrop supported by the highest degree of personal service from a team of warm and wonderful wedding professionals, our dedicated catering and banquets team with a Food Is Art philosophy, and one of the most expansive and flexible function spaces in the city.

Let us help you bring the wedding of your dreams to life at our beautifully appointed venue. Our attentive staff and professional event planners will ensure that you have an unforgettable wedding day.





# Tood is The EDIBLE ARTISTRY

At Sonesta, we excel at catering with our "Food is Art" philosophy. Our kitchen is well known for its incomparable cuisine, with specialty menu items, signature drinks, sumptuous buffet dinners and creative hors d'oeuvres. Our dedicated catering professionals and Executive Chef will craft menus to insure every meal is delicious, remarkable and artfully prepared. Your wedding will feature inspired and stunning creations that taste as outstanding as they look, with an overall presentation and service that is second to none.







# OPTIONAL AMENITIES INCLUDE: DÉCOR:

- Complimentary votive candles for dinner tables
- Formal Table Setting featuring White China & Modern Stainless Flatware

# **GUEST ROOMS & SERVICES:**

- Discounted event valet parking
- Complimentary Suite for the Bride and Groom on Night of Wedding
- Preferred overnight room rate set in an exclusive room block for wedding guests (minimum of 10 peak rooms)
- Dance Floor & Staging for your Entertainment
- Complimentary Cake Cutting Services
- Personalized Weblink for Overnight Guests Reservations







The Royal Wedding Menn



# PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES (Select Four)

Display of Fresh Fruit & Assorted Cheeses | Four Passed Hors d'oeuvres | Plated Dinner

(pricing determined by entrée selection)

COLD

Chilled Shrimp Shooter

Roasted Tomato and Horseradish

Foie Gras Waffle Cone Grand Marnier Gelee

Sesame Tuna

Togarashi, Avocado, Crisp Wonton

Grilled Watermelon

Goat Cheese, Preserved Lemon

Beef Tartar

Blue Cheese, Potato Crisp

Italian Panini

Cured Salami, Shaved Parmesan and Green Olive

Asian Noodle Fork

Sesame, Ginger, Crispy Garlic

Bocconcini and Tomato

Basil-Pine Nut Pesto-Bamboo Skewer

Meyer Lemon Cured Salmon Gravlax

Caper, Red Onion, Lime Sour Cream, Petite Garden

Chive Scone

Wild Mushroom Bruschetta

Truffle, Mascarpone

Avocado Toast

Ricotta, Bacon

Vietnamese Rice Paper Spring Rolls

Spicy Chili Dip

Heirloom Tomato Bruschetta

Bocconcini and Fresh Basil on a Garlic Herb Crostini

HOT

"Tonga" Coconut Shrimp

Spicy Mango and Sweet Chili Dipping Sauce

Crab Cakes

Garden Mint and Lime Aioli

Beef Empanadas

House Salsa

BBQ Pork Bellv Steamed Bun

Cucumber Kimchi

Duck Confit Wonton

Blue Cheese, Orange, Balsamic

Chinese Five-Spice Chicken Satay

Peanut-Coconut Cilantro Dip

Stuffed Artichoke Hearts

Parmesan and Cream Cheese

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Petite Mediterranean Tartlet

Kalamata Olive and Artichoke Tart

Lamb Gyro

Mint and Cucumber Yogurt

Chicken and Waffles

Spiced Maple Syrup

Spicy Meatball

Gremolata

Chicken Taquitos

Chipotle Aioli

Miniature Beef Sliders

Cheddar Cheese and Caramelized Onion on a Herb Roll

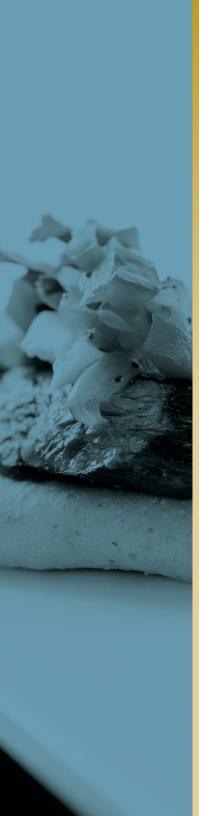
Wild Mushroom and Melted Leek Tart

Tomato Compote

Mini Corn Arepas

Pork, Pickled Radish, Cotija





# SALADS (Select One)

# **Mixed Greens**

Mixed Greens, Shaved Crudité, Endive, Candied Pecans, Cherry Tomatoes, Banyuls Vinaigrette \$12.00

# **Kale and Quinoa**

Spinach, Cucumbers, Tomato. Red Onion, Sherry Vinaigrette \$12.00

# **Baby Spinach Salad**

Craisins, Almonds, Granny Smith Apples, Toasted Sesame Seed Vinaigrette \$12.00

#### Caesar

\$12.00

Romaine, Parmesan Cheese, Garlic, Caesar Dressing \$12.00

# **Crispy Tortilla**

Mixed Greens, Avocado, Grilled Corn, Tomato, Black Beans, Red Onion, Crispy Tortilla Strips, Guajillo Ranch

#### **Heirloom Tomato**

Avocado, Mozzarella, Tapenade, Pesto, Balsamic, Olive Oil \$16.00

# **Grilled Vegetable and Goat Cheese Terrine**

Petite Greens, Red Pepper Vinaigrette \$14.00

#### **Roasted Beet**

Arugula, Watercress, Orange Segments, Goat Cheese, Charred Shallot Vinaigrette \$15.00

#### **Cous Cous**

Tomatoes, Cucumber, Melon, Radish, Yogurt, Cilantro and Cumin Vinaigrette \$15.00





# PLATED ENTRÉE SELECTION (Select One)

# POULTRY (7-8 OZ.) Red Wine Marinated Chicken Breast

Yukon Mash, Pancetta, Button Mushrooms, Pearl Onions, Red Wine Jus \$28.00

# **Pecan Crusted Chicken Breast**

Mascarpone Polenta, Swiss Chard, Baby Carrots, Sherry Vinegar Jus \$30.00

# **Herb Marinated Chicken Breast**

Charred Leek and Wild Mushroom Risotto, Truffle Cream \$30.00

# **Pan Roasted Chicken Breast**

Roasted Fingerling Potatoes, Olives, Sundried Tomatoes, Preserved Lemon, Citrus Jus \$30.00

#### **Orange Scented Duck Breast**

Fennel and Parsnip Puree, Roasted Cipollini Onions, Grand Mariner Reduction \$37.00

# FISH AND SEAFOOD (7-8 OZ.) Tortilla Crusted Sea Bass

Charred Tomato and Corn Salad, Avocado, Cilantro Mojo \$40.00

#### **Grilled Salmon Filet**

Pancetta and Sweet Pea Risotto, Smoked Tomato Coulis \$40.00

# **Pan Seared Snapper**

Israeli Cous Cous, Sun Dried Tomato, Roasted Garlic, Preserved Lemon Thyme Jus \$40.00

#### **Roasted Cobia Filet**

Crawfish Risotto, Champagne and Chive Cream \$40.00

# **Pan Seared Scallops**

Bacon Roasted Cauliflower, Curried Carrot Puree, Caramelized Onions, Raisins, Coconut Cream \$44.00

# MEAT (7-8 OZ.) Braised Short Rib

Celeriac Puree, Roasted Wild Mushrooms, Horseradish Emulsion \$42.00

#### Cilantro Lime Marinated Flat Iron Steak

Green Plantain Puree, Chimichurri \$43.00

# **Grilled 8oz. Filet Mignon**

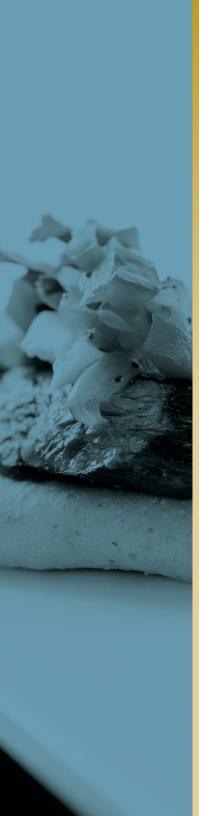
Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes, Grilled Asparagus, Oven Roasted Tomato Fondue \$47.00

#### **Bacon Brined Pork Tenderloin**

White Bean Puree, Pickled Swiss Chard, Dijon Cream \$40.00



A 16% gratuity is added to all functions for payment to hourly paid wait staff and service employees engaged in the service of the event. A taxable administrative fee of 8% is added to all function and event orders to defe overhead costs. This administrative fee is not a tip, gratuity or service charge and is not distributed to employees Flat rate bartender fees are not tips, gratuities or service charges and are not distributed to employees



# DUAL ENTRÉE

# Filet & Chicken

Wild Mushroom Cognac Sauce \$94.00

# Filet & Salmon

Papaya and Avocado Salsa \$97.00

# **Chicken & Shrimp**

Cajun Pepper Sauce \$96.00

# Filet & Crab Cake

Pink Peppercorn Cream Sauce \$99.00

# Filet & Shrimp

Mojo de Ajo Sauce \$99.00

# **Grilled Shrimp & Scallop**

Champagne Sauce \$91.00

All Entrées Accompanied with Chef's Choice of Starch & Seasonal Vegetable, Rolls & Butter Coffee & Iced Tea





# ADDITIONAL COURSE OFFERINGS

# **COLD APPETIZERS**

**Texas Blue Cheese Tart** 

Petite Arugula & Basil, Balsamic Vinaigrette \$14

# **Crab Meat & Avocado Martini**

Ancho Chili Cocktail Sauce

\$14

# **Smoked Scallops**

Charred Corn & Poblano Pepper Coulis \$18

# **HOT APPETIZERS**

# **Butternut Squash Ravioli**

Chanterelle Ragout with Austrian Pumpkin Seed Oil \$14

#### **Grilled Artichoke**

Morbier Cheese & Balsamic Reduction \$16

# **Grilled Jumbo Asparagus**

Portobello Carpaccio & Herbed Oil \$14

# **Roasted Lobster Medallions**

Lemon Pepper Pasta \$19

# **SOUP**

Vichyssoise

\$7

#### **Chilled Melon**

\$7

# **Shrimp & Lobster Bisque**

\$9

# **Vegetarian Indian Lentil Soup**

\$7

# **Southwestern Corn Chowder**

\$7

# **Morel Mushroom Bisque**

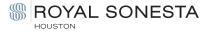
\$8

Soup en Croûte Please Add \$2.00 Per Person; En Croute Required for Groups of 150 People or More

# **SORBET (INTERMEZZO)**

Mango, Raspberry, Lemon or Champagne

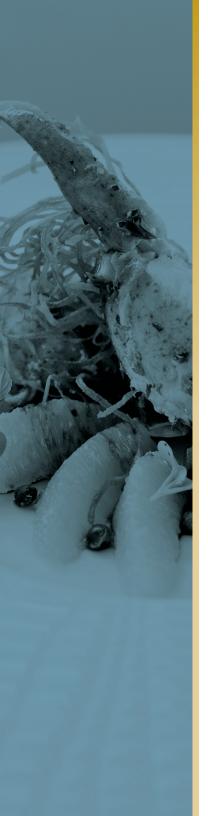
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The Royal Teast





# PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES (Select Six)

Six Passed Hors d'oeuvres | Selection of Three Salads | Choice of Entrées

Chef's Selection of Starch & Seasonal Vegetables | Fresh Rolls & Butter | Coffee, Decaf & Iced Tea

(2) Entrées \$85 | (3) Entrées \$95

# COLD

Blue Crab Meat with Sesame Crisp
Cocktail Shrimp with Pepper Sauce
Buckwheat Blinis with Caviar
Shaved Roast Beef on Bleu Cheese Crisp
Tart of Kalamata Olives & Feta Cheese
Goat Cheese Profiteroles
Ceviche Shooter

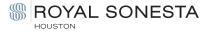
# HOT

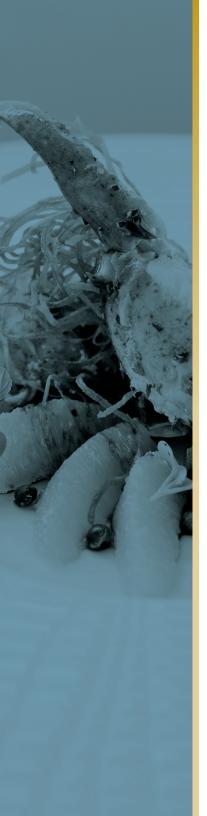
Artichoke Hearts with Parmesan Cheese
Wonton Wrapped Shrimp
Mini Crab Cakes
Mini Beef Wellington
Thai Peanut Chicken Satay
Fried Green Asparagus
Wild Mushroom Beggars Purse

# **BUFFET SALADS** (Select Three)

Marinated, Roasted Hothouse Vegetable Salad with Goat Cheese Beefsteak Tomato Salad with Basil Balsamic Vinaigrette Radicchio, Arugula & Butter Lettuces with Sun-Dried Pears & Walnut Vinaigrette

Tossed Garden Greens with Assorted Toppings & Two Dressings
Penne Pasta Salad with Sun-Dried Tomatoes & Asiago Cheese
Seafood Cocktail Salad with Garden Dill Mayonnaise





# CHOICE OF BUFFET ENTRÉES

Display of Fresh Fruit & Assorted Cheeses | Four Passed Hors d'oeuvres | Plated Dinner (2) Selections \$85 | (3) Three Selections \$95)

**Roast Tenderloin of Beef** 

with Porcini Mushrooms & Hollandaise Sauce

**Pan Seared Breast of Chicken** 

with Artichoke Hearts & Lemon Caper Sauce

**Tomato & Pesto Crusted Sea bass** 

**Roasted Sirloin** 

with Blue Cheese Demi Glaze

**Blackened Salmon** 

with Herb Aioli

Hand-Made Four Cheese Ravioli

with Rosemary Lemon Pesto

**Crabmeat Stuffed Fillet of Flounder** 

with Fruits de Mer Cream Sauce

**Pan-Seared Five Spice Salmon Filet** 

with Tropical Key Lime Glaze

Sautéed Snapper

with Almonds & Bay Shrimp

**Sun-Dried Tomato Breast of Chicken Roulade** 

with Pesto Cream

**Beef Tenderloin Medallions** 

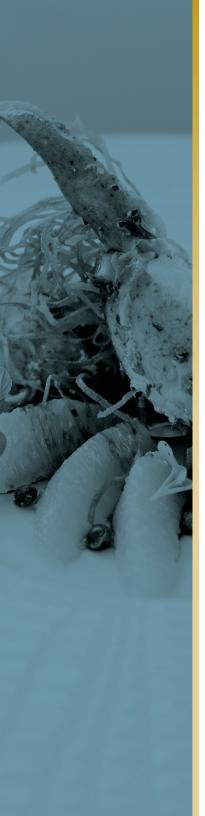
with a Port Wine Reduction Sauce

**Spanish Herb Marinated Chicken Breast** 

with Saffron Cream Sauce

**Pecan & Cranberry Crusted Breast of Chicken** 





# RECEPTION DISPLAYS

Minimum of 30 Guests per Station Required

# **Imported and Domestic Cheese**

Dried Fruit, Texas Honey, Nuts, Crackers, Baguette \$22 per person

# **Antipasto Station**

Shaved Zucchini and Squash, Roasted Peppers, Eggplant, Grilled Asparagus, Confit Tomatoes, Portobello, Artichokes, Endive, Assorted Olives, Tapenade, Pearl Mozzarella and Sun Dried Tomato Salad, Grilled Ciabatta, Lavash, Pesto, Olive Oil, Balsamic \$25 per person

#### Mezze

Spanakopita, Dolmades, Hummus, Baba Ghanoush, Tabouleh, Olives, Mini Pitas, Tzatziki, Lemon Wedges, Lemon Olive Oil

\$21 per person

# **Raw Bar**

Large Chilled Shrimp, Chilled Crab Claws, Texas Oysters and Clams on the Half Shell, Lime and Lemon Wedges Cocktail, Remoulade Sauces, Mustard Mayo, Horseradish \$32 per person

#### **Charcuterie Station**

Assorted Cured and Smoked Meats, Pates and Rillettes Gherkins, Mustards, Baguettes

\$26 per person

# **Bruschetta Station (pick 3)**

Traditional Tomato Basil
Wild Mushroom, Truffle Oil
Royal Red Shrimp, Arugula Pesto
Prosciutto, Mascarpone, Melon
Confit Duck Rilettes, Blue Cheese
Whipped Brie, Fig Compote
\$28 per person

# Slider Station (pick 3)

Cheeseburger, American Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Special Sauce

BBQ Brisket, Pickled Red Onion, White BBQ Sauce

Shrimp Po Boy, Cajun Remoulade

Pork Belly, Cucumber Kimchi

Nashville Hot Chicken, Pickle

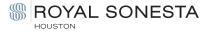
Chilled Lobster Salad, Butter Lettuce, Sauce Vert

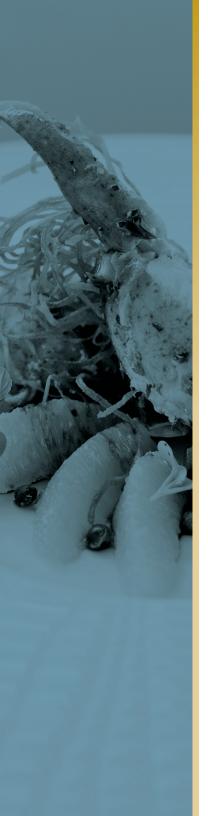
Grilled Salmon, Basil Pesto

\$27 per person

# **Sushi Station**

Sashimi and Nigiri to Include: Tuna, Salmon, Hamachi, Shrimp, Eel Assorted Rolls to Include: California, Spicy Tuna, Shrimp Tempura, Hamachi Scallion, Eel, Wasabi, Ginger, Soy \$36 per person





# RECEPTION ACTION STATIONS

Minimum of 100 Guests per Station Required | Requires \$80 Attendant

# **Risotto Station (pick 1)**

All Risotto Finished in a Parmesan Wheel
Wild Mushroom, Truffle Cream
Lobster, Grilled Corn, Asparagus, Tarragon Cream
Pancetta, Green Peas, Black Pepper Cream
Butternut Squash, Crispy Prosciutto, Brown Butter,
Sage Cream
Grilled Vegetable, Pesto Cream
\$25 per person

# **Steamed Bun Station (pick 3)**

Pork Belly, Cucumber Kimchi, BBQ Sauce
Lobster, Napa Cabbage, Red Onion, Cilantro, Wasabi
Soy Mayo
Miso Chicken, Daikon Sprouts, Ginger Sauce
Tea Smoked Duck Confit, Gochujang
BBQ Brisket, Grilled Peach BBQ
\$29 per person

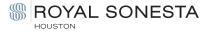
# **Pasta Station**

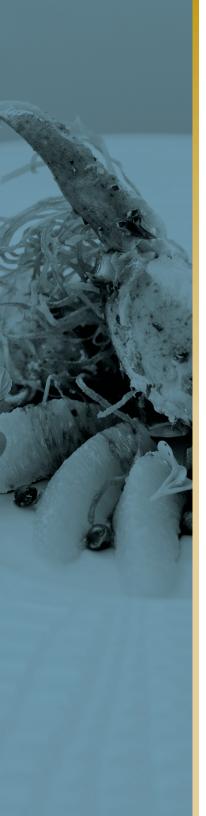
Penne, Fusilli, Bowtie
Marinara, Alfredo, Pesto Cream, Olive Oil
Grilled Chicken, Steak, Shrimp, Italian Sausage
Mushrooms, Asparagus, Sun Dried Tomatoes, Spinach,
Artichokes, Capers,
Garlic, Roasted Red Peppers, Chili Flakes, Parmesan
\$25 per person

#### Hand Pulled Mozzarella

Mozzarella Pulled to Order with...

Basil Pesto, Sun Dried Tomato Pesto, Arugula Pesto
Kalamata Tapenade, Cerignola Tapenade
Assorted Infused Olive Oils, Crusty Bread
\$36 per person





# CARVING STATIONS

Based on 1.5 Hours Serving Time | Requires \$80 Attendant per Station

# **Argentinian Marinated Flank Steak**

Chimichurri Sauce and Slider Buns \$17 per person

# **Salt Crusted Grouper**

Tomato Gremolata \$25 per person

# **Mustard Crusted Prime Rib**

Horseradish Cream, Natural Jus, Yeast Rolls \$20 per person

# **Roasted Beef Wellington**

Sauce Béarnaise \$27 per person

#### **Cedar Plank Roasted Beef Tenderloin**

Pommery Mustard and Assorted Mini Rolls \$25 per person

# **Grilled Swordfish Loin**

Pink Peppercorn Vinaigrette \$25 per person

# **Tapenade Crusted Colorado Lamb Rack**

Ratatouille, French Baguettes \$35 per person

# **Whole Roasted Free Range Turkey**

Cranberry Sauce and Yeast Rolls \$16 per person

#### Salmon Coulibiac

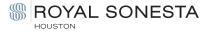
Salmon Filet Wrapped with Spinach, Egg and Rice in Flaky Puff Pastry \$23 per person

# **Cedar Plank Hot Smoked Salmon Filet**

Dill Mustard Sauce and Herbed Lavash \$21 per person

#### **Rum and Coffee Glazed Ham**

Banana Lime Salsa, Slider Buns \$14 per person





Drink Service





# WINE SERVICE

# SONESTA HOUSE SELECTION

Carousel Brut Blanc de Blancs, Loire, France (sparkling)

\$35.00

Canyon Road Chardonnay, Sonoma County CA

\$35.00

Canyon Road Sauvignon Blanc, Sonoma County CA

\$35.00

Canyon Road Pinot Grigio, Sonoma County CA

\$35.00

Canyon Road Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma County CA

\$35.00

Canyon Road Pinot Noir, Sonoma County CA

\$35.00

Canyon Road Merlot, Sonoma County CA

\$35.00

# PREMIUM HOUSE SELECTION

Chateau Ste. Michelle, WA (sparkling)

\$39.00

Simi Chardonnay, Sonoma County CA

\$42.00

Simi Sauvignon Blanc, Sonoma County CA

\$42.00

Simi Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma County CA

\$52.00

Simi Pinot Noir, Sonoma County CA

\$52.00

Simi Merlot, Sonoma County CA

\$47.00

# **KOSHER HOUSE SELECTION**

Freixenet Excelencia Brut (sparkling)

\$56.00

Baron Herzog Chardonnay, Central Coast CA

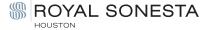
\$44.00

Baron Herzog Cabernet Sauvignon, Central Coast CA

\$44.00

Baron Herzog Merlot, Central Coast CA

\$44.00





# WINE SERVICE

# **CRAFT SELECTION**

Laetitia Brut Cuvée, Arroyo Grande Valley CA (sparkling)

\$52.00

Pierre Sparr Cremant D'Alsace Brut Rose, Alsace, France (sparkling)

\$52.00

Piper-Heidsieck Brut, Reims, France (champagne)

\$80.00

Veuve Clicquot Brut, Reims, France (champagne)

\$135.00

Moët & Chandon Brut Imperial, Epernay, France (champagne)

\$135.00

Joseph Carr Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast, CA

\$44.00

Louis Jadot Macon Villages Chardonnay, Maconnais, France

\$44.00

Veramonte Sauvignon Blanc, Casablanca, Chile

\$40.00

Simonnet-Febvre Saint-Bris, Chablis, France

\$40.00

Alois Lageder Pinot Grigio, Alto Adige, Italy

\$44.00

Friedrich Wilhelm Gymnesium Riesling, Mosel, Germany

\$42.00

Louis Martini Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma, CA

\$44.00

Starmont (Merryvale) Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley CA

\$68.00

Steltzner Claret, Napa Valley, CA

\$48.00

Roth Estate Merlot, Alexander Valley, CA

\$52.00

Milbrandt Merlot, Columbia Valley, WA

\$40.00

MacMurray Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley, CA

\$48.00

Etude Lyric Pinot Noir, Santa Barbara, CA

\$52.00

Paso Creek Zinfandel, Paso Robles, CA

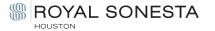
\$40.00

Doña Paula Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina

\$44.00

D'Arenberg Stump Jump Shiraz, McLaren Vale, Australia

\$36,00





# **SONESTA TIER**

Smirnoff Vodka
Bombay Gin
Bacardi Rum
Sauza Gold Tequila
Canadian Club Whisky
Jim Beam Bourbon
Dewar's Scotch

# **PREMIUM TIER**

Absolut Vodka
Beefeater Gin
Mount Gay Eclipse Rum
Don Julio Silver Tequila
Pendleton 1910 Whisky
Bulleit Bourbon
J&B Scotch

# **ROYAL TIER**

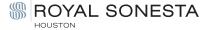
Grey Goose Vodka
Hendrick's Gin
Ron Zacapa Rum
Tres Agave Reposado Tequila
Pendleton 1910 Whisky
Woodford Reserve Bourbon
Johnny Walker Black Scotch

# **HOSTED BAR BY THE DRINK**

\$9.00
\$10.00
\$11.00
\$10.00
\$9.50
\$8.00
\$6.50
\$6.50
\$5.50
\$5.00
\$4.00

# **CASH BAR BY THE DRINK**

Sonesta Brands	\$10.00
Premium Tier	\$11.00
Royal Tier	\$12.00
Martini Bar	\$11.00
Cordials	\$10.50
House Wine	\$9.00
Imported Beer	\$7.50
Craft Beer (seasonal)	\$7.50
Domestic Beer	\$6.50
Soft Drinks	\$5.00
Bottled Spring Water	\$5.00





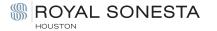
# **HOSTED BAR EXPERIENCE**

	1st Hour	2nd Hour	3rd Hour	4th Hour
Sonesta Tier	\$18.00	\$13.00	\$11.00	\$7.00
Premium Tier	\$21.00	\$16.00	\$13.00	\$10.00
Royal Tier	\$25.00	\$21.00	\$18.00	\$15.00

# **BEER AND WINE EXPERIENCE**

	1st Hour	2nd Hour	3rd Hour	4th Hour
Craft Beer and Wine	\$18.00	\$13.00	\$11.00	\$7.00
Premium Beer and Wine	\$21.00	\$16.00	\$13.00	\$10.00
Sonesta Beer and Wine	\$25.00	\$21.00	\$18.00	\$15.00

(the premium beer & wine package can be upgraded with either craft beers or wines for \$1 per person per hour)





# **CRAFT BEER & WINE**

Budweiser

**Bud Light** 

Miller Lite

Coors Light

Michelob

Blue Moon

4 Seasonal Craft Beer Selections

Joseph Carr Chardonnay

Veramonte Sauvignon Blanc

Starmont Cabernet Sauvignon

Roth Estate Merlot

Etude Lyric Pinot Noir

# **PREMIUM BEER & WINE**

Budweiser

**Bud Light** 

Miller Lite

Coors Light

Michelob Ultra

Blue Moon

Shiner Bock

Corona

Heineken

Dos Equis

Simi Chardonnay

Simi Sauvignon Blanc

Simi Cabernet Sauvignon

Simi Merlot

Simi Pinot Noir





# **SONESTA BEER & WINE**

Budweiser

**Bud Light** 

Miller Lite

Coors Light

Shiner Bock

Heineken

Dos Equis

Canyon Road Chardonnay

Canyon Road Sauvignon Blanc

Canyon Road Cabernet Sauvignon

Canyon Road Merlot

Canyon Road Pinot Noir

# **CORDIAL ENHANCEMENT**

Remy Martin VS

Cles des Ducs VSOP

Amaretto di Saronno

Daron Calvados

Frangelico

Gran Duque d'Alba

\$10 (as additional to any beverage package experience)

# **CHEESE & PORT PACKAGES**

International Cheese with Preserves, Compote, Bread and Crisp Crackers, Selection of Ports and Sherry

\$26

Local Artisanal Cheese Table, House Made Preserves, Fruits, Honeycomb, Crisp Breads, Selection of Ports and Sherry

\$28





# WEDDING INFORMATION & GUIDELINES

# **DEPOSIT/PAYMENT**

An initial deposit as specified in your personal contract and a signed catering agreement, once received, will secure your reservations for the Celebration.

A schedule of additional deposits and final payment will be outlined in the catering agreement.

The final balance of the total amount will be determined at the time of confirmed guarantee of attendance, which is (3) three business days prior to event. The final payment must be made by cash, cashier check, certified check or a major credit card.

# FOOD AND BEVERAGE MINIMUMS

All contractual agreements state a minimum revenue guarantee in food and beverage, based upon the specific room(s) being held for your event. This number may be below your anticipated expenditure, and is not considered the final cost of the event. Minimum revenues guaranteed do not include service charge, labor charges and sales tax. This minimum revenue requirement only includes revenue generated in the function room reserved for your event and does not include expenditures generated in other areas of the hotel including food and beverage outlets. Should this minimum not be met, you will be charged the difference as a room rental fee.

No leftover food, with the exception of the Anniversary Tier of the Wedding Cake or extra cake, may be removed from the premises.

#### ATTENDANCE GUARANTEE

A final headcount or guarantee will be due before 10:00am, 3 business days prior to your event. This number is considered a final guarantee. Food preparations and charges are based upon the guaranteed number of guests. If more than the guarantee is served, you will be charged accordingly. The hotel will be prepared to serve 5% over the guaranteed numbers in the event you have additional guests. If no guarantee is received 3 days prior, charges will be based on original estimated number of guests as stated in your contract.

Vegetarian and special meal requests should be brought to attention of your Catering Manager as early as possible. Last minute requests will be honored to the best of our ability.

# **SERVICE CHARGE & SALES TAX**

A taxable service charge of 24% and sales tax of 8.25% will be added to all food purchases. A taxable service charge of 24% will be added to all alcoholic beverage purchases. Mixed beverage tax is 8.25%. Service charge is subject to change without notice.

# WEDDING PLANNER & VENDORS

The Hotel encourages you to engage a wedding planner/coordinator. All vendors must provide a copy of the liability insurance policy evidencing \$1,000,000-\$5,000,000 (based on the service).

Any outside vendors (Florist, Linen Rental, Entertainment, etc.) hired for your function are fully responsible for the set up / take down of items ordered for your event. The room will be available two (2) hours before your event for set up. Any additional time will need to be requested through your Catering Manager thirty (30) days before the event.

# **DECORATIONS**

Royal Sonesta Hotel Houston will provide three votive candles to compliment your centerpiece. Guests who provide their own centerpieces are responsible for removing them from the property after the event. Centerpieces that include a flame or candle must meet with the facility's fire code of approval. Unapproved candles, open flames, sparklers or pyrotechnics require a signed permit from the Fire Marshal and in some cases having a Fire Marshal onsite. The hotel does not permit affixing of anything to walls, floors, or ceilings without prior approval.



A 16% gratuity is added to all functions for payment to hourly paid wait staff and service employees engaged in the service of the event. A taxable administrative fee of 8% is added to all function and event orders to defer overhead costs. This administrative fee is not a tip, gratuity or service charge and is not distributed to employees Flat rate bartender fees are not tips, gratuities or service charges and are not distributed to employees



# WEDDING INFORMATION & GUIDELINES

# **BRIDE & GROOM DEPARTURES**

Due to environmental and safety concerns, the use of sparklers, are not permitted.

# **ELECTRICAL NEEDS**

Electrical needs for bands and DJ's must be submitted in writing at least 4-6 weeks prior to your function. Charges for equipment, electricity and labor may apply.

# **MENU TASTING**

The tasting for your Royal Menu will be scheduled within three months of your wedding date. Please ask your catering manager for additional information.

# **CHILDREN, YOUNG ADULTS & VENDORS**

The Hotel will be happy to provide a special menu and pricing for children (ages 3-12) attending your Celebration. In addition, pricing consideration is made for young adults that will be attending the event and will not be of the legal age to consume alcohol. Vendor meals may also be arranged.

# **BEVERAGES**

Alcoholic beverages for the function must be provided by and dispensed only by Hotel servers and bartenders. Proper identification (i.e. photo ID) of any person to verify their age is required. We reserve the right to refuse alcoholic beverage service if the person is either underage or if proper identification cannot be produced. We recommend one (1) Bar and Bartender for every (100) guests. A Bartender Fee of \$85.00 is applicable (plus state tax).

# **GUEST ACCOMMODATIONS**

If overnights guest rooms are required for your guests please advise your catering manager. Special rates may be available if (10) or more rooms are required.

# LIABILITY

The Hotel reserves the right to inspect and control all private functions. Liability for damages to the premises will be charged accordingly. The Hotel cannot assume responsibility for personal property and equipment brought onto the premises. Prices are subject to change up to ninety (90) days prior to your event in accordance with fluctuating costs on some menu items.

# **SECURITY**

If, in the sole judgment of the Hotel, security is required in order to maintain order due to the size and nature of your event, the Hotel may require you to provide, at your expense, non-uniformed security personnel. Any and all provisions for security must be arranged through the Hotel. The Hotel shall have final approval on any and all security personnel.

# **INSURANCE & INDEMNIFICATION**

Guests shall indemnify and hold Hotel and its affiliates harmless from any and all claims, suits, losses, damages, and expenses on account of injury to any party in connection with the function or resulting from damage or destruction of any Hotel property by guest or any attendee of the function on the Hotel's premises.

