

# bespoke | cuisine

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## Basic Bar Setup for 50 Guests

The following are general recommendations. Knowing your guests' individual tastes and deciding ahead of time what kind of drinks will be available is the best way to plan. For instance, most full bars offer the basic mixed drinks including martinis, but may not extend to margaritas, bloody marys and frozen drinks. If you want to offer these type of drinks, we recommend you also refer to the expanded lists for additional items you'll need. We find that vodka is the most popular liquor, but if you know your guests are big whiskey or gin drinkers, then you'll probably want to double the amount we recommend here for those items. The brand names we give are in case you don't have your own preference or aren't familiar with a good quality brand to buy.

### \_\_\_ Beer

2 cases light; 2 cases regular

### \_\_\_ Wine (medium and light bodied)

1 case white: 8 bottles Chardonnay + 4 Pinot Grigio or Sauvignon Blanc

1 case red: 8 bottles Merlot + 4 bottles Shiraz or Pinot Noir

### \_\_\_ Liquor

2 large bottles vodka (e.g., Absolut or Kettle One)

1 bottle gin (e.g., Tanqueray)

1 bottle scotch (e.g., Dewars and/or a single malt such as Glenlivet)

1 large bottle whiskey/bourbon (e.g., Jack Daniels and/or Maker's Mark)

1 bottle gold tequila (e.g., Cuervo Gold)

1 small bottle dry vermouth

1 small bottle sweet vermouth

1 bottle rum (e.g., Bacardi)

#### EXPANDED SERVICE

1 bottle spiced rum (e.g., Captain Morgan's)

1 bottle each of popular liqueurs such as Amaretto, Bailey's, Chambord, Cointreau, Crème de Cacao, Crème de Cassis, Godiva (available in white and brown), Grand Marnier, Kahlúa, Ouzo, Sambuca, Southern Comfort, and Triple Sec

1 bottle each of popular schnapps such as sour apple, butterscotch, etc.

### \_\_\_ Ice

8 regular size bags

### \_\_\_ Mixers/Sodas

2 2-liter bottles tonic water

1 2-liter bottle soda water

2 2-liter bottles Coke

2 2-liter bottles Diet Coke

2 2-liter bottles 7-Up

1 2-liter bottle Ginger Ale

1 large bottle cranberry juice

1 carton orange juice

#### EXPANDED SERVICE

1 bottle margarita mix

1 bottle bloody mary mix

1 carton grapefruit juice

bottled/canned water – regular and sparkling

bitters

grenadine

worcestershire sauce

tabasco sauce

milk

heavy cream

### \_\_\_ Garnishes

6 limes

4 lemons

1 jar olives

1 jar maraschino cherries

#### EXPANDED SERVICE

salt and sugar for rims

pepper

1 pineapple

1 jar pearl onions

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## Equipment

bottle opener  
corkscrew  
jigger or shot glass  
shaker  
strainer  
bar spoon  
cutting board  
sharp knife  
ice bucket with scoop  
cooler for icing down beer and white wine  
towels  
bowls for garnishes  
pitcher for water  
cocktail napkins/coasters  
cocktail picks  
small straws

## EXPANDED SERVICE

pourer tops (for hard liquor bottles)  
electric blender  
juicer for fresh juices  
swizzle sticks  
straws  
electric ice crusher  
ice pick/chipper  
vegetable peeler/twist cutter  
grater

## Glasses

rocks glasses (also known as an old-fashioned glass)  
for mixed drinks, sodas  
wine glasses (white wine style) for wine, sparkling  
water, and beer  
martini glasses for martinis and other mixed drinks

*Note: plan on 2 glasses per person per event as a minimum; the number of each type of glass will depend on the drinking habits of your guests*

## EXPANDED SERVICE

beer mug  
champagne flute  
coffee mug  
cordial glass  
highball glass (mixed)  
hurricane glass (tropical mixed)  
margarita glass  
pilsner glass (beer)  
red wine glass  
sherry glass  
shot glass  
snifter (brandy)