



## Horseshoe Bend Cellars Vineyard & Winery

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### **Murder at the Winery**

Dear Murder Mystery Dinner Guest,

We are delighted that you joined us for this exclusive, fun-filled dinner event here at the winery. Enclosed you will find your character page, which depicts a bit about their background and relationship to the pending victim.

The story has a backdrop in 1938. If you tuned in on the radio, the big bands of Tommy Dorsey and Benny Goodman would flow from your set. The up and coming Andrew Sisters group can also be heard. The radio will also play a landmark show from that young radio host, Orson Welles; War of the Worlds. The current president is Franklin D. Roosevelt, whom can also be heard on his weekly radio fireside chats. For most of this year, he has expressed his on-going concern about status of Europe, where the storm clouds of war are beginning to gather as Hitler marches his troops into Austria. On a lighter note, the BiC pen is invented by George Biro to fulfill our writing needs.

Due to the uneasiness in Europe, Lord Heathcliff has travelled to the United States to visit friends here in Wichita Falls with his new bride. To celebrate this joyous event in their lives, Lord Heathcliff is hosting a swanky dinner party in honor of his new bride at Horseshoe Bend Cellars Winery. It is the talk of the town, and is expected to be a hit.

***Lord Heathcliff Dinner Party***

***July 35th, 2019***

***5:45 pm Arrivals***

***Game Starts at 6:00 pm***



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## HOW TO PLAY A MURDER MYSTERY GUEST INSTRUCTIONS

Professional actors are great for mysteries but do not worry because you do not have to be a good actor – or an actor at all – to play a murder mystery! The only quality that you need to possess is the ability to have a blast!

The mystery party is separated into three rounds. During the party, you will be handed an envelope that contains the clues necessary for your character for the round. The clues will provide everything that you will need to solve the mystery. However, during the investigation segment of the game, you will need to ask the right questions and pay close attention to other guests' clues to be able to get the whole picture of what has happened.

In each of your clue letters, there will be some information that you can reveal in casual conversation with other guests. You can elect to have some of those clues as information that you should be “asked” by other guests in order to reveal. You can hide the truth but do not lie and make up clues. This could alter the mystery for the other guests. Some of the information in your clue letters might be for actions to perform during certain rounds or to personal information to explain to you how your character feels about certain issues involving other characters or situations. These types of clues do not need to be revealed to the other guests.

Most of the party play will involve mingling with the other characters and finding out about each other's characters and about the clues you all have received. As the game progresses, you should have quite a bit of information to filter through to figure out the motive and the murderer! You will be asked to submit a guess of 'whodunit' and why they did it at the end of round three.

From this point forward, you are to remain in character until the mystery is solved. If you are playing a 'green alien from Mars', then that is who you are until the end! There are some characters that are designed to be played more reserved than other characters that should be played more boisterous. Feel free to play your role however you feel comfortable.



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Feel free to embellish your character's personality if you would like. However, if you are feeling more reserved tonight, you can opt to allow the other characters to approach you or you can simply listen in on others' conversations to get your information. Not everyone needs to or should have the spotlight!

Most importantly, *have fun!*

Regards,

Scott Poenitzsch  
President & CEO  
Horseshoe Bend Cellars Vineyard & Winery