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# The Wine Run at Westport Rivers Vineyard



## ATHLETE GUIDE

September 15, 2024



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## Message from the Race Directors

Welcome back to the 11th annual Wine Run - we are excited to be back at stunning Westport Rivers Vineyards. This race continues to be our favorite race - a trail run through the beautiful vines and fields followed by music, BBQ and wine right at the Vineyard. A perfect day.

*In 1982 Bob and Carol Russell sought to re-enter the wine-growing business that Carol's father, Herbert Grifenhagen, and grandfather, Max Grifenhagen, loved so dearly. The Russell couple dreamed of returning to the family's tradition of raising grapes and making champagne. In 1982, after searching the globe for the perfect place to farm flavorful sparkling wine, they chose Westport, MA. Their bold vision and daring tactic was proven to be revolutionary.*



*Several years later, the vines arrived and oldest son Rob came aboard to plant and manage the vineyard. Rob and his crew planted the first vines in 1986. Since then, our vineyard has grown to 80 acres, the largest vineyard in New England.*

**THIS IS A TRAIL RUN.** You will encounter a variety of terrain - sand, rocks, holes and divots - much like a cross country course. Please be **CAUTIOUS** when you are running.

### Post Race Festivities

Your bib has a tear off that will serve as your dinner ticket. Please do not tear this off in advance of receiving your dinner. Every participant will receive a souvenir wine glass at the finish and a free wine tasting. After this point, a cash bar will be available. We will be awarding the Top Finisher in each Age Category with a bottle of wine during our Awards Ceremony.

***THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!***

# RACE WEEKEND SCHEDULE

## SUNDAY

September 15, 2024

### Packet pick up

1 pm - 2:45 pm

*Westport Rivers Vineyard*

*417 Hixbridge Rd.*

*Westport, MA*

### Race Start

3:00 pm - Race Start

*Westport Rivers Vineyard*

*417 Hixbridge Rd.*

*Westport, MA*

### Post Race Festivities

3:30 pm - Dinner & Music

3:30 pm - Wine Tasting

4:30 pm - Awards Ceremony

*Westport Rivers Vineyard*

*417 Hixbridge Rd.*

*Westport, MA*



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# 2024 Wine Run

at Westport Rivers Vineyard  
September 15, 2024  
3 pm



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## 1. Where is there parking available?

Yes - parking is available right at the Vineyard. Volunteers will be assigning cars to locations.



## 2. Where and When is registration and bib pick up? PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

You may pick up your bib on Sunday at Westport Rivers Vineyard from 1pm to 2:45 pm. Please plan on arriving at least ONE HOUR before your race start as lines start to form as the race time approaches.

## 3. Can I pick up a friends registration packet?

Every runner needs to show a license when picking up their race packet. When picking up a packet for a friend, you need a signed note from the runner and a photocopy of their license.

## 4. Will there be medals?

For this unique race, we are providing custom wine glasses for our finishers in place of medals.

## 5. Are there Age Group Awards?

Yes, we will have an awards ceremony at approximately 4:30 pm. Our TOP Age Group winners will receive a bottle of wine from Westport Rivers Vineyard.

## 6. Can I push a stroller? Are dogs allowed?

No. The terrain is very uneven and the trail is narrow in spots. No strollers, children or dogs will be permitted on the race course.

## 7. Once I finish can I go back and run in with my friend?

No. If you cross the finish line twice the slower time will be recorded.

