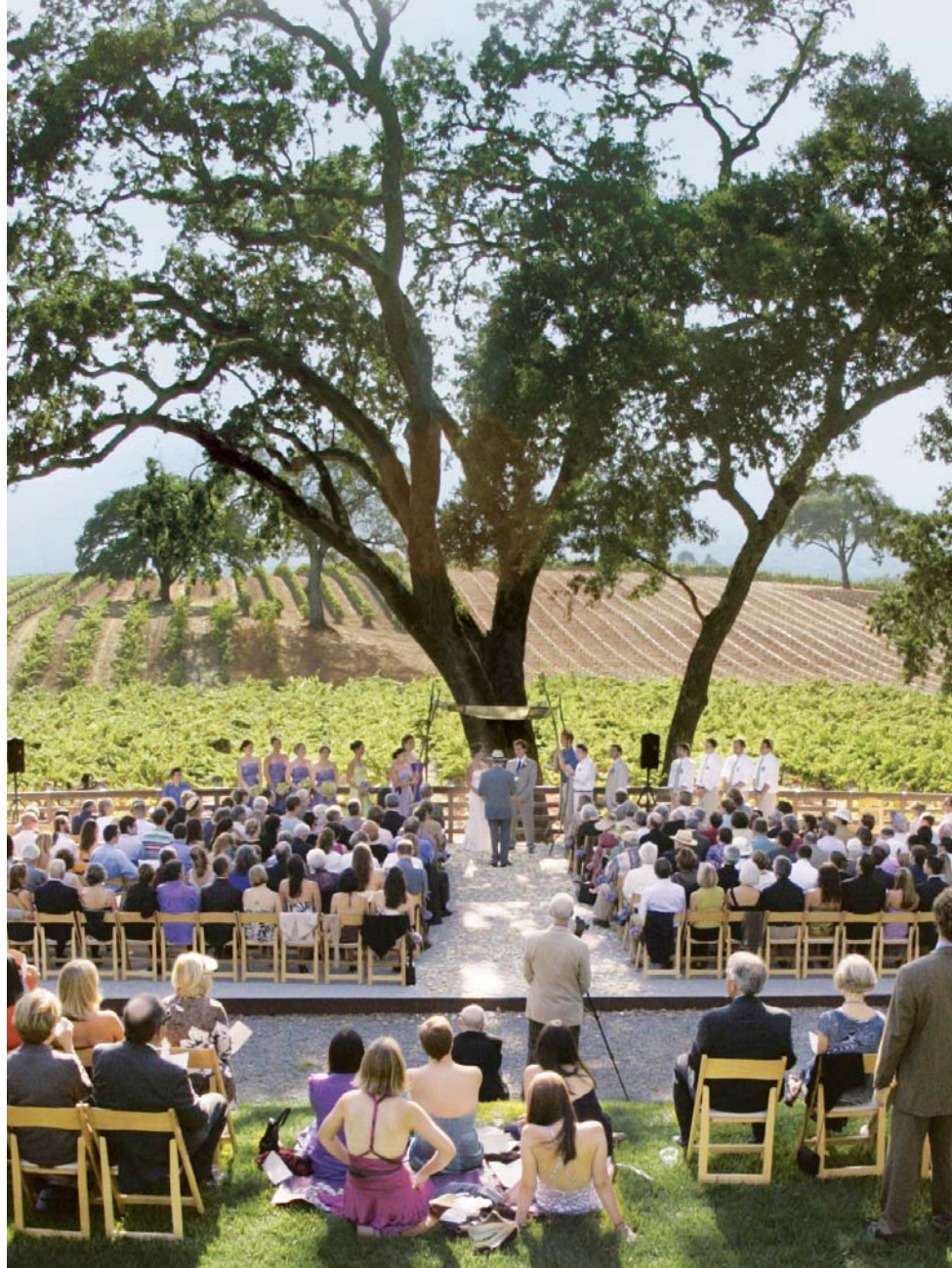


jordan & benny

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the favors

Very appropriate for their vineyard setting, Jordan and Benny sent their guests home with bottles of B.R. Cohn extra-virgin olive oil.

the location

The couple fell in love with the B.R. Cohn Winery in Glen Ellen for its natural beauty and rustic setting.



their story

Jordan Malin (now 25 and a special education teacher) and Benjamin (Benny) Blum (now 24 and an account manager) met during their sophomore year of college through a mutual friend. Four years later, they were house sitting at Benny's parents' house and exchanging gifts for the holidays. Because Benny was about to spend six months abroad, Jordan gave him an electronic poker game. "I was feeling pretty good about the gift choice, and he seemed pretty excited about it," Jordan remembers. Little did she know a proposal was about to come: Benny thanked her for the gift, hugged her, and then bent down on one knee and proposed. Soon plans were under way for an outdoor wedding in Napa with 250 of their closest family and friends. —A.W.



the bridal bouquet

Jordan walked down the aisle carrying a green and brown bouquet made of many different flowers, including the Minnesota state flower, the moccasin, in honor of her family's roots.



the escort cards

The couple's wedding planner used a corkboard to display the escort cards—perfect for their vineyard setting.

the centerpieces

Two types of brightly colored centerpieces lined the tables at the outdoor reception—one of fruits (grapes, lemons, and artichokes) and one of flowers (brown sunflowers, hydrangeas, and dahlias). >>





their ingredients

- SITE** B. R. Cohn Winery (800) 330-4064
- PHOTOGRAPHY** Lisa Leigh Photography, LisaLeigh.com, Mill Valley
- CONSULTANT** Day-of coordinator: Brandy Cabral, Bliss Event Productions (707) 746-6136, Napa
- OFFICIANT** Benny's uncle, Lorin Blum (510) 465-3927, Oakland
- GOWN** Amy Kuschel (415) 956-5657, San Francisco
- SHOES** Stuart Weitzmann (415) 591-0320, San Francisco
- HAIR** Jewel from David Oliver Salon (415) 563-2044, San Francisco
- BRIDESMAID DRESSES** Watters & Watters
- FORMALWEAR** Suit: Wilkes Bashford (415) 986-4380, San Francisco; tie: Hermes (415) 391-7200, San Francisco; shirt: Saks Fifth Avenue Men's Store (415) 986-4758, San Francisco
- INVITATIONS** Circle the Date (310) 472-6830, Los Angeles
- FLOWERS** Josette Brose-Eichar, Lavender (707) 935-8638, Sonoma
- RENTAL EQUIPMENT** Lighting: Twilight Designs (707) 570-0101, Sonoma
- CATERING** Olive and Vine (707) 996-9150
- MUSIC** Ceremony: Michael Laglia Enterprises (510) 759-4444, Piedmont; reception: Larry Lynch and the Mob (510) 215-7664, El Cerrito
- DANCE LESSONS** Cynthia Glinka, On The Dance Floor (415) 485-5500, Larkspur
- CAKE** Alexis Baking Company (707) 258-1827, Napa
- FAVORS** Extra-virgin olive oil, B. R. Cohn Winery
- ACCOMMODATIONS** Casa Bella Vista (707) 996-6720, Kenwood; Beltane Ranch (707) 996-6501

the first dance

The couple hired a band to keep the dance floor buzzing all night. They had their first dance to "Vivir Sin Aire" by Mana.

the invitations

Benny's cousin, who runs a stationery shop, helped the couple pick out an invitation to go with their rustic, wedding day celebration.

the cake

Jordan and Benny chose an apricot pistachio cake from Alexis Baking Company in Napa. They added a few fresh flowers to the top and kept the rest of the cake just the way it is usually prepared.

