

A full-page photograph of a wedding couple standing in a golden field. The groom is on the left, wearing a dark suit and a light-colored shirt, with a boutonniere. The bride is on the right, wearing a white dress, leaning her head on the groom's shoulder. The background features rolling green hills, several small trees, and a large mountain range under a cloudy sky.

CIRCLE OF TRUST

Lorraine and Damian wed in the centre of it all

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alking into the middle of a circle of friends and family in a goddess-like dress, Lorraine Jamison joined Damian Hitchen, the man she was to marry, on the green lawns of Webersburg, in the heart of the Stellenbosch Winelands. Created by a designer in Dubai (where the couple reside), Lorraine's dress was a definite showstopper. 'I'm not really a meringue kind of girl,' says the South African bride of her unique choice, where white silk and chiffon gave way to a bare back draped heavily with Grecian beads.

Lorraine brought her UK beau to her home country to be wed near the ocean, vineyards and mountains. Webersburg's massive old oak tree signed the deal, providing a natural backdrop to the outdoor ceremony.

Music filled the fresh Cape air throughout the day, with Cafe Del Mar-style tunes leading into the live sounds of a saxophone while guests sipped sundowners. The evening was equally vibey; Iridium Project, a funky six-piece band, provided melodic entertainment before popular local house DJ Craig De Sousa got guests shaking their bodies on the dance floor until the early hours of the morning.

In between all the celebrating, guests sat down to a delicious meal of either roasted rack of Karoo lamb marinated with wild rosemary and garlic or herb-stuffed chicken supreme. The children's menu included an all-time favourite: chicken burgers! Dessert was heaven for any sweet tooth, with an array of treats spread out on one table – from lemongrass-and-ginger crème brûlée, raspberry cheesecake and Amarula mousse to Turkish delight, chocolate truffles, nougat, lavender fudge and candyfloss for the little guests.

As can be expected from parties hosted by the gods and their goddesses, all spirits went home revelling in the feast of song, dance and heavenly delights.

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP Floral décor added to the lush, green, outdoor environment; pashminas were given to female guests as a gift from the bridal couple, keeping them warm right into the night; Lorraine's bare back was draped with metal Grecian beads, adding to the goddess-like allure of her flowing dress; both Lorraine and Damian love children and wanted them to be part of the festivities and their photo-booth sessions. Guests made use of the fun accessories in the booth and took a copy of their photos home as keepsakes; keeping the ceremony intimate, the couple chose to wed in the centre of a circle formed by their 60 guests.



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP All the men received cigars as gifts; the mini cakes came in three variations: dark chocolate mousse, white mousse and a lemon sponge cake; the bridal couple enjoyed their stylish wedding just as much as their guests did; the romance of the venue was enhanced with hundreds of fairy lights raining down on the long tables; a dream-like feel was created on the tables through the use of various-sized candles and a variety of white flowers, including orchids, roses and baby's breath. The clear, glass vases and candelabras allowed all the lighting to reflect and dance around the venue.

