

# Great Plains OF LOVE

Whoever said that weddings are for only a day has totally misconstrued the concept. Just like marriage, the dimensions of celebration, happiness or fun come from the heart. And the heart of this couple dictates it as such...



## LORRAINE & DAMIAN

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Stellenbosch, South Africa

A dazzling garden wedding, a knockout dress and an incredible location make this couple's wedding almost too ideal to be true.

Lorraine and Damian chose to have their wedding in Webersburg, an immaculate wine estate in South Africa, where the lovely bride is from. They had an outdoor lounge setup, bringing to mind an IKEA ad for a picnic – clean, simple lines and a pristine, almost surreal backdrop of lime-coloured grass and brooding oak trees.

The ceremony was held under a tree with a unique touch – Lorraine and Damian's guests sat in a circle of white chairs, surrounding them with hope and love as they said their vows. "We wanted to keep the ceremony close and intimate, so we chose to have it in a circle", says Lorraine.

Serenaded down the aisle by a saxophonist, Lorraine was resplendent in a flowing silk and chiffon gown by Dubai-based designer Barbara Newcomb Hobon, a Grecian-inspired dress, with metal beads draping across her bare back.



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The couple worked closely with their wedding planner, Anne Mann from Wedding Concepts to whip up the romance. The end result – a dreamlike dining atmosphere, with fairy lights cascading from the ceiling above the tables, gorgeous palm-sized white orchids floating on their long glass stands, and elegant table setting in the wedding colours of chocolate brown, sunny yellow and hints of green.

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Their three-day wedding had some traditional South African touches. "We had traces of South Africa coming through. We had welcome packs prepared for all our guests who stayed with us at the wine estate, which included biltong and other local snacks. Our wedding extended over 3 days, and on the Sunday we organised a Spitbraai (a traditional South African barbeque) which was catered for by Monty's. The men were playing cricket with the kids," said the bride.

Their reception ended with lively dancing. Lorraine's best friend arranged the music and artist selection, ranging from DJ Gary Poole with Café Del Mar style music, a six-piece band, the aforementioned saxophonist, and Craig De Sousa, South Africa's top house DJ. With such amazing music, it's no wonder that it was one of the couple's favourite moments to see everyone enjoying themselves on the dance floor.



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