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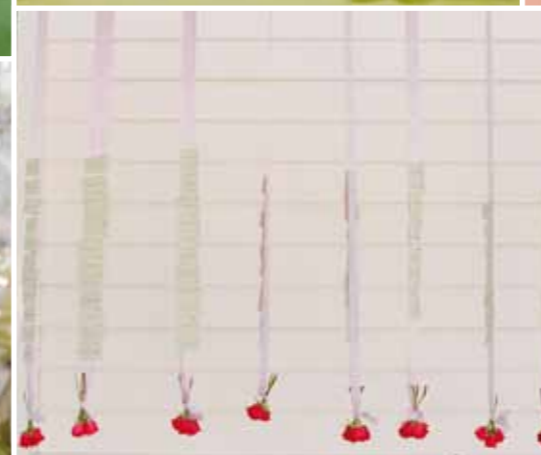


The perfect match

Lindsey and Troy's elegant ceremony and reception at Solage Calistoga, Napa Valley, California, USA

The atmosphere... I grew up spending my summers at my parents' country home in the Napa Valley wine region, and Troy and I would often visit while we were dating to spend time with my family. We both wanted to create an elegant yet fun feel for our wedding day, so it was the perfect place to base our search for the celebrations. Solage Calistoga resort in the heart of the region, with its modern barn where we could hold our reception, provided us with everything we had ever dreamed of.

The look... To inject a splash of colour I incorporated splashes of fuchsia pink, toned down with light green, lavender and cream in the flowers and table settings, and hung rustic green candlelit lanterns from the beams. We kept the centrepieces simple using elegant white ceramic vases to hold a mix of garden roses, sweet peas, viburnum and peonies. We also added a chic country feel to the tables using votives wrapped in moss. My dress by Monique Lhuillier had a vintage feel to it and was made of Italian lace, while my bouquet contained snapdragons, waxflowers and scented tuberose. My bridesmaids wore knee-length fuchsia dresses and carried bouquets of sweet peas, viburnum and buddleia. The groom and his six groomsmen wore navy-blue suits by Brooks Brothers. ▶



“We exchanged our vows in the open air, with the wonderful mountain views of the Napa Valley as a backdrop”



The details... Our cake maker created an unusual quilted design and decorated it using a leaf motif. We also created two signature cocktails: the Blushing Bride was a combination of Champagne with guava nectar, and The Giddy Groom was a blend of iced tea, lemonade and vodka – they were really popular! Other finishing touches included our delicious shortbread cookie favours and the 1955 red Thunderbird Troy and I made our grand exit in.
My favourite moment... A childhood friend of my father’s conducted our ceremony, and he asked us both to write a few paragraphs about each other. Hearing these incredible, personal words made our ceremony so unique and special to us. **W**

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- American-style cars:** If you want a car similar to Lindsey’s Thunderbird, try www.americandreams.co.uk.
- Quilted cakes:** To replicate Lindsey’s cake, contact Peggy Porschen (020 7730 1316, www.peggyporschen.com), who is renowned for her incredible designs.

Lindsey’s address book

- Photographer:** Lisa Lefkowitz (www.lisalefkowitz.com)
- Venue:** Solage Calistoga (www.solagecalistoga.com)
- Wedding planner and florist:** Robert Fountain (www.robertfountain.com)
- Dress:** Monique Lhuillier at Browns Bride (www.brownsfashion.com)
- Bridesmaid dresses:** Thread (www.threaddesign.com)
- Groomswear:** Brooks Brothers (www.brooksbrothers.com)
- Cake:** Katrina Rozelle (www.katrinarozelle.com)