

bay & greg

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the reception décor

Pale blue linens personalized the timber barn, which already satisfied the chocolate brown part of the color scheme. Elegant chandeliers kept the décor from looking too rustic.



their story

Though they both attended the same boarding school, Bay Berteau (37 and an eco shoe designer) and Greg Finney (38 and an Internet entrepreneur) didn't meet until Bay's ex-boyfriend introduced them years later. While Greg was in New York for work, he asked Bay, who lived there, to meet up. That first date lasted eight hours! Just over a year into their relationship, the two learned they were expecting their first child. "Greg and I knew we'd get married, but it seemed more pressing now that we had a baby on the way," says Bay. One night soon after, Greg took Bay to the wine bar where they spent most of their first date. He popped the question in a rose petal-covered room. They set the date: one year from the day they got engaged! —MB



the favors

Guests were able to pick between boxes of organic chocolate truffles or potted herb plants for their takeaways. Both favors were gone by the end of the night.

the bridesmaid bouquets

The bridesmaid bouquets mimicked the earthy feel of Bay's bouquet and had many of the same flowers too. The muted colors of the blooms matched the subdued tone of the bridesmaid dresses.

the wedding party looks

No one was feeling blue in their versatile cadet and navy attire. Tuxes would have felt too stuffy in the rustic venue, but navy suits, coupled with the bridesmaids' cadet blue dresses, were just formal enough. >>



the ceremony décor

To let the natural setting shine, the couple married beneath birch branches draped in ivory netting and herbs. Guests could shade themselves from the hot sun with parasols the couple provided.

the signature cocktail

Cleverly named “The Gray,” a combination of Bay’s and Greg’s first names, the signature drink included Grey Goose vodka, fresh lemonade and a sprig of mint. Guests also enjoyed local, organic wines during the cocktail hour.

the boutonniere

Greg’s formal pinstriped jacket got an organic accent from the tulip, rose bud and thistle boutonniere. A white ribbon wrap kept the look crisp.



style notes

The vineyard setting partially helped set the tone: “Rustic elegance meets Paris flea market,” as Bay describes it. The couple mixed vintage and modern elements within their chocolate, pale blue and sage palette and incorporated organic and local elements wherever they could.

their ingredients

CEREMONY AND RECEPTION SITE The Atwood Ranch, Glen Ellen, (707) 935-0621

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HAIR AND MAKEUP Leticia Ontiveros-McClune, Beehive Sonoma Your Beauty Destination, Sonoma, (707) 996-1063

SHOES FormandFauna.com

BRIDESMAID DRESSES Calvin Klein, Nordstrom.com

STATIONERY Invitations: Real Card Company, Seattle, WA, (206) 325-1854; programs, menu cards and table cards: Kinkos, Kinkos.com; escort, place cards and calligraphy: Real Card Company, Seattle, WA, (206) 325-1854

FLOWERS Anne Appleman Flowers & Plants, Sonoma, (707) 938-3571

RENTAL EQUIPMENT Classic Party Rentals, Napa, (707) 253-2332; La Tavola Fine Linens, Napa, (707) 257-3358; Wine Country Party & Events, Sonoma, (707) 940-6060; lighting: Twilite Design, Santa Rosa, (707) 570-0101

CATERING Sage Catering, San Rafael, (415) 491-2222

CEREMONY AND RECEPTION MUSIC Night Fever, Fremont, (510) 673-3873

CAKE AND DESSERTS Alexis Baking Company, Napa, (707) 258-1827; macaroons: Miette Patisserie & Confiserie, San Francisco, (415) 837-0300

FAVORS Organic herbs and pots: Sloat Garden Center, Mill Valley, (415) 388-0365; organic chocolate truffles: Intemperantia, Los Angeles, (800) 982-0088

TRANSPORTATION California Wine Tours, Sonoma and Napa, (800) 294-6386

ACCOMMODATIONS The Gaiage House, Glen Ellen, (707) 935-0237

HONEYMOON Morocco and Switzerland

the centerpieces

The table arrangements closely resembled the bouquets, mixing earthy flowers like thistle and lavender with bridal favorites like peonies and hydrangeas. To work in the rest of their palette, the couple chose blue linens with either striped or vine-patterned overlays.

the reception

After attending Greg's cousin's barn wedding in upstate New York, Bay decided she wanted a similar setting for her wedding. "The Atwood Ranch near our new home in Mill Valley felt right the moment we set foot on the soil," says Bay.

