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The wine enthusiasts and L.A. transplants visited 30 wineries across the state, seeking out a set-worthy wedding site. Tracy, a 30-year-old billing assistant, and Franklin unexpectedly found it at former horse ranch Bridlewood Estate Winery.

Highlighting the three-day weekend celebration, the pair exchanged vows by a pond in the center of the horse track. Watermelon juice served in large crocks and Japanese fans on the ceremony seats offset the warm California climate. "One deviation that we're quite pleased with was the layout of our bridal party," Franklin says—the groomsmen alternated with the bordeaux-clad bridesmaids, flanking the couple on both sides.

During cocktail hour, guests played bocce ball amid passed apps. For dinner on the patio, vases of roses, calla lilies, or dahlias topped burgundy-accented tables. A wrought-iron screen holding 40 votives cast a romantic glow behind the four-layer circular cake with chocolate designs.

The toasts confirmed the newlyweds' movie-like love story—the bride's longtime friend spoke about how Tracy named Franklin her "Harry" before they ever started dating. Citing another flick, Franklin explains, "It was a dream wedding saturated with so much love it seemed like we were in a Frank Capra film." A wonderful day indeed. —K.M.



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