

ali & matt

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the reception

A fabric ceiling, ornate chandeliers and chiavari chairs provided a formal flair for the indoor reception space, which was made to feel like a tent.



their story

Ali Roche (28 and an MBA student) was getting her Starbucks fix when Matt Ellinger (30 and a graphic designer/freestyle ski coach) asked her to join him at his table. After several hours of talking, they decided to move to Ali's apartment for dinner. After eating, Matt invited her out for the night with him and his friends. From that point on, the two were inseparable, and two years later, Ali was already planning their wedding—despite the fact that Matt hadn't actually proposed yet! When the couple was visiting Newport, she insisted they stop at Castle Hill to meet with a wedding planner. After checking out the venue, Matt asked her to walk near the cliff on the property, which overlooked the waves. He proposed and, despite all of Ali's planning, she was shocked! —CM

the favors

Ali and Matt spent six months brewing beer for their 200 guests to take home in personalized bottles. The labels included the couple's tree motif, their colors and wedding date.

the bridesmaid looks

Pink shawls—a last-minute touch due to unexpected cold weather—added a burst of color to the bridesmaids' champagne gowns by David Meister.

the ceremony programs

Pocket-sized programs were printed with an antique-gold ink and fuchsia border, matching the invitations. The recurring tree design gave guests a peek into the ceremony, during which the couple planted a unity tree.



their ingredients

SITE Castle Hill Inn & Resort, Newport, RI, (888) 466-1355

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OFFICIANT Pastor Hank Wilson, Reunion Christian Church, Boston, (617) 859-0595; Reverend Rodrick Echols, First Baptist Church, Jamaica Plain, (617) 524-3992

GOWN Bridal Gown: Carolina Herrera, eBay.com; reception cocktail dress: A.B.S. by Allen Schwartz, BlueFly.com

HAIR Celebeautique Hairspa and Salon, Newport, RI, (401) 847-7377

VEIL Best Fit, Boston, (617) 266-4490

SHOES Betsey Johnson, Zappos.com

WEDDING RINGS Engagement ring: Bedrosian Jewelry, Boston, (617) 227-9452; bride's wedding band: Homsy Jewelers, Boston, (617) 523-1918; groom's wedding band: E.B. Horn Company, Boston, (617) 542-3902

JEWELRY John Hardy, Ruelala.com

BRIDESMAID DRESSES David Meister, SmartBargains.com

FORMALWEAR Joseph Abboud, Classic Tuxedo, Boston, (617) 424-7707, the groomsmen's tuxes were rented: Ralph Lauren, Classic Tuxedo, Boston, (617) 424-7707

STATIONERY Ellinger Design, Brighton, (949) 922-3173

MUSIC Ceremony and cocktail hour: Irie Roots, Providence, RI, (888) 474-3832; reception: DJ Deja, Belmont, (781) 248-5660

CAKE Pastiche Fine Desserts and Café, Providence, RI, (401) 861-5190

FAVORS Beer: Brewed by the groom; labels: Ellinger Design, Brighton, (949) 922-3173

TRANSPORTATION HTS Limousine, Bridgewater, (617) 816-5467

ACCOMMODATIONS Castle Hill Inn & Resort, Newport, RI, (888) 466-1355; Pilgrim House Inn, Newport, RI, (401) 846-0040; Hampton Inn, Coventry, RI, (401) 823-4041

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