

Zukile Vokwana and Bongive Pityi

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Zukile and I both come from families that place the importance of family at the core of what matters the most in life. We are both middle aged, career-focused and driven, and we're also very private and tend to be homebodies, a trait that makes it difficult to meet people! On our first date we chatted well past midnight, and it didn't take long for us to become inseparable. Zukile proposed a month later and here we are today...



A chic, vibrant and ultra-glamorous celebration



Tell us about your wedding

We both grew up in the Eastern Cape, which is regarded as South Africa's wild province thanks to its expanses of untouched beach, bush and forest. The quaint town of Franschhoek is full of greenery and surrounded by majestic mountains – so basically the perfect place for us to get married. In our first meeting with our wedding planner we were reviewing various venues when she recommended we take a drive to Franschhoek and look at three top wedding venues there. On arriving at La Paris Wine Estate we both connected with the venue immediately, and the deciding factor was the location of the gazebo. The walk to the gazebo takes one through scenes of enchanted gardens and greenery. The gazebo is in the centre of a lush lawn complemented by big trees and a 360 degree view of the majestic mountains. It resonated well with who we are as a couple. Zukile's side of the family comprises three families in one, and as such the size of the venue was also important to us. We wanted all our loved ones together with our business associates to be able to share in our moment of joy.

The inspiration for our wedding was borne out of our personal style, which is opulent and elegant. Wedding Concepts took this brief and not only expertly guided us through each step of our planning journey, but designed a chic, vibrant and ultra-glamorous celebration for us. A mix of glamorous gold, bold contrasting colours, vibrant shades of fuchsia flowers and many bespoke design elements gave the wedding that wow-factor. Not least because 40 stunning crystal chandeliers were suspended over the tables and the golden seven-tier wedding cake from Cakes By Wade almost stole the show! The stage and dance floor were customised too, and our beautiful outdoor lounge area was the talking point during pre-dinner drinks.



Little black book

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