

THE THIRD LARGEST STATE IN LAND AREA, CALIFORNIA HAS IT ALL — VINEYARDS, NO OTHER. THE MEDITERRANEAN CLIMATE DOESN'T HURT, EITHER. HERE'S HOW TO PULL

DESERTS, BEACHES, MOUNTAINS, BIG CITIES, RUSTIC RANCHES AND CELEBRITY CRED LIKE OFF AN UNFORGETTABLE FETE IN THIS WEST COAST WONDERLAND. *by Carrie Bell*



NICK RADFORD



TUCKED BETWEEN TOWERING MOUNTAINS ON THE EASTERN EDGE OF THE STATE, THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE REGION IS HOME TO SEVEN SKI RESORTS. BUT IN THE SUMMER, THE 17,520-ACRE LAKE — WITH 72 MILES OF PRISTINE SHORELINE — TAKES CENTER STAGE.

**9** The Jewel of the Sierras dazzles couples looking to get hitched at high altitude with sapphire water, emerald-green trees, black-diamond slopes and venues of all shapes and sizes.

“People often think of Tahoe as only a winter destination, but the ski resorts are some of the busiest summer-wedding venues in town,” says pro-snowboarder-turned-planner Merrily Rocco of Merrily Wed. “It’s a beautiful place for an event year-round.”

Whether you throw a peak-side parka party, fireside lodge festivities or a white-gloved waterside summer wedding at a private estate, Rocco advises making a backup plan (“Weather can be unpredictable”) and investing in heaters and umbrellas (“You’ll use both”).

Other musts: Incorporate an antique wooden boat into the ceremony. Throw a rehearsal dinner on the *Tahoe Gal* paddle-wheel boat. Go outside. (“Hike. Bike. Float down the Truckee River.”) Avoid Fourth of July. (“With only one road going around the lake, you, your guests and your vendors won’t get anywhere on time.”) Welcome bags could include homemade trail mix and a fundraising “Keep Tahoe Blue” sticker for local flavor.

## venues

- WEST SHORE CAFE  
westshorecafe.com
- NORTHSTAR CALIFORNIA SKI RESORT  
northstarcalifornia.com
- PLUMPJACK SQUAW VALLEY INN  
plumpjacksquawvalleyinn.com
- SUNNYSIDE LAKE HOUSE  
merrilywed.com
- THUNDERBIRD LODGE HISTORIC SITE  
thunderbirdtahoe.org/occasions



Jordan Tabak and Stephanie Dubreuil (here and previous spread) got hitched at Long Branch Saloon & Farm. FROM TOP LEFT: Zephyr Cove, Lake Tahoe. Chairlift love at Squaw Valley Ski Resort. Hay-bale seating in Santa Ynez. A dessert spread at Rancho Dos Pueblos. Wood-slice cake stands and cowboy boots lend a country vibe.

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A 2013 SURVEY BY ONEWED CONFIRMED THAT THE RUSTIC WEDDING TREND IS STILL GOING STRONG. FROM RANCHES TO BARNs, HERE ARE FIVE TOP WEDDING SPOTS.

**1** ➔ **Santa Margarita Ranch, Santa Margarita** “A gem within a 900-acre piece of the California-mission system, the ranch is at the

**3** ➔ **Long Branch Saloon & Farm, Half Moon Bay** “This delightful western-town location has an excellent staff and catering service. There’s a chapel for the ceremony and a large area for the reception.” — Terry Plank of Weddings by the Sea

base of grassy hills where many couples say I do. Dinner and dancing are typically held in the Asistencia barn, and a vintage Disneyland train takes guests between locations.” — Antonia Christianson of Antonia Christian Events

**4** ➔ **Rancho Dos Pueblos, Santa Barbara** “Only 15 miles from downtown Santa Barbara, this property includes a private beach, a newly restored barn and an estate lawn at the historic 1922 Casa Grande.” — Rinderknecht

**2** ➔ **Durham Ranch, Napa** “The perfect venue if you want privacy, a modern-meets-rustic feel and to party late! It’s a little drive from the town of Napa but worth it.” — Alison Rinderknecht of Alison Events

**5** ➔ **Spanish Oaks Ranch, Santa Margarita** “Wide-open spaces here are filled with majestic oak trees, a large pond and a great house that’s a nice place to get ready for the wedding.” — Zachariah Stowasser of Stillwater Cinematography



Stealing a kiss on Big Sur's spectacular coast. OPPOSITE CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Sunset in Big Sur. A bouquet of California wildflowers. A clifftop sign leads the way to drinks and hors d'oeuvres. A bird's-eye view of Catalina Island.

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ONE LOOK AT THE CRAGGY OUTCROPPINGS AND WILD WAVES AND YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHY BIG SUR AND THE MONTEREY PENINSULA HAVE SERVED AS MUSE TO JOHN STEINBECK AND JACK KEROUAC.

**STAY** → The 2013 refresh of **Glen Oaks Big Sur**, a 1957 motor lodge and cabin collection on the forested banks of the Big Sur River, is all rustic and green and mod, with organic cotton bedding, bamboo floors and recycled framework. Tie the knot in a redwood grove, then dine on Cajun-meets-Cali cuisine on Big Sur Roadhouse's fire-pit-equipped patio. *Rooms from \$225; weddings from \$3,500.*

**Hyatt Carmel Highlands** proffers brand-name backing and amenities without a chain feel. Most of the 48 rooms have an ocean view, as do all four event venues — the most stunning is an open-air gazebo on a redwood deck perched high above the surf. *Rooms from \$369; site fees from \$2,500.*

Feel the salty breeze and the sand between your toes when marrying by the dunes at **Sanctuary Beach Resort** in Marina. Start your special day in the Serenity Spa and finish it at a private bonfire or in the tastefully Tiki-themed Kula Ranch Steakhouse. *Rooms from \$232; weddings from \$6,500.*

**PLAY** → Looking for a family friendly itinerary? Try **Monterey Bay Aquarium**, **Cannery Row** or a

**EXPERT PICKS** Longtime Canvas & Canopy Events producer **Cortnie Purdy Fausner** recently founded global celebration locations website [VenueReport.com](http://VenueReport.com).

**WELCOME BAGS** Spoil guests with Carmel Lavender Farm's fragrant oil, soap or honey.

**LOCAL DESSERT** Fill a sweets table with help from Big Sur Bakery, which turns out delectable tarts, cupcakes, brownies, ginger scones and more from a converted '30s cabin.

**PLANNING TIP** Avoid April — Big Sur hosts a marathon, and foodies invade the Pebble Beach Food & Wine Festival. Check the PGA calendar as well; tournaments bring higher hotel prices and more traffic.

sightseeing outing with **Ag Venture Tours** to explore the Salad Bowl of the World. For grown-ups, there are wine tastings at **Bernardus** and **Chateau Julien**; **Carmel-by-the-Sea** galleries; hot-rock rubs for two at **Carmel Valley Ranch's** spa; and afternoon tea at the Doris Day-owned **Cypress Inn**. Sporty guests will enjoy golfing, sailing, diving the kelp beds with **Seven Seas Scuba**, and paddling Elkhorn Slough with **Kayak Connection**.

**PARTY** → Land, sea and sky meet at the secluded, six-acre **Wind & Sea Estate**. Natural light pours through clerestory windows onto blond hardwoods, and lush grounds with bright wildflowers pop in pictures. Curvy paths lead to a stone amphitheater and fire ring, prime for partying late into the inky night.

Posing with the trademark trees, foamy spray, white boulders and sunbathing seals in Pacific Grove's **Lovers Point Park** is a longtime tradition in these parts. The lawn is available for ceremonies.

Stand Out  
**BEACH SPOTS**

LIFE'S ALWAYS A BEACH IN THESE CLASSIC COASTAL COMMUNITIES.



**1 → Catalina Island** This southernmost Channel Island offers everything from adventures (kayaking, parasailing) to architecture, like the 1929 Casino. Recent additions like **Island Spa Catalina** and **Descanso**

**Beach Club's** new ballroom have increased the spot's wedding worthiness. **2 → Newport Beach** Find your inner real housewife in this Orange County locale that marries city convenience, stunning sunsets,

sumptuous digs (**Resort At Pelican Hill**) and crowd pleasers like golfing, boating, shopping, spas and fine dining (Fig & Olive, Oak Grill). **3 → Coronado Island Minutes** from downtown San Diego is a relaxing hamlet with award-winning beaches and 70-degree temps. The jewel of Crown City — and a top wedding spot — is **Hotel Del Coronado**, rumored to be the inspiration for *The Wizard of Oz's* Emerald City.



THE CITY OF ANGELS HAS IT ALL, THIS VAST SEA OF PARKING LOTS



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Groomsmen bare their soles in Culver City. A postwedding photo op in front of SmogShoppe. Sunny SoCal calls for cute shades. Lombardi House offers a slice of the countryside in the heart of Hollywood. A tangy salad at Faith & Flower. A community reception table at SmogShoppe. Even cocktails feature fresh produce at Culver City's Muddy Leek.



## BEVERLY HILLS

**VIBE** ➔ Swank holiday  
**BED** ➔ Celebrate in the world's most famous ZIP code at **The Beverly Hilton**. Serve the official Golden Globes menu in the ballroom where awards are handed out, or cut a rug in the Stardust Penthouse à la Sofia Vergara.

**I DO'S** ➔ **Greystone Mansion**, a 1928 oil-heir-owned Tudor gem with manicured gardens fit for glitterati gatherings, features the bowling alley Daniel Day Lewis used in *There Will Be Blood*.

**REHEARSAL DINNER** ➔ Next door in Century City, **Hinoki & the Bird** (below) attracts



A-listers like Jennifer Garner and Gwyneth Paltrow with its airy patio and global gastronomy. The *Top Chef* alum at the helm, Kuniko Yagi, can create custom menus to commemorate the occasion.

**GROUP ACTIVITY** ➔ Treat your bridesmaids at **côte**, a mani-pedi palace in Brentwood available for private polishes (below).

**LOCAL TOUCH** ➔ Complete your bridal look with a one-of-a-kind Swarovski-crystal crown or a hand-beaded tulle hair bandeau by Courtney Prince, the local designer behind **Doloris Petunia**.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: SHUTTERS ON THE BEACH; COURTESY CONCARTA CAKE TOPPERS; VALORIE DARING (VALORIEDARLINGPHOTOGRAPHY.COM); COURTESY PEDDLER'S CREAMERY; COURTESY SMOG SHOPPE; COURTESY SUNNY SO CAL; COURTESY LOMBARDI HOUSE; COURTESY FAITH & FLOWER; COURTESY SMOG SHOPPE; COURTESY MUDDY LEEK RESTAURANT; HOTELS WORLDWIDE; DANIELLE POPP PHOTOGRAPHY; COURTESY LOBSTA TRUCK; NIA WANGER; TONY MUSCONIC; MARK BROOKE; COURTESY MUDDY LEEK RESTAURANT

## HOLLYWOOD

**VIBE** ➔ Star quality  
**BED** ➔ You'll find no shortage of glamour at **W Hollywood** (above), thanks to its multistory staircase, rooftop ballroom and proximity to Tinseltown's landmarks, like the Walk of Fame.

**I DO'S** ➔ Extensive work on **Lombardi House**, a 1904 Victorian farmhouse and stable, was completed summer 2013. Host your shebang in the 1,700-square-foot blank-slate event barn.

**REHEARSAL DINNER** ➔ Evade paparazzi on the Sunset Strip by slipping through **RivaBella's** back entrance and into the private room, featuring 50 seats for a gourmet Tuscan feast from Michelin-starred chef Luigi Fineo.

**GROUP ACTIVITY** ➔ Purchasing a temporary membership unlocks admittance to the **Magic**



**Castle**, a unique private club (and Katy Perry's birthday-bash site) founded in 1963. Host a brunch of crab legs and card tricks amid magic and showbiz memorabilia.

**LOCAL TOUCH** ➔ The only thing more Angeleno than kale juice and yoga pants is food-truck devotion. Many of the most popular, like **Lobsta Truck** (above), can bring meals-on-wheels to your shindig.

FROM AS-SEEN-ON-TV WEDDING LOCATIONS TO ZEPPELIN COVER BANDS. TO HELP NONNATIVES NAVIGATE AND PALM TREES, HERE'S A BY-NEIGHBORHOOD GUIDE TO MARRYING IN THIS METROPOLIS.



## SANTA MONICA

**VIBE** ➔ Beachy keen  
**BED** ➔ Shingled sides, Vineyard Vines-outfitted employees, ballroom fireplaces and saltwater taffy at the ready make **Shutters on the Beach** (above) Nantucket natty. But the Pacific Terrace's ocean backdrop and nightly sunset shows are signature SoCal.

**I DO'S** ➔ Throw a Gatsby-inspired gala at the restored 1920s oceanfront guesthouse of actress Marion Davies, part of the five-acre **Annenberg Community Beach House**.

**REHEARSAL DINNER** ➔ Kick off your wedding weekend in **The Bungalow** at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel. The upscale surf shack flaunts retro-cottage decor, marquee-letter lights that spell *amor*, pingpong, pool tables, ocean views and food from the resort's farm-friendly restaurant, **FIG**.

**GROUP ACTIVITY** ➔ Plan a **Santa Monica Pier** play day. Rent bikes. Take a trapeze lesson. Ride the world's only solar-powered Ferris wheel at Pacific Park, the West Coast's last amusement park on a pier.

**LOCAL TOUCH** ➔ Friends don't let friends leave the Golden State without a tan. Fill bridesmaid gift bags with locally concocted organic **Chocolate Sun** Cocoa Glow sunless tanning cream for the body (\$40, above).

## CULVER CITY

**VIBE** ➔ Artsy smartsy  
**BED** ➔ Currently celebrating its 90th anniversary and an overhaul from top to grand-lobby bottom when new owners took over in 2006, the 46-room **Culver Hotel** oozes character — think Regency wallpaper, crystal chandeliers and an old-fashioned fire escape.

**I DO'S** ➔ Formerly a smog check center, **Smog-Shoppe** (below) is creative reuse at its finest. Barely recognizable save for the retractable glass garage doors, oil-stained concrete floors and various signs, the site is now a succulent-covered boho oasis of carefully curated found objects and mismatched furniture.

**REHEARSAL DINNER** ➔ The minimalist patio of **Muddy Leek**, with its wood benches and vertical planter boxes, is a good choice for unfussy couples who care about what they consume — in this case, from-scratch, farm-to-fork fare from a husband-and-wife team who cut their teeth in catering.

**GROUP ACTIVITY** ➔ Go behind the scenes on a two-hour walking tour of the **Sony Pictures Studio** lot, where Dorothy followed the original Yellow Brick Road and Spider-Man battled bad guys.

**LOCAL TOUCH** ➔ LA-based **Concarta** creates delicate couple cake toppers (above) using paper maps of your hometowns or destination.



## DOWNTOWN

**VIBE** ➔ Hipster HQ  
**BED** ➔ With handcrafted furniture, a vinyl library, art installations and a restored Spanish-Gothic Theater, **Ace Hotel** has become the center of gravity of the new downtown since opening in the 1927 United Artists skyscraper in early 2014.



**I DO'S** ➔ **Carondelet House** (above) — a 1928 Italianate manse with exposed brick, paned windows, tufted couches, sun-dappled courtyards and arched doorways — provides the ideal setting for vintage styling.

**REHEARSAL DINNER** ➔ **Faith & Flower** serves rustic Californian cuisine and pays homage to the area's storied past with craft cocktails like the fiery table-side absinthe presentation.

**GROUP ACTIVITY** ➔ Stroll the Arts District to scope out galleries and pro graffiti before grabbing a nightcap at **Angel City** brewery or **EightyTwo**, a nostalgia-inducing arcade and bar.

**LOCAL TOUCH** ➔ Hire **Peddler's Creamery** to scoop bicycle-churned artisanal ice cream (above) in creative flavors.





NAPA VALLEY, 90 MINUTES NORTH OF SAN FRANCISCO, SURPRISED THE WORLD WHEN IT STOLE THE WINEMAKING SPOTLIGHT FROM FRANCE AT A BLIND TASTING IN 1976. ALONG WITH SONOMA, NAPA BLENDS SMALL-TOWN CHARM, A BIG-CITY CULINARY SCENE AND BUCOLIC WEDDING BACKDROPS. BY KRISTINE HANSEN



A vineyard embrace at Calistoga Ranch. CLOCKWISE FROM RIGHT: A whitewashed barn at Hammer Sky Winery. An atmospheric reception and sun-kissed ceremony at Firestone Vineyards (2). Sparkling wine peeps up parties in wine country. Fresh produce doubles as cake decor in this agricultural region. A groom shows off the harvest at Annadel Estate Winery. A portrait session in Napa Valley.



THE GOLDEN STATE HAS MORE THAN 2,000 WINERIES. BELOW ARE JUST A FEW PLANNER FAVORITES.

- 1 ➔ Hammer Sky Winery, Paso Robles** "Hammer Sky was built in 1904 in New Hampshire and transported to the charming area of Paso Robles. Every direction you look within the winery, you see the character of this historic site." — *Antonia Christianson of Antonia Christianson Events*
- 2 ➔ Firestone Vineyards, Santa Barbara** "Home to the Crossroads Estate and countless mesa



**STAY** ➔ Tucked away in tiny Yountville — home to legendary chef Thomas Keller's restaurant row (French Laundry, Ad Hoc, Bouchon Bakery and Bouchon Bistro) — is the 5-year-old, platinum-LEED-certified **Bardessono**. Host up to 150 guests on the patio or just 60 at Lucy Restaurant, serving passed canapes like oysters and Dungeness crab cakes made with seafood plucked from nearby waters. *Rooms from \$900 (high season), \$550 (low season); weddings from \$15,000.*

At **Meadowood**, a favorite vacay spot of Oprah, estate chef Alejandro Ayala sits down with each couple to customize every reception menu. Wed under towering redwoods, followed by cocktails and dinner on the Vintners Glen, glowing with hurricane candles, twinkle lights and fire pits. *Studios from \$750 (high season), \$495 (low season); weddings from \$400 per guest.*

**EXPERT PICKS**  
**Marisa Manna Ferrell** has planned events in Napa and Sonoma since 2007. **WELCOME BAGS** Add winery maps and a list of your favorite restaurants and activities. I'll often tuck complimentary tasting cards to wineries in the bags, too. **PLANNING TIP** September and October are perfect. Foliage on the vines is stunning. It's a dry heat (90s but not humid), and it cools down at night. Avoid Labor Day weekend due to high hotel and airfare costs, as well as crowding

After-parties in **Calistoga Ranch's** wine cave avoid the 10 p.m. noise ordinance. After a poolside ceremony, dine with up to 120 guests on the Lommel Lawn, overlooking Lake Lommel and buffered by mountains. Or opt for Sotero Vineyard, Napa Valley's only hotel domaine, which can host an intimate feast for up to 16. Embrace the farm-to-table movement with a group egg collection at the new Chicken Coop, followed by made-to-order omelets. *Rooms from \$735; weddings from \$5,000 (up to 10 guests).*

All 86 of **Carneros Inn's** 450-square-foot cottages exude luxury thanks to private gardens, fire pits and outdoor showers. Ride loaner bikes to a group DIY winery picnic of fixings from the inn's gourmet-foods store. For the big day, choose from the apple orchard or the hilltop dining room with panoramic views (seats 80). For a larger group (up to 175 guests), two ballrooms are connected by a courtyard. *Rooms from \$850 (high season), \$520 (low season); weddings from \$8,750.*



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**PLAY** ➔ Wine-country *terroir* is flush with diversions, from a paddle-boarding bachelor party with **Napa Valley Paddle** to mud baths for the 'maids at the region's most famed spa, **Dr. Wilkinson's Hot Springs Resort**. A friends-and-family half-day cycling tour led by **Getaway Adventures** folds in a gourmet picnic lunch and winery stops, while **Relish** organizes private, custom cooking classes for the foodies on your guest list. Kick off the first full day with a group hike on the new 1.8-mile **Laguna de Santa Rosa Trail**, which rambles by a freshwater wetland and a vineyard overlook.

**PARTY** ➔ Vineyard vistas cue romance. Say I do amid 450 acres of vines at **Clos Pegase Winery**, an architectural masterpiece by Michael Graves; candlelit cave dinners (for up to 300) are a crowd pleaser. At **Chalk Hill Ridge Park**, host a welcome barbecue among 500-year-old oaks and 360-degree views of some of Sonoma County's best appellations. Venues at **Chalk Hill Estate Vineyards & Winery** include an outdoor park, a mission-style chapel and a large pavilion nearly covered in windows.

Channel the Old World at the 1880s stone ruins of **Annadel Estate Winery**, reborn in 2007, or its preserved, perfectly distressed barn; pluck organic produce and heirloom-floral bouquets from onsite gardens. **Long Meadow Ranch Winery & Farmstead's** apple-orchard ceremony location and event barn exude a rustic-chic vibe. **Arista Winery** comprises a trio of flexible event spaces: Dine and dance at Oak Grove among century-old oaks; sip cocktails on a tiered lawn; and soak in Russian River Valley views from the pavilion.

from the many winery events. **PHOTO OP** I strongly encourage sunset photos in the vineyards. Photos in a winery's barrel room are also sexy. **LOCAL TOUCH** Incorporate a wine ceremony into your vows. Blending the wine together symbolizes coming together as one. Or the officiant can uncork a bottle you've chosen and pour a glass for you to share. Some couples order special etched or monogrammed wine glasses.

views overlooking acres of rolling hills and vineyards, Firestone is one of the most highly sought-after wedding destinations in Santa Barbara wine country." — *Joy Proctor of Joy Proctor Design*  
**3 ➔ Malibu Rocky Oaks, Malibu** "Located 30 minutes from LA, Malibu Rocky Oaks is a great option for those wanting to be near the beach and to have their reception overlooking the sea." — *Alison Rinderknecht of Alison Events*  
**4 ➔ Rideau Vineyard, Solvang** "Gardens, oaks, historic adobe and New Orleans hospitality make Rideau Vineyard perfectly suited for a memorable destination wedding." — *Wayne Gurnick of Events by Wayne*





AN EASY DRIVE FROM LA, PALM SPRINGS IS A PERFECT JUMBLE OF MOD DESIGN, PURPLE MOUNTAINS AND CRYSTALLINE POOLS. NO WONDER THIS DESERT OASIS HAS BEEN FREQUENTED BY GLITTERATI, MOB BOSSES AND FREE SPIRITS SINCE THE '30S.



“Be prepared. If you invite them, they will come!” Joey Lizotte, Artisan Event Floral Décor’s creative director, has issued this warning to clients for most of the 18 years he has been orchestrating weddings in the Coachella Valley. “Seriously, the falloff rate is less than 8 percent. People love an excuse to visit and make a whole weekend of it. It’s a super-special, spiritual place.”

Adding to the allure: stellar shopping, fine dining, therapeutic spas and a wide variety of wedding venues, including mega resorts, rehabbed motels, quirky boutiques, homey bars and manors formerly owned by marquee names. “If you’re looking for Mason-jar affairs, book a Santa Barbara barn,” he advises. “We specialize in desert-chic.”

No matter where you hang your veil, Lizotte encourages couples to make use of the architecture and geography. “Find a butterfly roof; go to the windmills; take pictures with the desert and the San Jacintos as backdrops. Those stunning photos are the ones that’ll hang in the house forever.”

Busy season runs September through May, and myriad music festivals make April especially cost prohibitive. If you can handle the hot hot heat of summer, you’ll be rewarded with amazing I-do deals.

venues

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SAY I DO LIKE AN A-LISTER AT ONE OF THESE CELEB-APPROVED VENUES. BY ERIKA HUENEKE

**1 → Montecito**  
Jessica Simpson hosted 275 wedding guests at the **San Ysidro Ranch** in July 2014. With only 41 cottages and suites, it's popular for buyouts.

**2 → San Diego**  
Also in July 2014, NFL running back Reggie Bush wed at **The Grand Del Mar**, which flaunts the Aria Lawn and Moroccan Pavilion for events.

**3 → Ojai Ojai Valley Inn** set the stage for Jimmy Kimmel's 2013 nuptials. Couples can pick from lawns, an herb garden and the Big Red Barn.

**4 → Big Sur**  
Andy Samberg chose an ocean-bluff backdrop when he married singer-songwriter Joanna Newsom at the **Post Ranch Inn** (left) in 2013.

**5 → Sonoma** In 2011, Seth Rogen wed his longtime girlfriend, Lauren Miller, at **Kunde Estate**, where sites include hilltops, a wine cave and stone ruins.



A bridal portrait before I do's at the Parker Palm Springs. OPPOSITE CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: A newlywed smooch in front of the San Jacinto Mountains. Bridesmaids in muted tones at the historic Smoke Tree Ranch. Retro photo fun at the Parker Palm Springs. Succulent favors at Ace Hotel. Conjuring the Rat Pack. Sunset at Post Ranch Inn.