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REAL COUPLES, REALLY STYLISH WEDDINGS



A garden party in Provence

Tara Davies, 29, married Alex Le Roux, 30, at Domaine Les Roulettes, France, on 19th August 2017. She says:

We've both spent our summers in the South of France since we were children, so it was a no-brainer to get married there: the beautiful weather, drinking rosé with family and friends...

I wore the 'Paige' gown by Hayley Paige – a tulle ballgown with hand-painted silk flowers, a curved neckline and thin straps. I wanted something big and girly – this ticked all the boxes!

The flowers on my dress matched my bouquet. I had a mix of rosebuds, lavender, cream roses and green foliage. It was a little wild-looking, which complemented the venue perfectly.

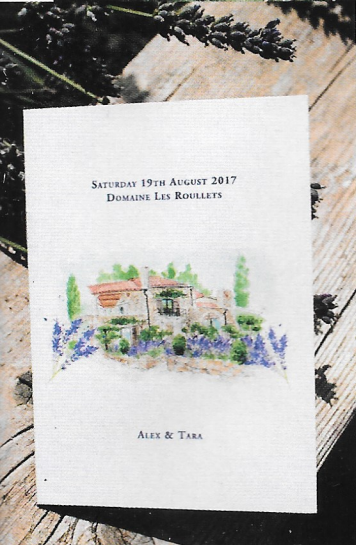
Alex is incredible at production and events as he has his own music business. We made decisions together, but the vision was all his. We had a bespoke gospel choir during the ceremony, the Kate Threlfall Quartet played throughout the reception and after dinner we had The Soul Jets and DJ Charles, who played until 4am.

We didn't want our guests to wait for drinks, so we had two cocktail bars, where drinks were shaken on the spot, and a self-service beer keg.

My top tip: Don't have too many speeches! Keep them short, sweet and funny so your guests don't get bored. →



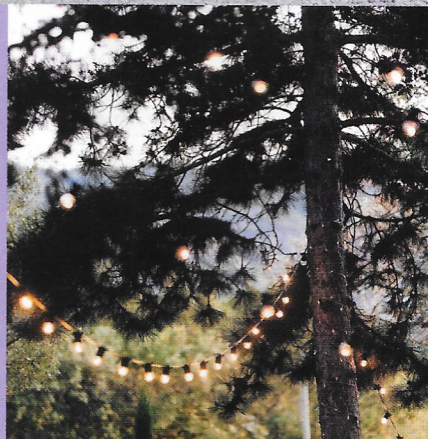
CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT THE NEWLYWEDS. A RUSTIC DISPLAY OF CREAM AND PINK ROSES, PEONIES, LAVENDER, FOLIAGE AND WILD FLOWERS. BUTTONHOLES OF ROSES, LAVENDER AND FOLIAGE. THE WEDDING BREAKFAST WAS SERVED AMONGST THE TREES IN LES ROULETTES' BEAUTIFUL GROUNDS. BRANCHES WERE DECORATED WITH GLASS BAUBLES FILLED WITH ROSES. ILLUSTRATED ORDERS OF SERVICE, AN ELEGANT SETTING FOR AN OUTDOOR CEREMONY



How *they* did it



THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT THE GROOM AND HIS CREW, THE BRIDE IN HER HAYLEY PAIGE GOWN. TREES ADORNED WITH LIGHTS GAVE A ROMANTIC VIBE. FOOD STATIONS SERVED DISHES SUCH AS FLASH-FRIED PRAWNS AND TRUFFLE MAC AND CHEESE. DISPLAYS OF FRESH WILD FLOWERS. TRADITIONAL SIGNAGE SUITED THE VENUE PERFECTLY. OPPOSITE PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT THE WEDDING CAKE HAD LAYERS OF VANILLA, ORANGE, LEMON AND RASPBERRY SPONGE. GUESTS ENJOYED THE BREATHTAKING GARDENS. BESPOKE MENUS. THE NEWLYWEDS TAKE A STROLL. TARA AND ALEX HIT THE DANCEFLOOR. A BOUQUET OF ROSEBUDS, LAVENDER, ROSES AND FOLIAGE. CELEBRATORY SPARKLERS. A PHOTO BOOTH WITH A TWIST!





Where they bought it

THE BRIDE Dress and veil, Hayley Paige at lestroisoeurs.co.uk.

Bracelet, linksoflondon.com

THE GROOM Suit, shirt and tie, all ozwaldboateng.co.uk.

Shoes, thekooples.co.uk

THE VENUE lesroullets.com

THE CATERING Food stations, main course and beer keg, L'Affénage Restaurant, 4 Rue Molière, 13200 Arles; tel: +33 04 90 18 22 08.

Cocktail bars, oz-cocktail.com.

House rosé, lesroullets.com

THE CAKE villandry.com

THE DECOR AND FLOWERS Signage, lighting, tea lights, sparklers, photo booth, floral displays, bouquets and buttonholes, allcanopeadesign.fr

THE STATIONERY isabelandink.com

THE FAVOURS Mini bottles of Patrón tequila, patronspirits.com

THE ENTERTAINMENT alrmusic.co.uk

THE PLANNER lucytilfrenchweddings.com

THE MAKE-UP ARTIST davidstevewilton.com

THE PHOTOGRAPHER annafowler.com →

