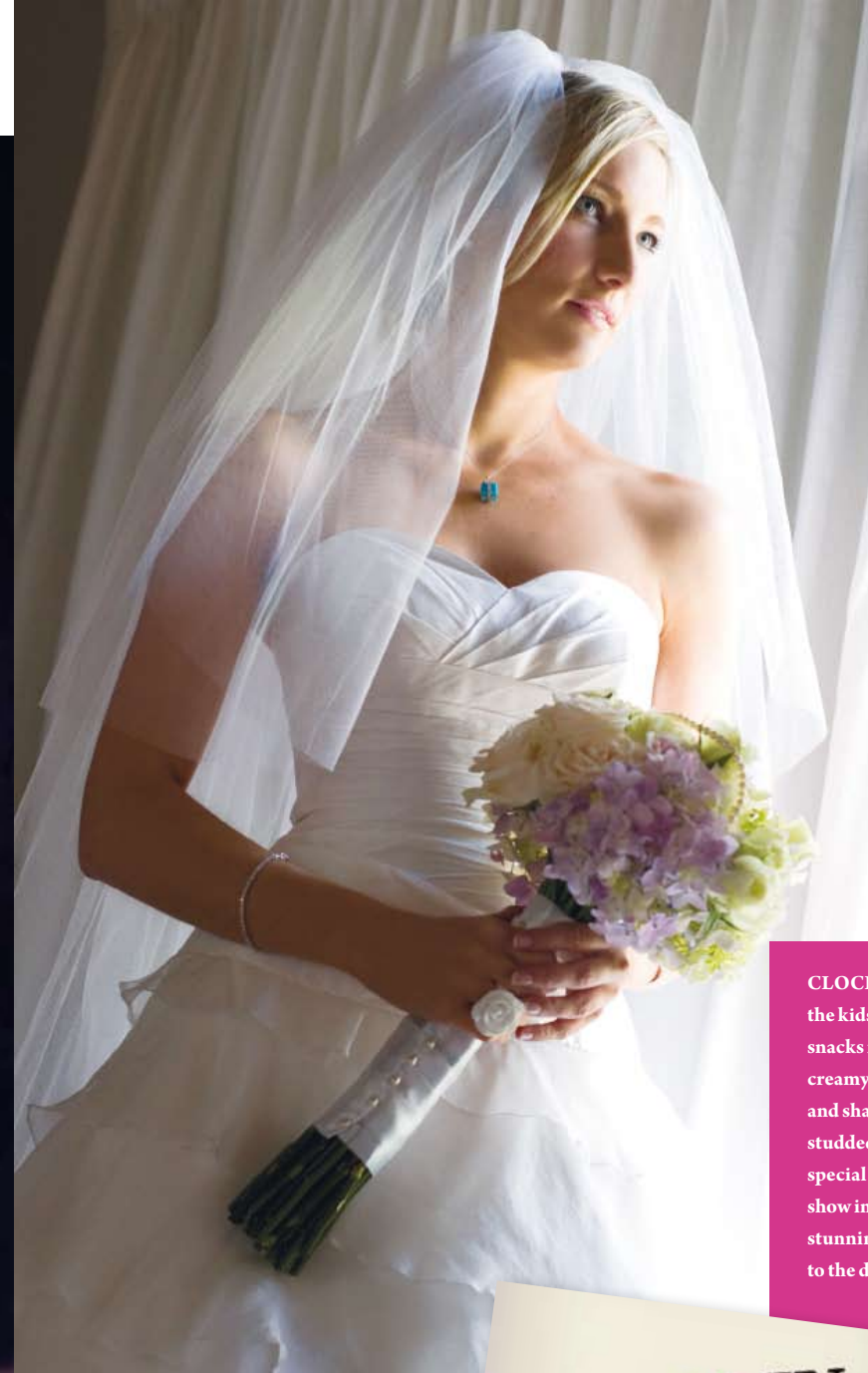


# HAND IN HAND

A wedding day under South African skies

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP Guests (including the kids) enjoyed the variety of white decor; snacks included short crust tartlets filled with creamy chicken liver pâté, onion marmalade and shaved biltong; the bride wore diamanté-studded wedding shoes; Lauren enjoyed her special day with her flower girls, who stole the show in their soft pink dresses; Lauren looked stunning in her dream dress; the couple took to the dance floor after mastering the *Dirty Dancing* finale – Lauren looked stunning in her soft pink dress as she was led around the dance floor by her husband, Rob 'Swayze'.



Leading their wedding party of 200 guests through the beautiful vines of the Molenvliet Wine Estate, Lauren Brown and Rob Conroy were living the wedding day of their dreams! Both originally from South Africa but now residing in London, this was a day they had been planning down to the very last detail, making sure that all the sentimental South African touches were a part of their special day. Lauren wore a dress named 'Dawn' designed by Sarah Houston in Toronto, created with a youthful and modern spirit in mind, while Rob wore a traditional tuxedo. On request of the bride and groom, all the guests arrived wearing only black and white, while the bridal party stood out in aqua and pink, the bride's favourite colours. Each bridesmaid (eight in total) had a personally chosen dress in a specific shade of either aqua or pink, a

personal touch from the bride. After a personal and down-to-earth ceremony held by the minister who was hand-picked by the couple, the wedding party made their way to the celebration venue. Before entering the main hall the guests were greeted by fresh white couches and a table loaded with the most elegant and beautifully set-out tea, coffee and cakes – especially chosen by Lauren for her Gran who is renowned for her sweet tooth.

On entering the main dining area, everyone was in awe of the unique table decor – a variety of different vases in all shapes and sizes filled with pink and white flowers in several different arrangements, stunning silverware and crystal, place settings of perfection and candles which added to the romantic light provided by the low-hanging chandeliers. In the midst of celebration the guests enjoyed a stunning



menu made up of a traditional avocado ritz with a twist, followed by an apple sorbet, a main of pistachio-crust beef fillet medallions served with butternut, potato and rosemary dauphinoise, fresh asparagus and rich red wine (the couple's personal favourite). The meal was followed by an array of desserts, a late-night snack – cheese and figs on the table outside and miniature ice-cream cones on the dance floor. Rob and Lauren wowed the crowd further with their first dance – the finale dance from *Dirty Dancing*; Lauren wore a light pink dress styled to match that of Baby's from the movie. 'We wanted everyone to have a very special time and we believe this was had by all; all in all it was a very happy day.' Rob and Lauren can truly say, 'I had the time of my life, and I owe it all to you!' **TB**

