

# THE VINEYARD WEDDING



**The luxe land and quaint Carriage House beckon brides (and grooms) to King Family Vineyards.**

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## King Family Vineyards

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King Family Vineyards is an example of why a winery is the perfect place to consider for a wedding away from home. In Virginia, there are many to choose from, with King Family being among the most grand for destination weddings.

"We are a vineyard, and that element is attractive to a lot of people. We are mountain, farm, horse and winery all in one...it is the feel, the views and what they see when they get here. It is the perfect Albemarle County experience," Kerry Hannon, General Manager for King Family Vineyards, said of a couple's attraction to the vineyard for their Big Day. The vineyard is in a pristine setting with a backdrop of rolling hills and an outstretched sky, which makes for not only a stunning wedding but beautiful photo opportunities.

The Carriage House is a raw space that can be decorated to whatever theme the bride and groom have in mind.

"All brides have a little bit of a different approach, and we give you this raw space that is beautiful all by itself. It is rustic, elegant and beautiful all on its own. You can make the event totally yours," Hannon said. "The building has been there for 2 1/2 years, and it looks different every time. Little simple things, such as the change of season or change of décor helps people to visualize and create the event that they want in terms of the look and the style, and the room seems to morph and lend itself to whatever you put in it. High-end events work and even more casual ones do too."

The vineyard rents out the Carriage House space, so all catering is outsourced, yet they can readily recommend caterers and other vendors. In addition to the Carriage House, which can accommodate 200 guests, King Family Vineyards also offers the adjacent North Gallery for 80 people, which can be used as a place for hors d'oeuvres before the reception, as its doors can be left open to the Carriage House or closed for a smaller, more intimate reception. The Tasting Room also offers a comfortable setting for a maximum of 40 guests, whether that be for an intimate ceremony or for a cocktail hour. Room rentals are approximately \$6,000 for Saturday or Sunday, and slightly less during the week.

Due to the popularity of King's Family Vineyard (and the fact that they are already filling up for 2011), it is a wise idea to contact them 12 to 18 months before a desired date. >>