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Rojeanne & Andrew

After falling in love all over again, these South African soulmates decided to marry in the country where it first began

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Rojeanne and Andrew were each other's first loves, meeting at the age of 19 before going their separate ways three years later. "Andrew came to the UK, got married and had children, while I stayed in South Africa and had two children. It wasn't until years later – when we were both going through divorces – that we started dating again, travelling back and forth between South Africa and the UK. Now we're married and living the dream in Bristol! Our fairytale came true," laughs Rojeanne.

The couple's wedding took them back to South Africa, with an intimate weekend affair at the Manor House at Mont Rochelle, Franschhoek, a boutique hotel and vineyard. After the couple's religious ceremony, which included a ribbon-tying ritual, guests enjoyed drinks, canapés and garden games in the grounds to the soulful backdrop of acoustic guitarist Francois Haasbroek, before sitting down to a five-course sharing feast.

"The space was kept classic and romantic, with a rose-pink, grey and cream colour palette and vintage touches," recalls the bride. "Our local wedding planner sourced everything from the flowers to the stationery. We picked roses and peonies for the bouquets and centrepieces, and our two-tier cake comprised vanilla and chocolate layers with buttercream icing, which guests enjoyed with ▶

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macarons for dessert.”

The pared-back details showed off the beauty of Mont Rochelle’s interiors perfectly. Watercolour menus sat prettily on the tables, and a printed tree canvas for guests to press their fingerprints on added a personal touch. After a relaxed dinner and all the speeches, the couple and their guests partied in the privacy of the house until the early hours.

Rojeanne looked every inch the stunning bride in her bespoke, blush-coloured Charlotte Francina gown. “I wanted something slightly vintage-looking,” she recalls. “The design originated as a satin pencil dress with a lace bodice, but for our ceremony I wore a floor-length organza skirt over the top. Later on, I took the skirt off to expose a sexier second dress!”

Andrew, meanwhile, and the couple’s children, who all played a part in the day, complemented the colour scheme in navy blue outfits.

Top tip

“Work with an event planner who’s local to where you’re getting married. They take the stress away and come up with great ideas. Our planner had amazing energy – she was an inspiration!”

“I’ll never forget the emotion on Andrew’s face when he saw me for that first time,” Rojeanne adds. “The whole day was filled with so much love and I was excited that it was finally happening. I was marrying my first love – my soulmate – and spending this magnificent celebration with our five children.”

After the big day, the newlyweds took off for a few days to the town of Hermanus on the Western Cape, before travelling back to South Africa from the UK four months later for a longer honeymoon. [W](#)

CONTACT BOOK

VENUE: Mont Rochelle, Franschhoek, South Africa (virginlimitededition.com/en/mont-rochelle)

PLANNING, DÉCOR AND STYLING: I Do 4 U (ido4u.co.za)

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