

Winter Wonder

Immerse your guests in the wild romance of a wedding in the depths of winter. Natural treasures meet bold and beautiful bridal wear in the captivating setting of Brickhouse Vineyard

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There's something about a winter wedding: the steely skies, the snug, twinkling touches, the sheer magic of making merry together while the blanket of darkness falls. This styled shoot captures the enchantment of the season against the stirring backdrop of Brickhouse Vineyard, an idyllic venue set amidst rolling meadows, vines and woodland in the hills of south Devon.

"Foraged greenery, with feathers and twigs, contrasted with natural stone colours and textures, singing a winter hymn together and celebrating the wild countryside," explains Phoebe Stanaway of Elisabeth Shell Events, who coordinated and styled the shoot. The moon shaped arch is a vivid expression of this wildly beautiful styling: a flurry of lichen, moss and foliage, dotted with homegrown flowers and pheasant feathers, makes an ethereal backdrop for a ceremony in the 18th century thatched Round House. The golden glow from the handcrafted rope chandeliers, together with the warm tones of the red bricks and oak beams, enhance the cosy ambience.

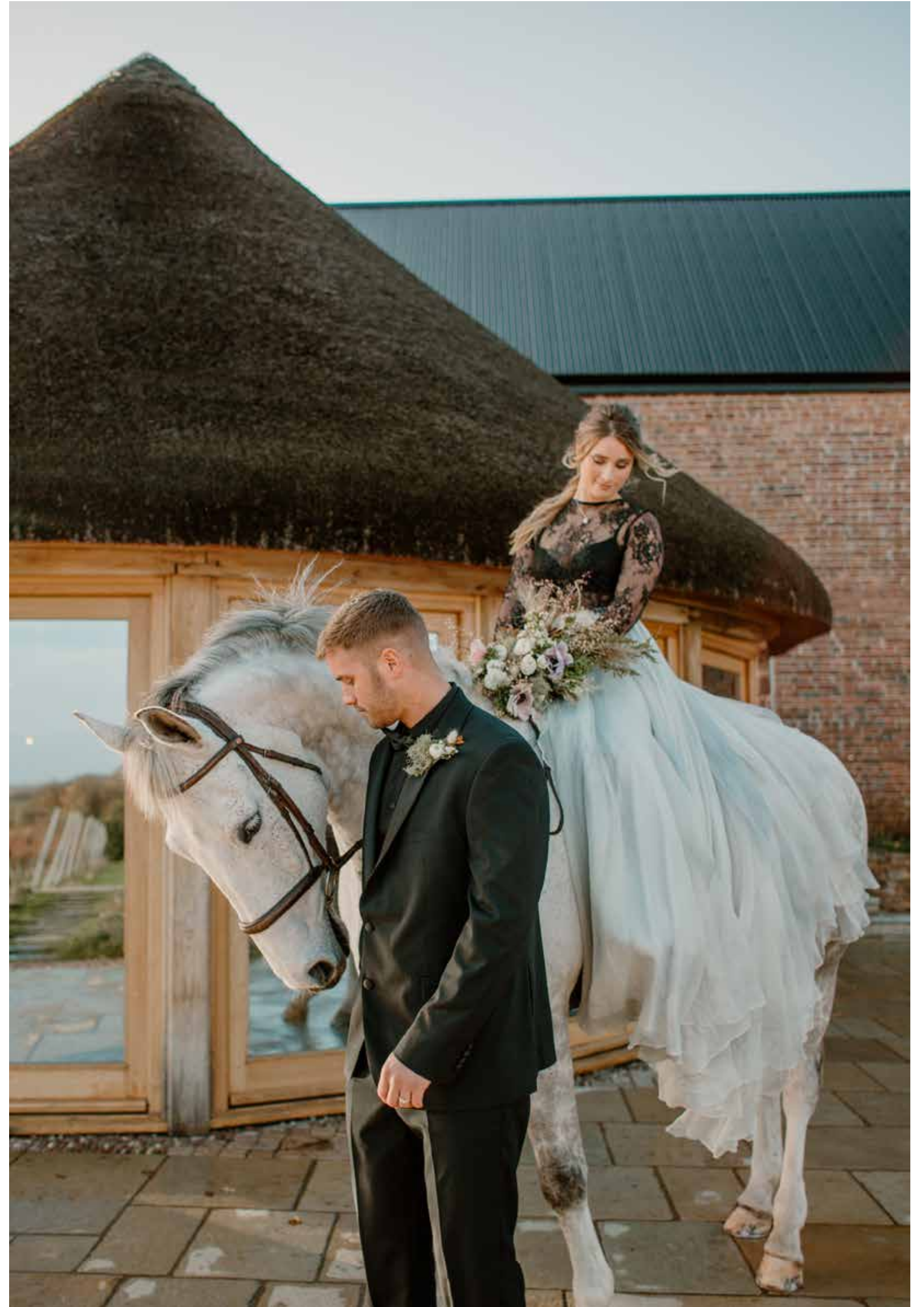
Set against the blank canvas backdrop of the renovated Barn, the tablescape is nothing short of dreamy. Echoing the moon arch, foraged greenery nestles black candelabras and egg-textured vases springing with delicate stems and pheasant feathers. Beeswax flower favours sit alongside dainty blooms and vellum stationery on the metallic charger plates, enhancing the fragile beauty of the scene. And, resting on a bed of lichen, moss and white flowers, the stone textured cake, adorned with barely-there accents of gold, ties in perfectly with the aesthetic.

With nature at the heart of the concept, careful sourcing was key for Phoebe. "I try to make sure that all the hire items I use are sustainably sourced and artisan-made and so Glas Events' hire range was a perfect choice for the elegant black candelabras and unique charger plates," she explains.

Nature shares the spotlight with a strong bridal look. "Drawing on icy winters, the shoot showcases a fiercely feminine aesthetic with our stunning bride galloping through the vineyard on her beautiful grey horse, while her caramel vizsla is with her throughout the day," says Phoebe.

Teamed with a striking braid and smoky eye, the bridal separates bring bold and beautiful drama: there's a black lace crop top paired with a hand-painted dip-dye chiffon skirt; then there's the dreaminess of a dove grey printed top and hand-painted skirt in silk organza. Complete with her groom in a sharp, all-black tuxedo, the couple embody the wild romance of a wedding in the darkest months of the year.







Venue
Brickhouse Vineyard
brickhousevineyard.co.uk

Photography
Mimosa Photography
mimosaphotography.uk

Videography
Yeti Film
yetiphotography.co.uk

Coordination & styling
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Dresses
Rock the Frock
rockthefrockbridal.co.uk

Hair
Bridal Hair by Rosanne
bridalhairbyrosanne.co.uk

Make-up
Laura Le Page
lauralepagebridalmakeup.com

Grooms wear
Model's own

Flowers
Holly Bee Flowers
hollybeeflowers.co.uk

Cake
Boho Cakes
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Headpieces, jewellery & rings
Erin Cox
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Stationery
The Wedding Hub
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Hire items
Glas Events
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wed's wish list

From dreamy dresses to seriously chic shoes, here's our pick of the latest bridal must-haves

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FOR THE LOVE OF VERA

A breathtakingly beautiful collection of gowns from the biggest name in bridal fashion – Vera Wang Bride – is now available at The Ivory Lounge in Plymouth.

Located in the heart of the city in Whimble Street, the plush boutique is already home to one of Europe's leading designers of bridal gowns – Suzanne Neville – as well as British labels Ellis Bridals and Kelsey Rose – and the arrival of the fashion icon's designs are the perfect addition to the luxurious collection.

Combining refreshingly modern silhouettes with elegant and romantic design, Vera Wang Bride's latest gowns offer pared-back chic through to full-blown drama. There's the spellbinding romance of Yvette, a ball gown with a sweetheart bodice and layers of soft tulle edged with organza, and the ethereal whimsy of Raphaëlle with its corset bodice and soft ivory tulle scattered with silvery beads. Then there's the iridescent, beaded beauty of Lys with its elegant mermaid silhouette and draped Juliette sleeves, and the striking cut of Eliette with its folded architectural design in soft Mikado, tulle skirt and organza floral detailing. And for minimalist chic, we love the effortlessly stylish aesthetic of Amandine with its plunge back and subtle draping.

Gorgeously made, stunningly styled and complete with the revered Vera Wang Bride label, these gowns guarantee all-eyes-on-you aisle style. Get in touch with the team to book your exclusive appointment.

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PRETTY PERFECT

From divinely sleek silhouettes to curve-hugging tulle confections and all in-between, Pretty Smithy Bridal in Paignton is brimming with a gorgeous collection of gowns for brides of all styles.

New to the boutique, the Wilderly Bride collection is awash with dreamily romantic silhouettes, ranging from delicately ethereal to classically bohemian. Picture soft textural laces, seductive plunging necklines, open backs and statement sleeves for a modern yet whimsical take on romance. From the delicate lace and dramatic bell sleeves of Rebel and the corset bodice and soft skirts of Justina to the gorgeous textural lace and chic tie back of Shelby, prepare to be enchanted by these free-spirited gowns.

The boutique has also welcomed a collection of gowns from GAIA Bridal to the rails. Every gown is designed in the UK with a focus on fine fabrics and exquisite detailing including hand-applied beadwork. The seriously swoon-worthy gowns feature the likes of eye-catching glitter tulle skirts, V-backs, beaded lace and exposed boning.

Take Georgia, for example, whose layers of luxurious crepe and Chantilly lace are paired with dreamy off-the-shoulder lace detailing. Then there's the ornately beaded bodice of Monaco and the pure romance of Jasmine with its cascading beaded lace appliqué and sumptuously layered skirt – the perfect fit for brides seeking contemporary style with a timeless twist.

You'll also find the latest arrivals from Millie May, offering classic cuts through to dreamy boho designs, while Danish label Lilly offers delicate detailing, soft breezy silhouettes and light, airy ball gowns. And for retro fashion fans, Brighton Belle is all about dancefloor-ready tea-length dresses for a sassy bridal look.

Pretty Smithy Bridal is renowned for their extensive collection of curvy bridal wear from dedicated curvy designers True Curve and Millie Grace with samples in every size between 14-36; think fabulous fishtails, elegant lace A-lines and vintage-inspired beauties dripping in sparkle and pearls.

What's more, the boutique has partnered with Carbon Neutral Britain to off-set their carbon footprint through sustainable tree planting projects across the world, while taking a conscious approach to their practices in-store to minimise their impact on the planet – making a purchase at this emporium of bridal delights both stylish and sustainable.

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