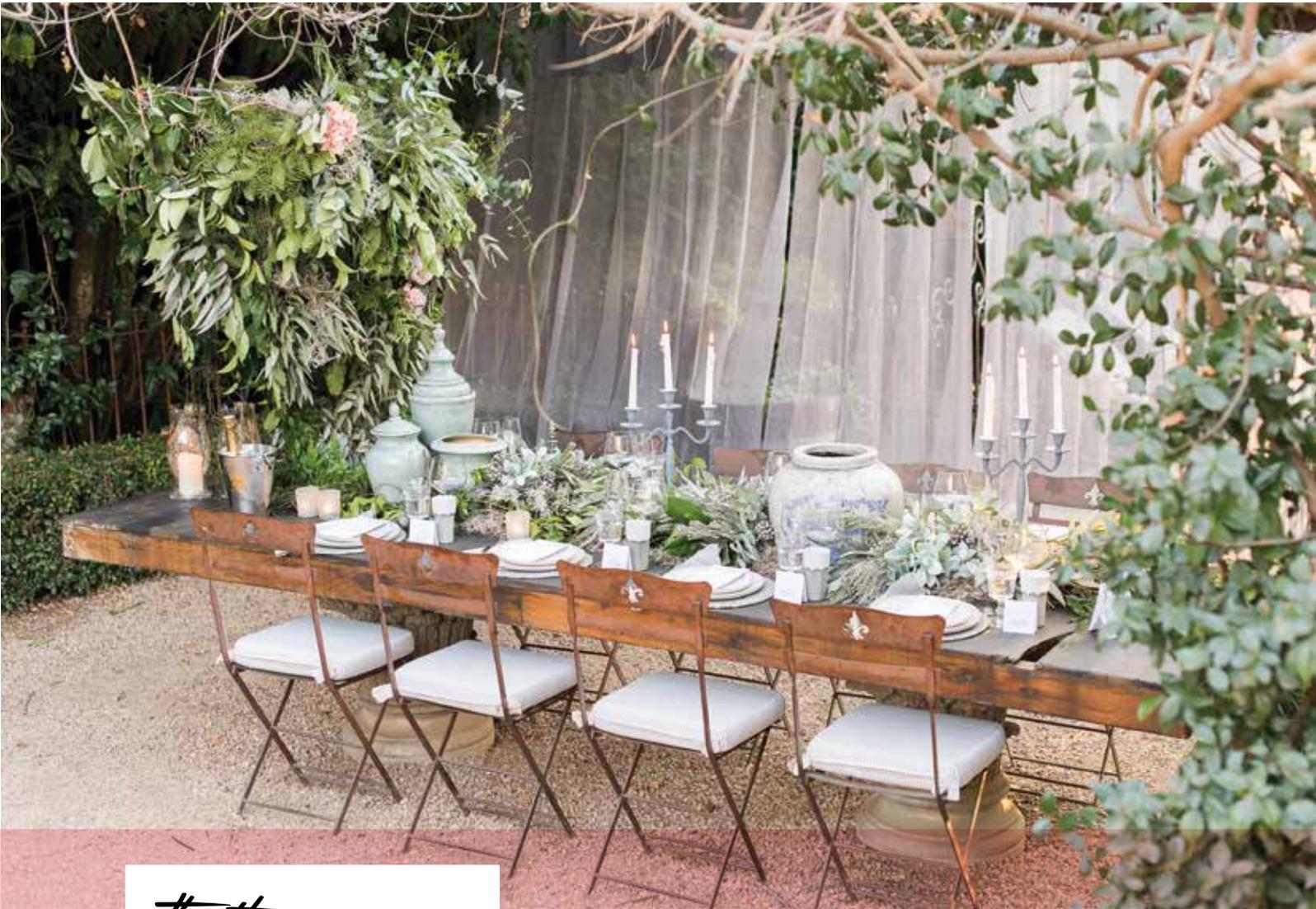


Bohemian fancy

Bohemian whimsy meets modern
inspiration in this fairy-tale wedding

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The theme

This wedding set-up was inspired by the international resurgence of the boho trend, along with last year's increasing fascination with fairy tale-themed events. With movies like *Into the Woods*, *Cinderella* and *Beauty and the Beast* making waves, the fairy-tale trend is a development on past wedding trends like tea party, vintage and festival, and it's here to stay.

This style of wedding focusses on handmade touches, outdoor locations and intricate details. It's not for timid brides or couples who would prefer a traditional, more restrained wedding. With the increasing demand for more organic forms and natural elements, and with ceramics and metallics being hugely popular, this year's weddings will be awe-inspiring celebrations.





Behind the scenes

The ceremony is the first real element of your wedding that involves you and your guests. It's an emotionally charged moment so it deserves to have that wow-factor. I opted for a custom-made sheer muslin drape enhanced with lush green foliage, eucalyptus, and magnolia features to create a dramatic backdrop for the bride and groom.

At Agape Wedding and Event Design, we aim to use tablescapes as a way to really express our style footprint, choosing elegant and modern details versus the standard hiring catalogues for elements such as linens, crockery, cutlery, glassware and finishing touches like vases and candleholders.

This whimsical boho theme makes use of natural elements such as wild foliage for table centres, and a naked wedding cake dressed with living flowers will give any venue a mystical forest feel. Here we chose a daring half-naked two-tier cake finished off with a striking fresh aloe.

Rose gold, brass, bronze and copper are some of our favourite metallics for 2016, and this shoot features an incredible collection of metallic handcrafted headpieces and jewellery from local SA designers Lorean and Black Betty.

Artisan ceramics feature heavily too. With their raw, organic feel and textured surfaces they work well in both modern and more industrial settings, and we believe this will be the way forward for creating exclusive and delicate celebrations. Textured linens and woven tableware in muted tones layered with organic crockery, gilded cutlery and handblown recycled glassware makes for a delightful multi-sensory experience.



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Decor

The Pantone colours for 2016 are Rose Quartz and Serenity. These two colours feature heavily in our shoot, from the luxurious silk bridal gown to the pink champagne, stationery prints and blue-grey palette of the eucalyptus. The colour palette for this look spans from dark ivy greens and browns to pastel pinks and delicate petal tones. The expansive platform of this look allowed us to be creative and helped every element of the event – from the lighting festooning the trees to the organic tablescapes featuring unusual organics, wildflowers and dense foliage – to play a key role!

Cake

Last year saw a surge in naked wedding cakes, and although still popular, this year we will see a return to the more classic wedding cake with a few modern twists. Opting for a semi-naked frosting incorporates the simplicity of the naked cake trend, but allows for a play on texture, shape and form. Frosting is a great way to incorporate 2016's trend of geometric shapes as well as the metallic-luxe look. Gold foiling finished off with a real aloe leaf creates the ultimate contrast between organic simplicity and handmade luxury.



Flowers

One trend that we foresee for this year is the use of green foliage and wildflowers for a contemporary yet rustic just-picked look that screams bohemian whimsy! Herbs, ferns and other foliage will feature in wedding bouquets, alongside seasonal blooms and other wildflowers.



Fashion

Colours are in for this year. Last year we saw an influx of dusty rose and light pink wedding dresses, and this year we're seeing an expansion into the world of colour. Sheer bridal gowns were making their mark in the wedding world in 2014 and 2015, leaving us with the perfect balance of sophisticated and sexy. These sheer details, such as netting, lace or overlays, all give the illusion of more skin without being too revealing. The gowns featured in this shoot are all from White Lilly Bridal and clearly illustrate the trends that will be taking us into the seasons ahead.

Style secrets

Hire a visionary wedding planner – a professional who can create something unconventional and make your dreams come true on the day. Often suppliers don't stock what you find in a magazine or in a picture, and this is when a professional wedding planner can play a significant role in pushing the industry into expanding their resources.





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