

Weddings *InStyle*

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InStyle invites you to

get the PARTY started

at the best reception ever

Featuring:
refreshing cocktails,
extraordinary
centerpieces,
mouthwatering
morsels & cakes
you'll never
forget

NO NEED TO RSVP!

EL PEPINO

The refreshing, crisp taste of cucumber works in sweet or savory drinks. Gaston Martinez of William Grant & Sons in N.Y.C. mashes it with cilantro, adds triple sec and tequila, then strains it into a chilled glass.

THE ENERGY BOOSTER

A touch of guarana, a natural stimulant, will keep your guests going, says Charlotte Voisey of the Rose Bar at the Gramercy Hotel in N.Y.C. She mixes it with vodka and passion fruit juice for a late-night pick-me-up.

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FOOD STYLING BY ALISON
ATTENBOROUGH



RAISE YOUR GLASS!

Toast your guests and say thank you the right way

- 1. Be yourself.** Don't read a toast you downloaded from the Internet. If you're funny, be funny. If you're overcome with emotion, be heartfelt.
- 2. Reminisce.** Recall the first time you met your husband and when you knew he was the one.
- 3. Keep it clean.** Nerves make people say crazy things! If you're feeling shaky, stay brief—off-color remarks could wind up on YouTube.

Expert: Sharon Naylor, author of The Bride's Survival Guide



BUBBLY UNDER \$30

*Champagne (sparkling wine made in Champagne, France) is delicious but pricey. Try these takes from other locales instead**

- 1. Segura Viudas Brut Reserva Heredad,** Penedès region of Spain; \$20
- 2. Roederer Estate Brut NV,** Anderson Valley, Calif.; \$22
- 3. Codorní Clásico, D.O.** Cava, Spain; \$14
- 4. Domaine Carneros Brut 2005,** Napa Valley and Sonoma Valley, Calif.; \$29
- 5. Gruet Methode Champenoise Blanc de Blancs,** Truth or Consequences, N.M.; \$25

Expert: Kevin Zraly, American wine educator and author of Windows on the World Complete Wine Course

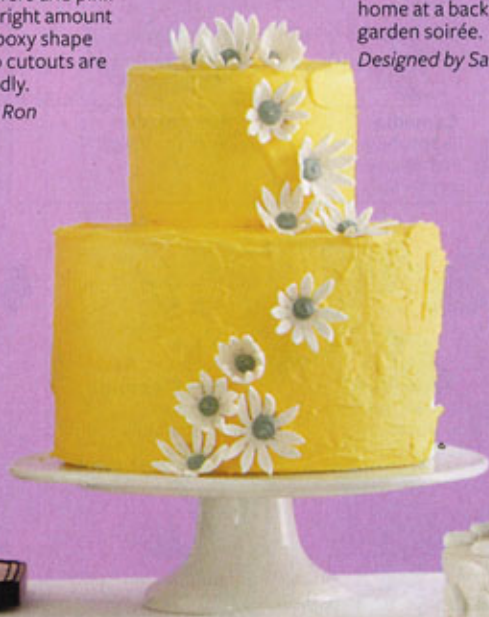
*Prices may vary



ROMANTIC

Meet in the middle. Fondant flowers and pink icing are the right amount of girly; the boxy shape and art deco cutouts are groom-friendly.

Designed by Ron Ben-Israel



CASUAL

Handmade daisies and not-too-perfect icing in a sunny hue feel right at home at a backyard or garden soirée.

Designed by Sarah Magid



CLASSIC

Some things never go out of style. Case in point: a pristine ivory cake draped with a fondant ribbon.

Designed by Bijoux Doux



Have Fun with Your Cake

Your wedding confection is more than just dessert—it's a photo op. The sweetest triumph is serving one that tastes as great as it looks