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## **Magical winter winelands weddings at Knorhoek Estate**

*Popular Towerbosch earth kitchen now open for weddings between May and August*

Planning to tie the knot outside the manic, over-inflated wedding season? Then Towerbosch Earth Kitchen at Knorhoek Wine Estate is the picture perfect setting for a magical winter winelands wedding celebration, where fairytales meet an enchanting haven of old-fashioned culinary bliss at welcome low season rates.

Due to popular demand, Towerbosch, gently tucked away in a corner of the Simonsberg, has extended its wedding season, now also creating love magic at a reduced venue hire fee during the quieter months from May till August.

In 2009, drawing inspiration from their romantic surroundings, the Van Niekerk family transformed a ramshackle thatched-roof outbuilding into a mystical white space reminiscent of an enchanting forest retreat which is regarded widely as a dream wedding venue and restaurant.

With raw materials, salvaged or hand-crafted on the wine farm, used in the renovations and decor, Towerbosch offers an 'off the wall' touch and 'earthy sophistication' to wedding receptions with no added decorations required to create a memorable occasion.

This cosy sphere with its bright white detail against dense thatch, weaves a spellbinding haven of timeless elegance with antique bric-a-brac and rustic chic. The venue can accommodate up to 120 guests and features a Bedouin tent for guests to dance the night away at the edge of the glistening rock pool with a lush tree forest accentuating an idyllic backdrop.

"With our beautiful, homely interior, the bride does not have to stress about extra decorations and those exorbitant expenses for flower arrangements on her special day. Our bespoke ceiling chandelier installation made of farm twigs painted white and draped with vintage treasures, old crockery and family trinkets adds light and life to any celebration and can be transformed to fit any theme," shares Ingrid Van Niekerk of Knorhoek Estate.

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The floor is filled with unique chairs and tables of all shapes and sizes which give it an eclectic, yet inviting feel. An array of family silverware and mixed china sourced from nearest and dearest cupboards adorns the tables. A large fireplace and comfy library nook with old books and oversized leather sofas, round off a relaxed, homely ambience.

A particular highlight of the weddings hosted at Knorhoek's Towerbosch is the heart and soul food of chef and life partners Westley Müller and Carmen van der Merwe who give life to grandma's family recipes by serving wholesome, unpretentious home-cooked feasts from the larder and the land.

"We pride ourselves in 'salt-and-pepper' food bursting with natural flavours. Simple, slow cooked, traditional heritage fare which takes you back to a nostalgic, old school dining experience of a lost era. Think Karoo lamb shoulders, Kaapse smoorsnoek, farm-style breads fresh from the oven, Springbok pie, slap *hakskeentjies* and traditional Jan Ellis pudding. It is like having your wedding reception in your 'ouma's' kitchen," shares Westley.

With wine playing such an indelible part in Knorhoek's daily existence the newlyweds can also toast their future with a flute of the estate's own sparkling pink bubbly – Konfetti – a frivolous, dry blush inspired by the superb wedding celebrations hosted at this hidden Stellenbosch gem. Knorhoek Estate is renowned for its repertoire of roaring Cabernet Sauvignons and elegant white wines and its entire range is available for the reception party at cellar door prices.

Ensuring lasting good memories of your Big Day, Knorhoek Guest House, located within walking distance from Towerbosch, is the perfect spot to start your new life as Mr and Mrs. All of the tailor-made wedding packages include a complimentary sleepover in the honeymoon suite for the bride and groom.

Wedding guests who want to extend their Winelands sojourn can make use of this tranquil, country-style hideaway's winter offer which includes a complimentary third night bed and breakfast plus wine tasting if you book for a two-night sleepover. Cocooned in modern comfort yet exuding old world charm, Knorhoek Guest House, a charming conversion from a cluster of old farm buildings, lives up to its promise offering jaded city dwellers complete solace blended with superior wines, honest food and genuine hospitality.

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*Knorhoek Estate is a working wine farm on the R44 north of Stellenbosch and is set apart by its unique location, personalised service and homely atmosphere. While succumbing to the unpretentious charm of this winelands jewel, guests can enjoy informal wine tastings and tours through the Knorhoek cellar. Other activities on the farm include fly-fishing, vineyard hikes, mountain biking, bird watching, swimming or lounging in the relaxed romance of a fireplace after an exciting day touring the surrounding wine farms or teeing off at some of the Cape's finest golf estates.*

To host your wedding at Knorhoek Estate contact Towerbosch earth kitchen at Tel: (021) 865 2958 or send an email to [towerbosch@knorhoek.co.za](mailto:towerbosch@knorhoek.co.za) or visit [www.knorhoek.co.za](http://www.knorhoek.co.za). For accommodation queries contact Knorhoek Guest House at Tel: (+27)21 865 2114/5 or send an email to [guesthouse@knorhoek.co.za](mailto:guesthouse@knorhoek.co.za).

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