

FRUIT FORWARD

California's bounty of fresh fruits and breezy outdoor venues inspires three local design teams to paint the perfect palette for a summer wedding *by Lara M. Burnap*

Peony and Plum's citrus-hued florals are punctuated with freshly-picked kumquats, oranges and lemon. Arrangements are nestled in an eclectic mix of vintage vessels from Borrowed Blu, including assorted glass bud vases and brass candlesticks

ORANGE CRUSH Los Angeles-based wedding planner A Stunning Affair drew inspiration from the flourishing citrus and avocado orchards of Quail Ranch in Simi Valley. Florist Peony and Plum created abundant florals in vibrant hues of orange, yellow, bright pink, peaches and shades of green, with subtle sun-kissed details, like the bright wedding invitation suite, rounding out the summery vibe. The tabletop was nestled among the orange trees and majestic oaks that cover the grounds of this Spanish-style estate. Command Performance Catering complemented the design with a seasonal menu of chile-glazed Niman Ranch pork belly, beet hummus grilled flatbread and dragon fruit salad. Citrus-spiked desserts by Frost It Cakery, such as marble sugar cookies and fruit tarts, bring a flavorful note to the color palette against a whimsical backdrop. The four-tier cake with a marbled bottom tier is accentuated with delicately placed fresh kumquats.

CAKE/DESSERTS: Frost It Cakery
CATERING: Command Performance Catering
EVENT DESIGN: A Stunning Affair
FLORIST/INVITATIONS: Peony and Plum
PHOTOGRAPHY: Birds of a Feather
RENTALS: A Rental Connection, Borrowed Blu
VENUE: Quail Ranch in Simi Valley



Clockwise from top left: Peony and Plum crafted a whimsical wedding invitation suite inspired by fresh summer fruits with coordinating place cards; A delicious display of desserts is enhanced by a floral-adorned backdrop; A Stunning Affair chose neutral-toned place settings and gold flatware from Borrowed Blu to let the vibrant florals take center stage; A zesty lemon place card and striped linen napkins decorate each place setting; Peony and Plum's bountiful bouquet of fresh summer colors; A seasonal menu adds to the summer vibe

TROPICAL SPLENDOR

Hailey Lillard of Detailed Touch Events in Bakersfield incorporated coconuts into a classic, traditional wedding design. “Sometimes, clients have an amazing wedding design idea, but are not sure how to incorporate the idea without the wedding becoming a one-note theme,” says Lillard. Here, Lillard and her team captured the essence of the coconut by weaving organic materials throughout, such as Inessa Nichols Design’s soft white florals accompanied by crisp white pillar candles, coconut pieces, and a blend of loose ferns and tropical leaves. “Our florals were beautifully accompanied by some crisp white pillar candles and perfectly placed coconut pieces with loose ferns.”

CAKE: Beverly’s Bakery
EVENT DESIGN: Detailed Touch Events
FLORIST: Inessa Nichols Design
FLOWERS: FiftyFlowers.com
INVITATIONS/MENU: Copper Willow Paper Studio
LINEN: La Tavola Fine Linen
PHOTOGRAPHY: Sanaz Photography
RENTALS: Theoni Collection
STATIONERY: Copper Willow Paper Studio



Detailed Touch Events creates dimension by layering rimless white ceramic plates and redwood bread plates with modern gold silverware offering a metallic finish; Thin crystal glasses evoke a classic vibe

Clockwise, from top right: Jennifer Williams of Beverly’s Bakery alternates layers of vanilla bean cake with a layer of raspberry compote and two layers of coconut-rum cream; Inessa Nichols Design blends organic elements and polished edge by mixing lush blooms, such as Italian clooney ranunculus, long-stemmed Japanese sweet peas, garden roses and cattleya orchids with tropical leaves; Theoni Collection’s sustainable mango wood chargers effortlessly riff on the coconut husk; Handmade papers with a loose calligraphy style creates a clean look, with a leaf and fiber envelope liner reminiscent of the coconut tree; A coconut mojito crafted with coconut water, mint, simple syrup and a splash of lime



A neutral foundation, provided by a crisp white linen tablecloth, cut glasses and white china, enhances the beauty of Hammersky's picturesque vineyard setting



VINEYARD BEAUTY Elements of nature with deep shades of berries and fig were the catalysts for Vivian Lam's delicate design at Hammersky Vineyards in Paso Robles. Taking into account the vineyards' historic farmhouse and the classic New England white barn, Lam layered subtle touches of deep blue with berry and fig tones, and burgundy and soft blush garden roses nestled among flowing green vines. "I love the clean and classic look, but with subtle statements," notes Lam. Elements of wood and stone were incorporated to blend with Hammersky's refined yet rustic environment.

- CAKE:** Paper Cake Events
- CALLIGRAPHY:** Kelsey Malie Calligraphy
- EVENT DESIGN:** Vivian Lam Events
- FLORIST:** Noonan's Wine Country Designs
- LINENS:** Luxe Linen
- PHOTOGRAPHY:** Jenny Quicksall
- RENTALS:** All About Events
- RIBBON:** Tono and Co.
- TABLETOP:** Borrowed Blu
- TUX:** Friar Tux Shop
- VENUE:** Hammersky Vineyards in Paso Robles



Clockwise, from top left: Paper Cake Events designed an elegant, two-tiered white cake atop a marble cake stand adorned with fresh figs, berries and rosebuds; Noonan's Wine Country Design cinches a berry-hued boutonniere with a blue ribbon; Calligraphy on hand-torn cotton paper with Italian envelopes; Pieces of fruit at each place setting and among the centerpieces add a colorful accent to Borrowed Blu's delicate lace-edged chargers and simple white dinner plates; Burgundy and blush garden roses create a beautiful combination, accented with ranunculus and chocolate cosmos to create a romantic open-style centerpiece