



Garden Party

In the lush splendor of a Brentwood estate, Sarah Hutnick and Michael Landau pump up the volume with a different kind of “blowout”

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ollowing his 2008 proposal with a classic emerald-cut Harry Winston ring, no one would have batted a lash had Michael Landau wed Sarah Hutnick while climbing the Matterhorn. He was, after all, on bended knee on a Canadian glacier, reached via helicopter, when he asked his girlfriend of five years for her hand.

While the adventuresome sweethearts began to plan a destination wedding in Mexico, day-to-day operations at Drybar, the start-up SoCal blowout studio where Hutnick, a sommelier, runs special events and Landau is CEO, interrupted. “We’d be opening a new location every month for five months,” explains Landau. “The wedding fell in the middle of it all.” So the duo re-imagined those vacation nuptials...for L.A. That meant a weekend itinerary of court clinics with Hutnick’s father (a tennis pro), poolside leisure, and, of course, hairstyle gatherings for the ladies.

And as an August afternoon faded gently, 100 guests entered a friend’s Brentwood backyard to a scene of grassy splendor anchored by a trellis overflowing with 3,000 roses. Recalls Hutnick: “I was the anti-bride, but the one thing I said to Paige [Appel of event design Bash, Please] was, ‘Let’s make this thing thick and lush.’ If Michael sees some little chuppah on sticks, he’s not going to be happy.”

After the vows, and seasonal libations mixed with au courant liqueurs such as St-Germain, guests meandered to the estate’s art barn for dinner and entertainment. One wall had been painted in peach- and pistachio-hued stripes (to match invitations by Pica Press); a love poem had been stenciled on another.

For the bride, though, it was all about dancing. And that she did—donning a fascinator with birdcage miniveil while trading an iridescent swirl of Vera Wang for a Jill Stuart cocktail dress.

“I can’t imagine anyone had more fun,” says Landau, now back home in Corona del Mar. That’s a plus, since work has delayed their honeymoon to Australia, New Zealand and the Maldives. Of Drybar they say, “78 more locations to go.” Perhaps Sydney’s on that list... •



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT The bridesmaids wore J.Crew dresses. Dandelion Ranch flowers. A ring bearer. Birdcage veil, sourced online. Vera Wang dress. The wedding party. In the art studio, a first dance under a Gobo light. Rustic cake by Sweet & Saucy Shop.