



2021

Wedding package

## Venue Pricing

All Inclusive five course menu options +NO Venue Hire Fees + Date security fee + Decor setup fee + Breakage deposit

Number of guests

Price per person

(fully paid Adults)  
60 - 200

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R980

40 - 59 guests

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R1590

### Whats that?.....

**VENUE VIEWINGS:** Viewings take place from Tuesdays - Fridays (09:00 - 15:00) & Saturdays at 09:00 - no viewings on Sundays - Guest house viewings - permitted if there are no guests booked in the house

**DATE SECURITY FEE:** This amount is payable immediately in order to secure your wedding date. - This also caters for all the telephone calls, consultations, mock table setting (**only 1 mock table per bride - additional mock tables @R1000 per table**)-(mock tables do not include flowers). A **maximum of 2 consultations** per bride (Extra consultations @ R1000 each). (**The date security fee will not be repayable if date is cancelled or moved for any reason**). This also includes a hostess on the night of the wedding. Please note that your bridal consultant and your hostess is not necessarily the same person.

**MOCK TABLES:** Take place between Tuesdays to Fridays, mock tables cannot take place over weekends due to the nature that there are weddings taking place.

**DECOR SETUP FEE:** This includes the setup, cleaning and clearing of décor - All décor in stock will be made available for usage - decor may only be used inside the venue - This also includes Whispering Thorns: tables, chairs, crockery, cutlery - clients will not be allowed to setup Whispering Thorns decor and venue items (Bring your own decor? - the client will still pay this fee). Whispering Thorns is not responsible for any outdoor decor.

**BREAKAGE DEPOSIT:** refundable (14 working days) after the wedding once all damages and lost items subtracted.

## Pricing Example:

A wedding in 2021 for 80 Guests:

80 guests x R980 per guest = R78 400

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Date security fee = R5000

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Decor setup fee = R6 000

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Breakage deposit = R3000

TOTAL = R92 400

**Rate per person:** This amount includes a 5 course **plated** menu consisting of the following:

- \* Harvest table: Spread of rich cheeses, pates, conserves and a bruchetta bar with a selection of ham and fresh seasonal fruit (Available for guests to enjoy whilst the couple is busy with their couple shoot)
- \* Starter: Two small canapes served before guests enter the venue (Butler style)
- \* 1st Main course: A lighter meat and selection of vegetables or salad - plated
- \* 2nd Main course: A richer meat and selection of vegetables - plated
- \* Dessert - plated
- (Please note the 5 course menu cannot be adjusted to less courses)
- \* AND the exclusive use of the venue, boma and glass chapel

**NB!!! - FINAL NUMBERS OF YOUR GUEST LIST, ALONG WITH FULL PAYMENT IS DUE 3 WEEKS BEFORE THE WEDDING. TABLE LAYOUTS NEEDED 3 WEEKS BEFORE THE WEDDING. NO REFUND FOR CANCELLED GUESTS**

**NOTE:**

Toddlers (0-2 years), attending the wedding = Free of charge - Parents to provide own meals

Children 3 years of age and older = Full price

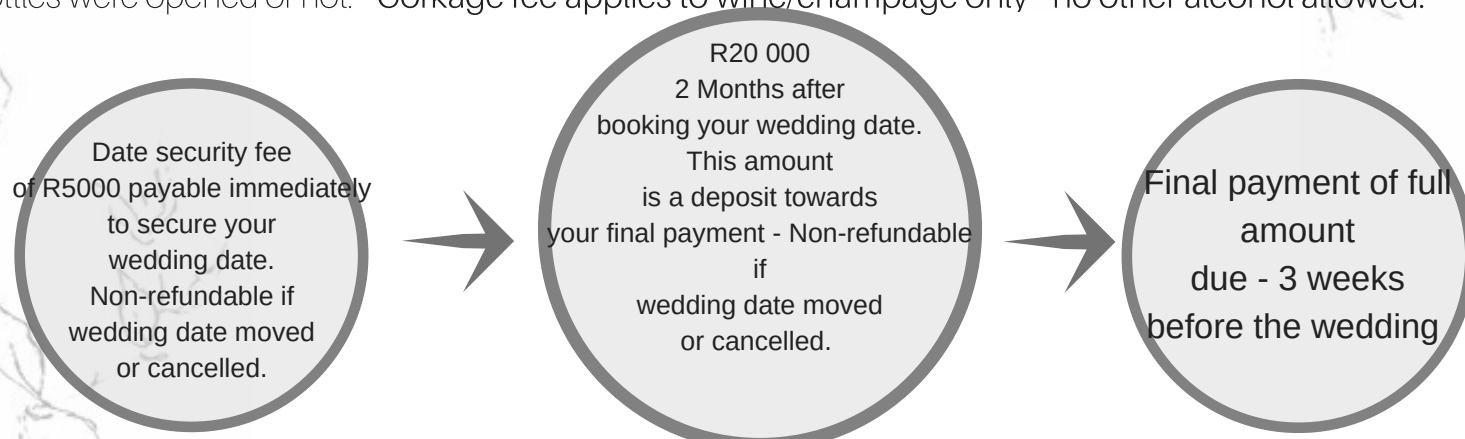
Service providers such as DJ's, Photographers, etc form part of your guest list and must be paid for in full = R980

**Venue usage:** The venue is booked for the wedding from 16:00 to 24:00. R6000/hour after 24:00 (latest to 01:00). Guests are permitted to exit the venue and grounds strictly at 24:00, should any guest exceed 24:00 it will result in the Bride & Groom having to pay R6000 for another hour as a fine (a full hour will be charged). Latest cut off time - 01:00 - NO LATER - R6000 for an extra hour.

Should any bride choose to get married earlier than 16:00 venue usage will be for 8 hours (example: from 15:00 to 23:00. - Booking of extra time is arranged prior to the wedding and paid 3 weeks before the wedding (added to final invoice) - should the client wish to book one hour prior to 16:00 (wedding to start at 15:00), a discounted rate of R4000 for the hour will be charged.

**Corkage fee:** Additional wine: corkage fee R80/bottle - Any wine exceeding the allowable amount (3 bottles per 10 guests) will be charged the corkage fee weather the bottles were opened or not. - Corkage fee applies to wine/champagne only - no other alcohol allowed.

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE



# Wedding Price includes the following....

- All Inclusive Five course menu options
- NO Venue Hire Fees
- Glass Chapel with seating, table with two chairs for signing, pedestal, four outside trees draped with fairy lights (weather permitted)
- Venue: hall, boma and deck all for your exclusive use on your wedding day
- Fairy lights in Venue
- Rectangular Tables (2,4 x 1,2 meter)
- White tiffany Chairs
- Welcoming Drink—small decorative bottle of juice per person 100ml
- White table linen & white, black, grey, navy, bottle green, red, bordeaux, terracotta, champagne or pebble stone airlaid napkins
- Table setting
- Cutlery-Knives, forks, spoons & Crockery, small plates, main plates and dessert plates
- Standard Glassware, Champagne glasses, red wine glasses & Jugs
- Salt and pepper pots (Filled with salt and pepper)
- Wine coolers
- Kitchen Staff, Manager on duty & Waitron Staff
- Bar tenders - Bar Service until 24h00 with prior arrangement (Cash Bar only - **NO TABS allowed: Unless priorly arranged and added to invoice 3 weeks before the wedding- NO CARD FACILITIES**)
- Table for DJ
- Gift table
- Envelope box
- Free corkage fee for three (3) bottles of champagne/wine per 10 guests, which the bride can bring in at her own expense. Example: 100 guests divide by 10 equals 10 times three equals 30 bottles.
- Bay marines
- Serving spoons
- Cake stands
- Serving dishes
- Salad dishes and bowls
- Trays
- Free ice
- Full circle Patrolling guard for the duration of the wedding - The evening.
- All décor items in stock (Silver & Chrystal candelabras, silver and glass bowls, steel candleholders, bird cages, huge variety of glass vases, silver vases, wooden boxes, wood & glass under plates, runners, steel windmills, small tea light candle holders, table numbers, table setting boards, lights, etc.)
- Venue & Chapel Coordination (Detailed planning and exceptional service will ensure you and your guests enjoy your dream wedding day.)

## Wedding Price excludes the following....

- Flower Arrangements
- Pastor/Minister
- Additional Décor and Draping that you wish to rent in extra, apart from that of Whispering Thorns
- DJ and Sound Equipment
- Candles & batteries
- Wedding Cake
- Wedding Car
- Wedding Stationary (program, table placements, menus, customized table numbers, etc.)
- Wood for fires in the boma
- Gas for heaters
- Guest house
- Small bottle of water per guest for the ceremony
- If the accommodation is not booked, the bride will not have a room to get ready in.

### Please NOTE:

- No guest will be allowed takeaways
- If any guest is caught, bringing their **own alcohol** onto the premises, this will result in the **breakage deposit (R3000)** being **forfeited immediately**

Last rounds @ the bar: 23:30

Last song to be played and lights on: 23:45

Guests will not be able to socialize @ the boma after the cut off time, however those staying at the guest house are welcome to socialize (without loud music/noise) on the veranda after the cut off time.

-The venue can be booked for an **extra hour** after 24:00 up to 01:00, @ **R6000 an hour** (no later than 01:00 - according to our license)

## Flowers

Poppies . . . .

is Whispering Thorns very own in-house floral design team. They strive to create unique and creative floral design that truly compliments our couples vision for their big day. You are more than welcome to request a quotation @ [whisperingthorns@yahoo.com](mailto:whisperingthorns@yahoo.com)

Please note that you are not at all obligated to use Whispering Thorns as your florist....

However if you choose to use another florist, the following guidelines should be followed:

**We only allow certain florists @ Whispering Thorns, please enquire to find out which florists are involved @ Whispering Thorns**

- The florist responsible, should arrange all flowers at their own premises
- All flowers should be at the venue on the morning of the wedding, the florist can setup from 08:00 - 12:00 so that we are able to clean thereafter.
- Florists are responsible to clean after themselves and take their "refuse" with them after setting up
- Whispering Thorns takes no responsibility for the flower arrangements
- No decor will be given to florists, however the florist is more than welcome to schedule an appointment at the venue in order to take measurements of the flower pots
- If the florist has to setup installations the day before the wedding this should be arranged prior to the day (if there is not a function or wedding the day before the clients wedding) and a **venue hire fee** will be charged to the clients invoice.
- Please also take note that no other florist will make use of Poppies floral equipment (including hanging planks from the roof / all mechanical installations)

# Accommodation

It is compulsory to book the entire house for one evening

## Special bridal accommodation package

The ENTIRE Guest House is booked as a self-catering accommodation at a discounted charge of R20 000/day that includes breakfast only.

There are twelve rooms, the house sleeps 24 guests in total.

Booking of this special rate means that you have to allocate rooms to your guests as well as welcome them into the Guest House.

The bridal couple is responsible to collect all the money involved and also welcome their guests, if they choose to book the guesthouse at the discounted rate. This cost will be added onto the bridal couple's invoice.

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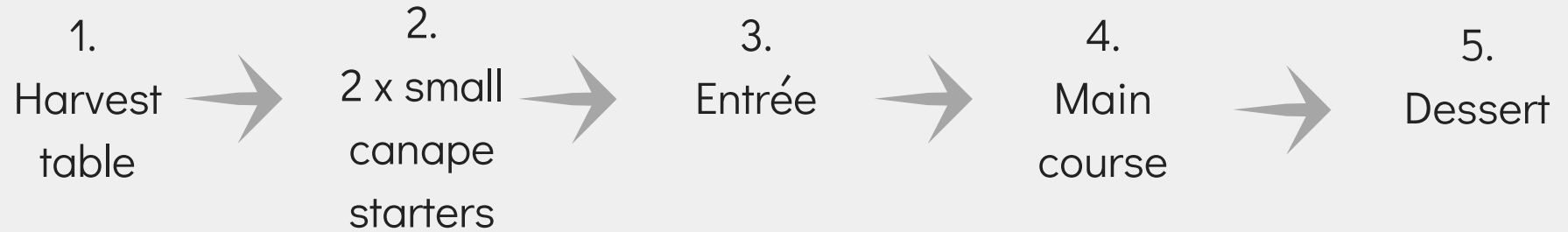
Strictly between 14:00 - 15:30,  
thereafter it is self check in

- If the guest house is booked according to the special bridal accommodation package: the couple will receive the honeymoon suite as a gift for their wedding night only - (Whispering Thorns reserves the right to book the couple into any one of the honeymoon suites). However should the guest house not be booked: the bride will NOT receive a room to get ready in for the wedding day. Should the bridal couple not wish to make use of the honeymoon suite for any reason (value: R4000 per night) it cannot be traded for funds or handed to any other guests for use.- Use of the honeymoon suite is only permitted for the evening of the wedding, after the couple returns from the wedding and not before.

## Please note :

- In order to make use of Whispering Thorns accommodation - it is compulsory to book the entire accommodation (12 rooms)
- The guest house does not have any braai facilities - Guests are welcome to request a restaurant (in town) booking through Whispering Thorns, for dinners and even lunches (with prior arrangement)- only group bookings will be made by Whispering Thorns.
- No guest (that have booked accommodation elsewhere) will be allowed at the guest house.
- Children in the guest house - the house can accommodate a maximum of 4 children (under 4 years old) - parents to provide own bedding and mattress) - any children above 4 years need to be booked into their own rooms.

# The 5 course plated menu



## Harvest table

Harvest table: Spread of rich cheeses, pâtés, conserves and a bruschetta bar with a small selection of ham and fresh seasonal fruit (Available for guests to enjoy whilst the couple is busy with their couple shoot)

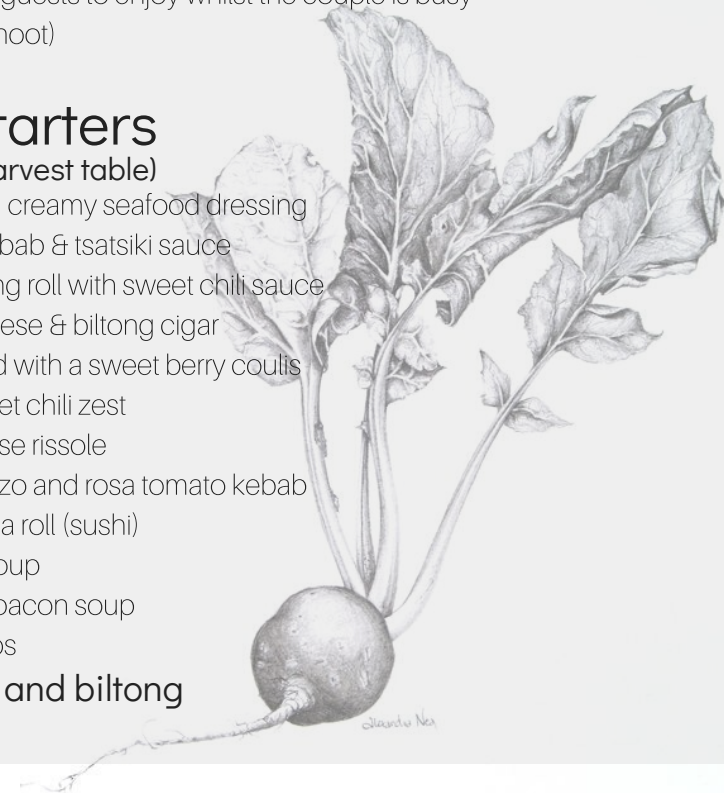


## Small canape starters

(Served outside along with the harvest table)

- A - Crispy fried tempura prawn with a rich and creamy seafood dressing
- B - Oregano seasoned mini chicken kebab & tsatsiki sauce
- C - Tender chicken and garden vegetable spring roll with sweet chili sauce
- D - Traditional bobotie spring roll / cheese & biltong cigar
- E - Camembert rolled in a crispy pastry served with a sweet berry coulis
- F - Cheesy samoosa with sweet chili zest
- G - Tender biltong and cheese rissole
- H - Honey & lime glazed grilled haloumi, chorizo and rosa tomato kebab
- I - Vegetable or salmon california roll (sushi)
- J - Creamy butternut soup
- K - Hearty potato and smokey bacon soup
- L - Farm fresh Melkkos

OR a selection of ham and biltong



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Select 1  
option



## Entrée

- Crispy lemon and butter tempura fried fish served on a yellow potato puree, accompanied by micro greens
- Light and flacky chicken leek and mushroom pie served with baby spinach, green apple and caramalized onions salad, smothered in a homemade poppy seed infused vinaigrette.
- Kuta & scallion quiche served with cumin seasoned roasted butternut, cummembert and avocado salad.
- Chicken gordon blue stuffed with imported Swiss cheese and ham, breaded and baked; served on a bead of spinach and fetta tagliatelle.
- Beef stroganoff sautéed with shallots, garlic, herbs and served with a creamy mushroom brandy sauce, on a bed of penne.
- Mild peri-peri, slow roasted portugese chicken served on a bed of mediteranian vegetable cous cous
- Sweet and sour pork medalion on a pea and potato puree, accompanied by picalilly garnish.
- Deboned chicken roll stuffed with spinach, bacon and fetta, served on a carrot infused potato puree, drizzled with sun dried tomatoes.





## Main course

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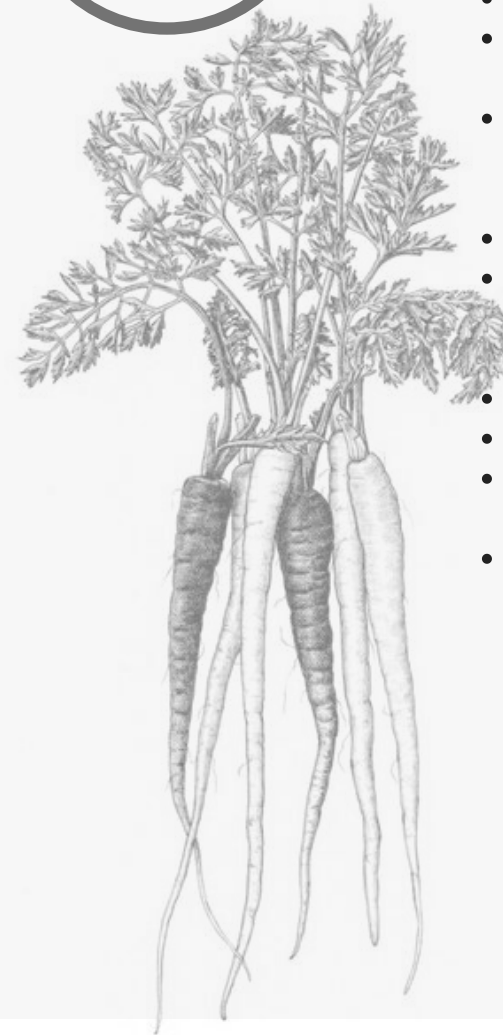
- Farm fresh karoo lamb pie
- Hearty oxtail pie
- Medium rare grilled beef fillet with a cranberry and mustard glaze
- Rump steak grilled over coals, with 1 sauce of the bridal couples choice (cheese, mushroom, pepper, monkey gland)
- Traditional deboned lamb curry
- Tender lamb neck in a balsamic reduction
- Sweet curried oxtail infused with apricots
- Eisbein served with honey, apricot and berry Jus
- Smoked deboned pork neck with a honey, apricot and berry Jus
- Slow roasted cranberry and lime glazed pork belly

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1 option

- Potato puree made with sour cream, buttermilk and herbs
- Pea & potato crush
- Savoury basmati rice
- Plain basmati rice
- Mediterranean flavoured couscous
- Green beans in a blue cheese sauce with roasted almonds
- Cream spinach
- Roasted veg served with a sweet chili sauce and rosemary
- Spinach quiche
- Steamed baby vegetables
- Cauliflower and broccoli au gratin
- Creamy vegetable in a phyllo basket

Select 1  
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- Pumpkin fritters with a caramel sauce
- Sweet potatoes with sally williams nougat
- Glazed baby carrots in an orange sauce
- Orange and date sweet potato



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Select 1  
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## Dessert

- Tangy maracujá (Portugese granadilla mousse) cheese cake
- Home baked crispy waffles served with creamy ice-cream, lavender infused syrup and a sweet berry compote
- Sweet and fluffy crepe with a filling of the bridal couples choice (Bananna & caramel or milktart or chocolate ganache)
- Salted caramel pecanut pie served with fresh cream
- Creamy vanilla Ice-cream served with a berry compote or home made chocolate suace
- Baked malva or chocolate pudding with custard (choose one)

- The wedding package menu can be further enhanced by adding additional menu items as follows:

- Additional Items:
  - Main Course Meat Dish R 70.00/person · Salad R40.00/person · Starch R 40.00/person
  - Vegetable R 40.00/person
- Local & International Cheese Platter with Biscuits and Preserves is optional at R900.00 per platter (serving 10pax)
- Late night Whispering Thorns speciality foccasia's (pizza) served with white gouda and drizzled with basil pesto and zesty garlic @ R1500 for 50 guests or R3000 for 100 guests.
- Please note that braai and potjiekos menus are available, but subject to a revision to quote)

{PACKAGE MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME, BY THE OWNER}



# Frequently Asked Questions:

## \* How do I start my wedding planning process?

- Pick a color scheme and build on the style that you would like your wedding to be.
- Book your mock table @ Whispering Thorns 3 months before the wedding, request to fill in the checklists 3 weeks before the mock table.

## \* Which items get subtracted from my breakage deposit?

- All damaged and broken items such as:
  - Candle damage to any table linen
  - Lost / broken glasses
  - Unforeseen extras - like extra guests

## \* Important things to keep in mind?

- Please keep in mind that candles can cause quite a bit of damage on table linen and therefore are blown out before they drip on the table linen.

## \* When can I drop my wedding related items at the venue?

- Due to the nature that there are corporate functions and small weddings throughout the week it is best to drop your wedding related items on the morning of your wedding.

## \* What am I responsible for bringing to the venue?

- Only one small bottle of water per guest
- Your table wine and champagne
- Wood for the boma fire
- Any wedding stationary and signage

## \* What about food tastings?

The following T's & C's apply to food tastings:

Date and place: At the venue between Tuesday's and Thursday's

Time: From 11:00 - 14:00 - extra time will be charged per hour @ R4000 an hour

Minimum and maximum number of guests: 10 adult guests

R15500

-What is included?

- Full menu (excluding the harvest table) for 10 guests
- Venue hire for 3 hours (extra hours - @R6000 per hour
- 1 x waiter
- A welcome drink per guest
- A beautifully set table

## \* When can I do my mock table?

- 3 months before the wedding, between Tuesdays and Fridays (no mock tables on weekends)

## \* What time does breakdown start?

- On your wedding night We start with underplates and candle holders @ 23:00, in order to avoid more damaged items and breakages.

## \* What time can my guests arrive at the venue on my wedding day?

- The gate opens 30 minutes before the wedding (no earlier), so if your wedding starts at 16:00, guests will be able to arrive from 15:30.

## \* When does the bar open on my wedding day?

- The bar opens strictly only after the ceremony

## \* Can I move the venue's furniture around for photos?

- Under no circumstances will you be allowed to move the Venue's furniture around. This causes too much damage to our furniture

## \* Vegan / Vegetarian / dairy free / gluten free guests or kiddies menu?

- Request specialised menu from [whisperingthorns@yahoo.com](mailto:whisperingthorns@yahoo.com)

## \* Can I rehearse the day before my wedding?

Unfortunately rehearsals won't be possible throughout the week, however you are welcome to do a chapel (walk down the aisle) rehearsal the day of the wedding.

## \* Can I have sparklers at my wedding?

- You are welcome to have sparklers at your wedding, however they will not be permitted inside the venue.

## \* What is Whispering Thorns policy on alcoholic and non alcoholic beverages?

No own alcohol or any other beverages is allowed at the venue, any wedding favours that are alcoholic will be charged a corkage fee depending on the ml per bottle (a maximum of 50ml per guest). All beverages are provided by the Whispering Thorns bar. Guests staying at the guest house are welcome to bring their own beverages, however these are not allowed at the venue, the bridal couple will be charged a hefty fine and will forfeit their deposit. All alcoholic beverages @ the venue will be supplied by the Whispering Thorns bar.

## \* Can I change the menu to a buffet?

- Unfortunately not, we specialize in plating, and therefore do not do a buffet style menu.

## \* If I do not book the accommodation, where do I get ready?

If you do not book the full house you will not receive the bridal cottage to get ready in, it would then be best to book @ a nearby lodge or guest house.

# Whispering Thorns Cancellation Policy

## GENERAL

Whispering Thorns is committed to providing exceptional service in a timely manner. Unfortunately when a client cancels without giving enough notice, it prevents another client from being able to book a date. Cancellations have an impact on service quality while punishing clients who may have wanted a date for their wedding. For this reason Whispering Thorns has implemented a cancellation policy that will be strictly observed.

## FULL PAYMENT

Your date booking is complete when we receive full payment of the date booking fee along with the signed contract. We do not reserve dates without payment.

## CANCELLATION REQUEST

Cancellation requests may be submitted by email. Please note that refunds will be processed by EFT.

## REFUND POLICY

- Refund requests made 10 months BEFORE the initial wedding date will be accepted and the full amount of the date booking fee will be refunded.
- Any refund requests made later than 10 months BEFORE the wedding will not be accepted and no refunds will be made. If the client cancels their wedding before the R20000 non-refundable deposit is paid (paid 2 months after booking your wedding date), they will still be obligated to pay this amount.

# Whispering Thorns Contract

This document (wedding package: Page 1-13) serves as a contract between the client and Whispering Thorns

Please note that your date will not be booked if you have not signed this document and sent a copy to:  
whisperingthorns@yahoo.com

Client name & Surname (bride): \_\_\_\_\_, ID number: \_\_\_\_\_

Client name & Surname (groom): \_\_\_\_\_, ID number: \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding date: \_\_\_\_\_

I, (name and surname) - (bride): \_\_\_\_\_ & (groom) \_\_\_\_\_ hereby agree, on (Date

signed): \_\_\_\_\_, to the terms and conditions of the wedding package document.

(client signature) - (bride) \_\_\_\_\_ & (groom) \_\_\_\_\_