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Wedding:
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Where do I start? My husband and I chose Rancho because we wanted to have a fun, unpretentious yet beautiful outdoor wedding where people could enjoy amazing food, drinks and dance the night away to great music, and that is exactly what we got. The location is Marin countryside at it's best, St Marys church just down the street, the small town square, the flowers on site were blooming and rolling golden fields stretch out for miles to provide a beautiful backdrop. Amidst the natural beauty Rancho adds the laid back rustic wagon wheel type charm and then our wedding flowers brought the elegance. The thing that makes this venue so incredible is the farm fresh food that the caterer/coordinator Julii masterminds. Our guests are still commenting on how great the food was, which is incredible when you think about making food for 140 guests. Based on previous reviews we read that she had the magic touch so we had high expectations and it ended up being even better than what we had expected! Not quite sure how she manages it all but Julii also ensured that everything, beyond the food, went off according to plan - including helping us with rentals (she has the hookup with all the local vendors!) and stepping in in a BIG way when our shuttle plans fell completely apart. I only saw her once during the night - but she was like a stealth ninja ensuring it all came together just like we wanted. Highly recommend!



posted 10/26/2017 by Lilia C (updated 7/1/2018)

Everyone at Rancho was amazing! We got engaged at Christmas and needed to plan a wedding asap in half the time you normally would so we were looking for a venue that would do it all and not break the bank but feel like it did to all of our guests. We love Marin Point Reyes Tomales area but there is a slim selection of venues. Especially venues who will fit a big group AND are setup for Live music and don't shut down until 10:30! I'm possible they are the only ones. After working in the wedding industry in the Bay Area for a few years this was the only venue I looked at and was sold. They do it ALL. Local farm fresh food, drinks, linens, cutlery, chairs, ceremony, servers, even a sound tech! All you have to find is flowers, music, cake, and a photographer and you are set. So easy and after all is said and done it was all so easy and every single thing was elegantly taken care of I had nothing to worry about and not a single person at the venue stressed me out and made me worry about any detail. Staff was amazing, food was amazing local oyster and cheese, passed apps, tri tip fresh salmon fresh local vegetables and so much more. Everyone was in heaven. The location is so gorgeous in the beautiful valley with the sun setting on the rolling hills everything was a dream. I would recommended this hidden Marin gem to anyone who asked.



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Rancho Nicasio offered everything we ever wanted in a venue: fantastic food, experience with large parties, great drinks, gorgeous surroundings and up-front pricing and no surprise fees. When we went to visit the location, we were instantly charmed by the rolling golden hills and the no frills attitude of the staff. Max and Julii offered everything we wanted: a chill vibe, delicious food sourced locally, made on site, catering to Rancho's strengths including the grill, and a raw bar, great options for an open bar, a nice wine selection and multiple spaces for the different parts of the wedding.

We hired all local vendors in Marin county: cake, flowers, day-of coordinator, invitations, table-settings printouts, buses, etc. so we had this truly local experience and everyone worked great together.

Our ceremony was in the redwood grove and it was beautiful, with the golden hills serving as the backdrop.

The cocktail hour offered an awesome selection for local cheeses and meats, in-season passed hors d'oeuvres, and raw oysters.

Dinner was on the beautiful lawn. It was so awesome that all we had to take care of were the flowers. Julii had her staff take care of the rest: table cloths, place settings, etc. She was also super helpful in implementing our ideas about the seating charts, etc.

We did a buffet dinner with grilled meats and fish, as well as tons of salads. Our guests still talk about the food, saying it's the best food they had ever eaten at a wedding. We had lots of vegetarian options as well, so all our guests were happy and ready to hit the dance floor. People went for seconds and thirds and we still brought leftovers home with us.

We hired a full band (Lucky Devils, highly recommend!!!). RN offered such a great setup for the musicians. We hired RN's sound engineer to make sure the music sounded great on their equipment, and it was very affordable, not some absurd sum. During cocktail hour, LD's played outside on the brick stage in the shade, and for the reception, they moved onto the stage inside and created a full concert vibe. It was truly awesome. We danced non-stop for many hours, and then stayed an extra hour past our allotted time for a previously-disclosed reasonable rate.

Cake and desserts were served on the beautifully appointed deck, with lights and the seamlessly-moved flowers serving as the decorations, along with the little cake toppers and table runner we brought ourselves.

Finally, there was another convenient factor: the cottage at the back of the property was so great. We and our wedding party were able to come a few hours before the festivities and take photos in Nicasio and rest in the cottage. This was great for the grandparents and anyone that needed a break from marathon photo shoots. Don't forget to bring some food and drinks to the cottage for the pre-wedding hours so you have energy for the whole day. We used the cottage throughout the wedding too, just to sit down and breathe and take in the event for a few minutes.

We had an early bus and two late buses taking guests back to the hotel in San Rafael, thankfully RN had enough space to park for both buses and cars for those people that chose to drive in.

I couldn't recommend RN more! It had everything we wanted and needed: beautiful, delicious and super experienced. Just choose your package and trust them with the food and the booze so you could take care of the other stuff, like flowers, cake, transportation, music, and having fun.



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The staff at Rancho Nicasio will make sure your wedding day is exactly what you hope it is, whatever that may be. In working with Julie, their wedding planner, my wife and I felt that she has the unique ability to not only hear what you are looking for in terms of decorations, organization, etc, but she is proficient at reading personalities and tailoring the feel of the night exactly to the needs of the families involved. There is **NOT A SINGLE THING** we could change about our wedding day, it was simply flawless. Not to mention, it was about 95 degrees on our wedding day and despite, the staff at Nicasio had no problem keeping every guest at the wedding comfortable and having a good time. There was zero stress on our wedding day because of how good their staff is, and we will be eternally grateful for that.

Another thing we were also blown away by is the quality of the food. Wedding food sucks, most people know that, but the food that the kitchen at Nicasio put together for our dinner and desert was out of this world, you won't find a better meal. The ingredients were fresh, selected by Julie, Nicasio's wedding planner herself at local farmers markets and everything was prepared right on time, nothing sat before being served and everyone went home with at least one box of left overs (everyone was full from the incredible oyster bar and hors d'oeuvres hosted during the cocktail hour).

The staff at Nicasio are real, down to earth, honest, caring, and hard working people who truly enjoy making this celebration a special day that will always be cherished and remembered. We had people as much as 80, 90 years old at our wedding and they truthfully said that in all their years, they have not seen or been to a better wedding. Others said they felt like they had just been to a wedding right out of a movie. The venue, the people, the food, and the entire package the Nicasio is so precisely and skillfully able to piece together for each couple makes Rancho a heaven on earth for the perfect wedding. We wish we could relive that day every weekend, words simply can't describe how perfect the folks at Nicasio made our wedding.



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We got married at Rancho Nicasio in the Fall of 2015 and had a great experience. The outside area was perfect for the ceremony and dining and the bar and main room were great for drinking and dancing. The owners and staff were easy to work with and planning was made much easier having everything under one roof. We especially enjoyed working with Julii on the food and logistics. She's very experienced, her food is great and she has an all-around good vibe.

Wedding:
6/20/2015



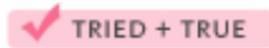
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Wedding:
6/9/2017

Rancho Nicasio is the ultimate northern California wedding venue. The food was INCREDIBLE. Our guests could not stop talking about it for weeks after. Local, organic, beautiful, and so delicious. The service was also more than we could've asked for. Julie has impeccable taste. She is creative and thoughtful and made our wedding look amazing. Max is great at food planning and logistics. We are so happy we chose to have our day here. Check out the blog for photos of food and venue: annedaivablog.com/stephen-isabel-nicasio-ca/



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A Great Venue for an Outdoor Wedding

Rancho Nicasio was the perfect place for our wedding. It is in a beautiful, natural setting, and the outdoor space is just the right size for a wedding party. The venue lends itself to less stuffy (but still very nice) weddings, and they are very accommodating with creating just the right ambiance and amenities you want.

The biggest surprise was just how great their catering was. All of our guests commented on how good the food was and how well it was presented. The planning meetings and details of the menu selection were frequently a little sketchy and frustrating. But we were pleasantly surprised with how well it translated to a really great experience.

The availability of the indoor dance venue after the ceremony was a great asset and makes having the entire event at one location seamless.

We loved it and would definitely choose Rancho Nicasio again if we had it to do over.



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Wedding:
10/22/2016

Rancho Nicasio was the perfect spot for our wedding! Julii has such a creative vision and was a tremendous help in giving us the wedding of our dreams. People told us to get wedding planners, but there's no need when you have Julii! She has a tremendous amount of positive and creative energy. She took the time to get to know us and understand who we are as a couple. She has a wonderful eye for detail. Max and Steve, the sound guy, were also extremely helpful along the way. We forgot to arrange music for early on in the reception, and Steve was able to put something together for us at the last minute. Steve was also great with making sure our first song was done flawlessly. The food was incredible. Every guest raved about it. And we loved the oyster bar. The place was decorated beautifully and the rustic, western feel was the perfect atmosphere for a party. Thank you Rancho Nicasio for the best night our lives!



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Wedding:
10/18/2015

I can't say enough wonderful things about our wedding and reception at Rancho Nicasio. The picturesque scenery and giant redwoods made the perfect place for our outdoor ceremony. The staff was kind and professional. All our guests raved about the food. With the help of the staff and management we were able to plan a beautiful and elegant event. I loved the personal touches from the unique table assignment display to the perfectly placed flowers on the passed appetizer plates (side note: the staff made sure that my husband I were served all the appetizers that were passed :)) The surrounding landscape created a beautiful backdrop for many wonderful picture opportunities. If you are planning a small intimate event or a wedding for the masses I can't recommend a better venue then Rancho Nicasio!



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Wedding:
1/17/2016

My husband and I could not be happier with our choice of wedding venue. Rancho Nicasio was everything we hoped for. We chose it for the outdoor space, including the outdoor grill, bar and ceremony space, and we were blown away by the staff's attention to detail, by the caterer Julii's patience with my many requests, and Max's skills on the grill. We continue to get rave reviews from our guests about the food and the venue! Our number one goal was for our guests to have a fantastic experience, and Rancho certainly delivered.



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Wedding:
12/11/2017

We had our rehearsal dinner and wedding at Rancho Nicasio. It's such a beautiful location, and it was so easy working with Max Brown and Julii Ashby. My husband and I went to several venues all over the Bay Area when we were trying to decide where to have our wedding. When we met Max at Rancho, we knew that was where we wanted to have our special day. Max is so easy going and made the whole process stress free. The outdoor space at Rancho Nicasio is breathtaking, and we loved how we had access to both the outdoor and indoor areas. I would highly recommend this venue to other couples as it was almost all inclusive and accommodated our 146 guests!



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Wedding:
7/23/2016

My husband and I were married at Rancho Nicasio in July. We loved it from start to finish! Not only was the outdoor setting simply stunning but the staff was efficient, kind, accommodating and very pleasant to work with from start to finish. The all inclusive package made planning much easier and it was definitely cost efficient in the end. Many of my guests raved that it was the best wedding they had ever been to! I highly recommend Rancho Nicasio if you are looking for a rustic outdoor venue with beautiful fresh food and a laid back vibe.



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Wedding: 8/2/2014

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Easy Planning, Beautiful Venue, Excellent Food

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 Service

 Quality

 Value

This was actually easy wedding planning and I had so much fun at the wedding. Here's the stuff I think best recommend the venue (i.e., what I wish I knew when I was shopping venues):

1. The food, the food, the food. It is HARD to do bulk food well but Julii was undaunted. A couple weeks before the wedding she called to say she was worried the local tomato salad was redundant with our tomato/basil crustini appetizer and asked if she could replace the appetizer with homemade ricotta crustini. I continue to get complements months later.

2. Almost everything included. There is so much to think of when planning and the fact that plates/flatware/tableclothes/food/booze/ceremony set up/A PLANNER all come wrapped up in one was a God-send. Compared to other friends, my planning was a breeze. Also, contrary to what I thought going into this and based on conversations with other friends, I think it's easier to control costs if everything is included - I certainly ended up without all the "surprise" charges people get.

3. The venue. To me, this place captures the natural beauty of Northern California - rolling hills, the dramatic drive through tall tall trees. Decorating was easy. The indoor/outdoor aspect was great as well. Also - I had not predicted how cool it would be to have "dance space" and "bar space." People really enjoyed that aspect after dinner was over.

4. The people. Julii (the planner/chef) is a can-do magician - as creative as can be and perfectly practical. Max (the owner) is upfront (no extra fee for cake cutting, higher thread-count tablecloths or whatever weddings will charge you for) and very easy to work with. And I think his attitude trickles down to all the staff.

Could not recommend highly enough!