



Wedgerwood SAN RAMON

*outstanding value, service
& convenience*

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Deciding on the perfect wedding site and planning the details of the reception is often the most difficult and time consuming part of getting married. A way to relieve that stress, and unnecessary cost, could be to have your wedding at a Wedgerwood location where all of the details of the wedding are put together for you. You just have to tell their planners what package you would like.

For twenty-three years Wedgerwood has continued to achieve the goal of providing you, the bride, with the best value and service for your dollar. In 1986, John and Linda Zaruka created a country club like experience, but with public golf course prices. An elegant ceremony and appetizer reception at Wedgerwood can start as low as \$2,000. The Zaruka Family has expanded the Wedgerwood business to serve couples at nine locations in California. Five of the locations are within the Bay Area. If you are set on a date, one location may be booked, but check the others nearby. Although service and quality remains the same, each location has a different feel and atmosphere.

If the idea of someone else taking over the majority of the difficult details of planning your

wedding, for an incredible value, is of interest to you, we suggest considering Wedgewood for your wedding. Wedgewood also has no hidden fees, and further simplifies the planning process by requiring just one deposit for all of the wedding services.

WEDGEWOOD SAN RAMON

Wedgewood's San Ramon property is located in the heart of the San Ramon Valley. As with all Wedgewood properties, the beautiful, lush green golf course setting makes for a wonderful wedding and back-drop for all of your photos. The location is perfect for weddings up to 400 people. Windows make up the entire west-facing wall of the expansive banquet room, adding to the romance and beauty of your reception. If the weather permits, as it usually does in San Ramon, you can have your ceremony under a romantic gazebo. The gazebo, set under a beautiful Willow tree overlooking the golf course and a lake, is picturesque. Chairs for your guests are arranged facing you, and the beautiful setting. As a bride-to-be, you will also probably be happy to hear that Wedgewood's San Ramon location has the largest bridal dressing room in Contra Costa County.

WEDGEWOOD WEDDING PACKAGES

Wedgewood's website will give you everything you need to know about their five wedding packages. According to Bill Zaruka, Vice President of Operations at Wedgewood, the Gold package is the most popular because it is very inclusive, yet affordable.

The thing we like most about their packages, other than the excellent prices and convenience, is Wedgewood's flexibility. You can substitute, or eliminate, any piece of the package you desire - except food and beverage. Do you already have a vendor to bake your cake, for example? No problem, Wedgewood will simply deduct the cost of their baker from the total cost of the wedding package you choose. "You want everything, we can give you everything. You want bare bones, we can give you that," explains Zaruka.

COST EFFECTIVE ELEGANCE

After performing thousands of weddings, the Zarukas have become very intelligent about how they package weddings for their brides and grooms in order to give you the best experience possible, at the lowest possible price. Wedgewood facilitates over 850 weddings a year, and therefore they are able to negotiate great prices with all of their vendors, subsequently passing the savings onto you. The Zarukas believe that weddings should be a wonderful experience, but should not be an unnecessary financial burden.

Also, friendly staff on the day of your wedding is of utmost importance at Wedgewood. "I can train someone to make a martini," Zaruka explains, "but I cannot train someone to be friendly." We at Bay Bella Publishing know that at the end of the day, it is your day, and it seems that the management and staff at Wedgewood understands this as well.

