

# Cheryl & Damien

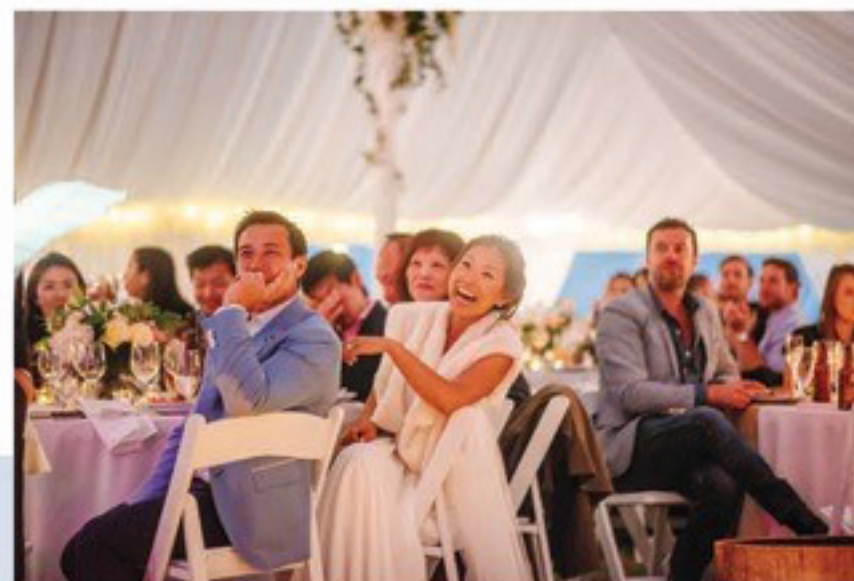
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CEREMONY  
Montrose Estate

RECEPTION  
Silk Estate Marquee at Montrose Estate

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*Love, laughter  
& a little bit  
of Paradise...*

When Damien Pang got down on one knee last July to propose to partner, Cheryl Teo, thought he'd dropped something and actually got down to help him. "He told me to get up and only then did it click that he was proposing! I was in total shock and speechless for a good five minutes...which never happens! Before actually saying YES!!! Bet this felt like an eternity for Damo."

The couple, originally from Singapore, now based in Sydney, knew they wanted to marry at Canterbury's beautiful Montrose Estate, as this was where they had taken their first holiday as a couple. They planned their wedding celebrations to be held over a number of days starting at Montrose and ending in Queenstown. "We had 180 guests at the wedding and 160 of them were flying in from overseas – New York, San Francisco, Hong Kong, Singapore, Melbourne, Sydney, London, Jakarta, Malaysia and Denmark – so we wanted to create a holiday out of it for everyone, ensure our guests had the best time and got to really experience and appreciate everything that we love about New Zealand. It's one of our favourite countries in the world!"

It was important for Cheryl to be able to "let my hair down and have fun". She had tried on two particular designer gowns, both were stunning but she did not want to worry about getting her dress dirty on the day. So, while visiting Bangkok for work, Cheryl decided to "get a feel for getting one custom-made". A few hours later, she had designed her dress and chosen the fabric. "I had two fittings while I was there and in ten days the dress was ready – I absolutely loved it. It looked great, fitted very well and only cost me \$700! Most importantly, it was a dress that I could go crazy in." The end result was simply stunning. Damien's suit was also custom-made, by The Bespoke Club in Singapore, owned by a friend of his, and the bride and groom wore matching shoes – white La Coste runners, combining an edgy look with absolute comfort.

Day One's fun commenced at Montrose Estate for the boys with motorbikes, quad bikes, fishing and cricket, while the girls went horse riding and clay bird shooting. Methven's Blue Pub was the next venue, with everyone dressed in animal onesies, a gift to each guest from the bride and groom. Sheep-racing, organised by David Cone and filmed by TVNZ, also featured. "It was definitely a night to remember."