

WEDDINGS AT CARET CELLARS

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Short Engagement Wedding Checklist

Initial Planning

- Determine your budget; stick to it
- Compile a guest list
- Set a date; be flexible
- Decide the wedding reception vibe: formal, casual, beach, etc.
- Reserve your venue; will the ceremony (religious or not?) and reception be at the same venue?
- Hire a wedding planner

Vendors (your wedding planner will help with this)

- Caterer (guests will remember the food; choose wisely!)
- Photographer/videographer (catering and photography will be your biggest expenses)
- Entertainment: DJ, band, playlist
- Florist
- Officiant (ensure you hire someone to perform a legal ceremony; don't host an expensive party.)

Attire

- Wedding gown (dresses can be altered)
- Groom's attire (refer to your vibe: suit, suspenders and bow tie, shorts?)
- Entertainment: DJ, band, playlist
- Rings (buy them early to ensure you have time to have them sized properly; insure them)

Invitations

- Send digital save the date and invitations
- RSVPs (set an early RSVP date; include a QR code for online responses you capture in a spreadsheet)
- Entertainment: DJ, band, playlist
- Rings (buy them early to ensure you have time to have them sized properly; insure them)

Final Details

- Marriage license (learn the requirements for your area)
- Seating chart (assign tables, not individual seats)
- Vows (work with your officiant to write your vows and ceremony script)
- Rehearsal (schedule a time so everyone knows his or her role and the flow of the wedding)

Wedding Day

- Get plenty of sleep the night before
- Eat small, nutritious snacks leading up to your ceremony
- Stay hydrated (drink water, avoid alcohol)
- Savor the moments leading up to the ceremony

The key to a successful wedding is to stay focused and organized; communicate and be decisive!