



Alex & Michael

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Michael and I met when we were freshman at the University of Georgia. It was not love at first sight; in fact, I did not care for him at all after his cracks about vegetarians during our first encounter (he had no idea that I was one). Soon after, we put our differences aside, became best friends and quickly fell in love. Seven years and a few moves later, here we are happily living in Louisville.

Michael and I both love the outdoors, so an outdoor wedding was an obvious choice for us. The day we went to visit Yew Dell Gardens it was cold and rainy, but we knew that if we loved it that much then it would be absolutely stunning in late June. Rustic garden chic infused with burlap, birds and barn wood sums up our theme. We wanted it to be very Kentucky – bourbon barrels as cocktail rounds, a banjo player during cocktail hour, bourbon balls as favors, etc.

Personal touches and handmade elements were also very important to us. I made the bird cake topper, the headbands for the bridesmaids, the throw pillows for the lounge areas, the signs and chalk boards out of old wood from a fallen barn on our family farm.

The most special item that we made was our barn wood wine box. Inside, we placed a bottle of wine along with love letters that we pre-wrote to one another. During our wedding ceremony, we nailed it shut with plans to open it on our 10th wedding anniversary. We plan to continue this tradition by writing new letters every 10 years to create a time capsule of how our love has and will grow over the years. [KB](#)

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