



Clockwise from top left: The bride and groom at the enchanting Il Falconiere; chocolate chip cake by Il Falconiere, with fresh roses and lisianthus added by Flowers Living; perfectly packaged wedding bands by Van Cleef & Arpels, both engraved with "ti amerò per sempre" ("I love you forever" in Italian); a mix of terra-cotta pots filled with herbs, mixed floral arrangements and candles decorated the tables at the intimate reception.



UNDER THE TUSCAN STARS

Donna O'Brien and Brian Litten bring their Philadelphia love story to romantic Tuscany.

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DONNA & BRIAN
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Donna O'Brien knows romance. As the former owner and creative director of Philadelphia-based company Beautiful Blooms and the current director of special events at David's Bridal, she has helped countless couples achieve the wedding of their dreams. So it would be no surprise if Donna's love story with

Brian Litten, chief strategic growth officer at Tabula Rasa Healthcare, made any bride-to-be starry-eyed.

After Brian proposed with a pink gold diamond ring in 2018, the two wasted no time planning an unforgettable Italian wedding in the rolling hills of Tuscany. Accompanied by their closest loved ones, Donna and Brian were married by a deputy of the mayor at the Palazzo Comunale in Montepulciano, a 14th-century building with extraordinary views. Brian's children, Paige and Graham, served as maid of honor and best man.

For the reception, which took place at Il Falconiere in Cortona, Donna chose an ivory strapless gown with a high-low hem, displaying pale pink vegan suede heels adorned with custom crystals, while Brian said "I do" in a custom suit and Gucci shoes.

Il Falconiere provided an enchanting, intimate setting for the reception. Upon arriving, guests sipped Champagne and enjoyed breathtaking scenery from the terrace, then gathered at an exclusive patio table for a five-course dinner complete with wine pairings. A jazz trio played as guests dined on panzanella salad and other Italian fare, surrounded by glowing candles and centerpieces of herbs, olive branches and flowers. The evening ended, like all summer nights in Tuscany, by toasting with grappa and limoncello. Dreamy decor and stunning landscapes aside, for Donna, the best part was simply "being under the stars with the man I love and our families. It was truly a magical evening."

The List

Ceremony Palazzo Comunale, Montepulciano, Italy
Reception Il Falconiere, Cortona, Italy
Wedding Planner Weddings in Tuscany, weddingsintuscany.info
Bride's Gown David's Bridal, davidsbridal.com
Bride's Shoes Moo Shoes, mooshoes.com;
Shoe clips: Freya Rose, freyarose.com
Bride's Hair & Makeup Silvia Gerzeli, silviagerzeli.com
Groom's & Best Man's Tuxes Ed DeSumma, Ernesto Custom Tailors, custombyernesto.com
Groom's Shoes Gucci, gucci.com
Groom's Watch Rolex, rolex.com
Rings Van Cleef & Arpels, vancleefarpels.com
Florals Flowers Living, flowersliving.com
Catering & Cake Il Falconiere, ilfalconiere.it
Stationery Chick Invitations, chickinvitations.com
Linens Mark & Graham, markandgraham.com
Entertainment Elisa Mini Trio, elisamini.it
Favors Tuscan Taste, tuscantasteflorence.it