

Aryne & John

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Aryne wore a Lee Petra Grebenau gown from **POWDER** with Cinderella-esque Gianvito Rossi heels, earrings from **TARA FAVA JEWELLERY**, a Chanel purse, a headpiece provided by **JEN EVOY MAKEUP STUDIO**, and custom bracelets from **DESIGNS BY G & G**.

Hairstyling and makeup application services provided by **JEN EVOY MAKEUP STUDIO**.



Stationery by **PAPER & POSTE**.



John wore Ted Baker formalwear purchased at **LONG ISLAND FOR MEN** with a Rolex watch from **KNAR JEWELLERY** and black shoes from **LONG ISLAND FOR MEN**.

The bride got ready at **QUEEN'S LANDING**, Niagara-on-the-Lake.



Flower girls wore dresses from **JJ'S HOUSE**.



A Wine Retreat at Peller Estates

Aryne Fuller met John Tavares at Henry Street High School in Whitby, Ontario. At the time, John, who is currently a professional hockey player for the Toronto Maple Leafs, was playing for the Oshawa Generals. Aryne was student council president and worked with special needs students on her lunch hour. John was peer-helping a special needs class and got to know some of the students well, and so sometimes at lunch, he would play ball hockey with the kids Aryne was working with. This is how Aryne and John's friendship began. In 2009, John was traded to the London Knights organization and three years passed without any communication between them. In the summer of 2011, John visited an old teacher and asked about Aryne. At John's request, the teacher passed John's phone number along to Aryne. Aryne reached out, and the rest is history!

The proposal took place in the backyard of the couple's Mississauga home on July 28, 2017. "The backyard was a project we completed together a few years prior. We consider it an oasis and a place to relax and recharge," shares Aryne. John knew this would be the perfect place to pop the question. One evening, Aryne's friend (and future maid of honour) Sam asked if she and Bo (the couple's mini Bernedoodle) wanted to go for a walk in downtown Oakville. As this is an activity the two often do together, she thought nothing of it and accepted. Meanwhile, John had told Aryne that he would have dinner cooked by the time she returned. A few minutes into the walk, Sam began complaining of a stomach ache and said she needed to go home. Aryne called John to let him know that she was on her way back to the house and when she arrived, she noticed Bo come to a standstill at the top of the entrance steps. Aryne looked around the corner and saw the back door rug covered in red rose petals. A sign hung on the door handle and read, "Come along with me, the best is yet to come." Aryne walked around to the backyard and there was John, at the end of an aisle of rose petals lined with white candles. John's cousin captured the whole proposal from behind the bushes and afterward, Sam showed up with champagne and pizza from the couple's favourite restaurant, **PIAZZA BISTRO**. "The proposal was perfect for us and speaks to who we are as a couple," says Aryne.



Aryne's delicate and organic bouquet was designed by **RACHEL A. CLINGEN WEDDING & EVENT DESIGN**, who provided all floral and decor for the wedding.



The groomsmen, among which were fellow NHL players Kyle Okposo, Sam Gagner, Ryan Strome, Cody Goloubef, Cal Clutterbuck, and Matt Moulson, wore blue formalwear by Jack Victor, purchased from **LONG ISLAND FOR MEN**.



Picturesque Ceremony

Aryne and John were wed on August 4, 2018 in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. Laura Atendido of LAURA & CO. EVENTS provided full event planning and design services for the couple's epic celebration at PELLER ESTATES.

Aryne and John shut down PELLER ESTATES for the day in order to turn their dream of getting married at a winery into a reality. First up was the simple yet elegant outdoor ceremony, the focal point of which was a custom floral arch created by RACHEL A. CLINGEN WEDDING & EVENT DESIGN. In keeping with the picturesque surroundings (the ceremony was held on the vineyard terrace, overlooking the gorgeous plantation), fresh roses and loose foliage were arranged in groupings, trailing down from the grapevine and branch structure. Two wine barrels stood at the entrance to the ceremony and were topped with fresh florals. Meanwhile, guests sat on chestnut brown Vineyard chairs from DETAILZ COUTURE EVENT RENTALS beneath a clear-top tent from PREMIER EVENT TENT RENTALS INC. that was accented with white draping from EVENTURE CUSTOM ENVIRONMENTS & EVENT DRAPING.

Cellist Elizabeth Kovalchuk was hired in partnership with Alex Toskov's ROYAL STRINGS MUSIC to perform live at the ceremony alongside a pianist from SOLE POWER PRODUCTIONS. The personalized ceremony, officiated by Reverend Derek Rymarchuk of THE WEDDING COMPANY OF NIAGARA, included a reading by John's sisters and a love note exchange. "We wrote love notes to each other and sealed them in an envelope, which we then placed in a personalized wooden box with a bottle of wine. The hope is that we open the wine and read the notes on our fifth wedding anniversary," shares Aryne.



The bridesmaids wore blush gowns by Dessy Collection, purchased from BEST FOR BRIDE.



Programs were designed by PAPER & POSTE and the welcome sign was provided by KRIEGER CUSTOMS.



Cocktail Hour

Cocktail hour was held on the terrace of the BARREL HOUSE GRILL at PELLER ESTATES. During this time, guests were able to enjoy an ice wine tour offered by the venue. PELLER ESTATES provided passed canapés and a signature cocktail called "Blushing Bride" for the occasion. Drink signage was designed by PAPER & POSTE.



In lieu of a traditional guest book, guests were asked to sign a wine barrel, provided by PELLER ESTATES.

A corn hole game bearing the couple's shared last name was set up outside the tent for guests to play.



Eat, Drink & Be Married

The open-air reception was held in a tent on the vineyard lawn at PELLER ESTATES. LAURA & CO. EVENTS collaborated with RACHEL A. CLINGEN WEDDING & EVENT DESIGN to design a showstopping setup inspired by the beauty of the Niagara region. Trailing foliage was as far as the eye could see, the most stunning example being the suspended installation over the dance floor that looked like a massive floral chandelier. Made of mixed greenery, white wisteria, and hundreds of roses, the structure came to life below the fully draped ceiling by EVENTURE CUSTOM ENVIRONMENTS & EVENT DRAPING. Four crystal chandeliers provided by SIMPLY BEAUTIFUL DÉCOR hung down from the middle of the arrangement, adding a touch of glamour to the reception space.



Draping for both the ceremony and reception tents was provided by EVENTURE CUSTOM ENVIRONMENTS & EVENT DRAPING.

Tents and wood vinyl flooring were provided by PREMIER EVENT TENT RENTALS INC.

Lighting, rigging, and AV were provided by SOLE POWER PRODUCTIONS.

"By having the wedding at an absolutely stunning venue, the backdrop was already perfect, so pulling out the winery feel and the greenery was our main goal."

—ARYNE



The windowpane seating chart, along with the wooden welcome sign and table numbers, were provided by **KRIEGER CUSTOMS**.

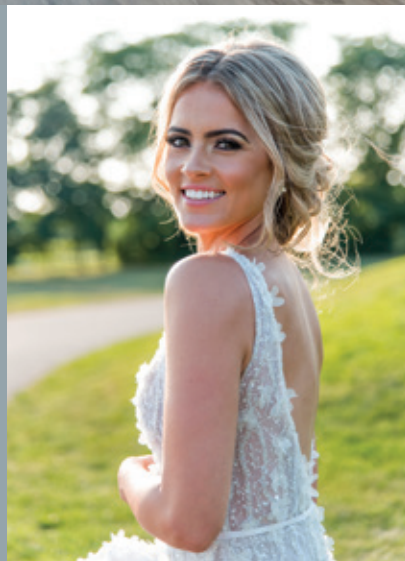


Wooden chandeliers were supplied by **RACHEL A. CLINGEN WEDDING & EVENT DESIGN**.



Floral centerpieces ranged from vines twisted around vintage candelabras to rectangular wooden chandeliers overflowing with greenery.

The day was filmed by **OUTSIDE IN STUDIO**, who provided their cinematography services.



Life-size trees with white blooms were scattered throughout the space.

Furniture included a mixture of round and harvest tables and dark brown Vineyard chairs provided by **DETAILZ COUTURE EVENT RENTALS**. Place settings included lace porcelain charger plates and flatware from **PLATE OCCASIONS**, vintage water goblets, biscotti linens, and white and gold flatware from **SIMPLY BEAUTIFUL DÉCOR**, and wine glasses from **CHAIR-MAN MILLS**. Louis chairs also from **SIMPLY BEAUTIFUL DÉCOR**.



A live band and DJ provided by **SOLE POWER PRODUCTIONS** performed throughout the reception.

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End Notes

During the dancing portion of the evening, guests were given custom t-shirts and tank tops from **BLANKSTYLE** to throw on over their dresses and shirts. The tops bore the word “Hummin,” a meaningful phrase between friends and family about enjoying life and living every day to the fullest. “We had planned for the shirts to be thrown off the stage and into the crowd to surprise all of the guests. It went as planned and everyone loved the tanks,” shares Aryne. There was also a box of **OLD NAVY** flip flops for women to dive into so they could dance all night long. An on-site cigar roller was provided by **FRANK CORRENTI CIGARS LTD.**

Aryne and John succeeded in curating the ultimate wine experience for their guests. Not only was their celebration held at **PELLER ESTATES**, but the day featured a wine pairing with each dinner course, ice wine tours for guests during cocktail hour, and an after-party in a wine cellar.

For their honeymoon, the couple flew to Italy, where they visited Tuscany, Rome, and the Amalfi Coast. “Our honeymoon was magical. From the scenery to the food and culture, we were able to create so many memories together to start our marriage,” remembers the bride. Upon returning home to Mississauga, the newlyweds settled back into daily life, where Aryne is a physiotherapist and John is an NHL player for the Toronto Maple Leafs.

The couple sat on a settee provided by **BASH PANACHE - RENTAL COLLECTIONS & SERVICES**.

PELLER ESTATES provided all food and beverages for the reception, which included a wine pairing with dinner. The venue also offered guests tours of the winery and ice wine tours during cocktail hour.



Menus by **PAPER & POSTE**.



For a late-night treat, two food trucks rolled up serving poutine and pizza. Poutine was provided by **DIRTY SOUTH** and pizza was provided by **THOSE PIZZA GUYS**.

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“I absolutely loved the florals, from the centerpieces to the hanging floral suspension, it was all magical.”

ARYNE