

A Summer Day in the French Countryside: Sinead & Will

"We wanted to taste the canapés, hear the music, and talk to our guests"



By CLAIRE

An Irish couple, based in Barcelona, Sinéad and Will's **real wedding** was naturally going to be an international affair, and their **destination wedding in France** was thoughtfully planned to make the most of the setting, and of their time away with their friends and family. Keeping the guest list to an intimate group of 50, meant everyone could stay on-site at Chateau Les Carasses in the Languedoc countryside, and the pair could plan their perfect relaxed and refined celebration.

Syona Photography documented all the precious memories of the day, their portrait session with the couple may have been short, but the results are pretty stunning!



Big blousey peonies are always a winner with us - a simple, yet sophisticated bouquet choice.



Sinéad and Will, originally from Galway and Offaly respectively, first met in 2008, "We were both attending university and working in a nightclub together."



Will proposed on a surprise trip to Girona on Sinéad's birthday.



Just look at this house - the chateau look likes something straight out of a storybook!



The couple tell us their wedding was exactly how they wanted it to be. "A summer day in the countryside with delicious food, good wine and our closest friends and family. The venue was incredible, the weather fantastic and both of us and all our guests had an amazing time. We wouldn't change anything."



The ceremony was a major highlight for both the bride and groom, "It's difficult to pick out any one thing as each part of our day was carefully considered. But our ceremony of course was extremely personal. We wrote the outline together and James our master of ceremonies kindly obliged, managing to add in some lovely memories by asking us questions (separately) before the big day. It was brief but meaningful with some loving words from friends and family and a couple of our favourite songs"



The top priority for this pair was to enjoy their day, “And not get too caught up by jobs or distractions,” the couple explain “That’s where the amazing staff at our venue came in – they managed every single detail so seamlessly and neither of us were any the wiser. Also our photographers did a wonderful job of capturing candid photos and then only whisked us away for a short period after the reception just before dinner. We also wanted to feel like we had enjoyed the day that we had planned – we wanted to taste the canapés, hear the music, see and talk to our guests!”



Keeping their wedding small also helped Sinéad and Will to maximise their day, "Every married couple tend to say how fast the day goes leaving little time to take in each detail you have carefully planned and to just enjoy the day. We managed our time by keeping our guestlist at an intimate 50 and picking the right venue where everything was on site. After a lengthy planning process we learned to trust our coordinators and just relax on the day!"





Guests enjoyed the sunshine with drinks and canapés in the courtyard - we love how the area is decked out with an abundance of festoon lights.





It's clear to see why Chateau des Carasses was a front-runner for these two, "It's a beautifully restored Chateau in the South of France, perched on a hillside, with vineyards all around. It looks exactly like, if not better than you would imagine when picturing a venue like this in your head. It also had enough accommodation on site for everyone and the quality of the finish and service is second to none."





The newlyweds' cracking advice for other couples? Spend time choosing the right venue, "Consider how your guests will get there, will you need caterers, does it include a coordinator and if so what exactly does that entail. We were very lucky with the venue, but equally if not more so with the staff at the venue. Our venue had a wedding planner service and florist included in the costs which meant that the cost was higher but, it means that they have lots of experience and recommendations for how to run a wedding in their venue. This takes some of the hassle out of the final stages of the wedding planning."





This jet-setting pair obviously planned a pretty epic honeymoon, "We travelled around Japan for a month which was amazing and a lifelong dream for both of us. As incredible as it was, travelling can be hard work and it would have been nice if we had given ourselves a week or so on a beach to relax after two years of planning a wedding!"



Sinead's stunning gown was custom-made by Barcelona-based designer, Paola Carolina

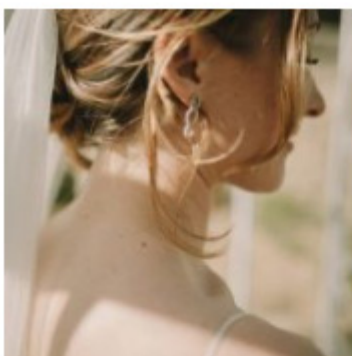
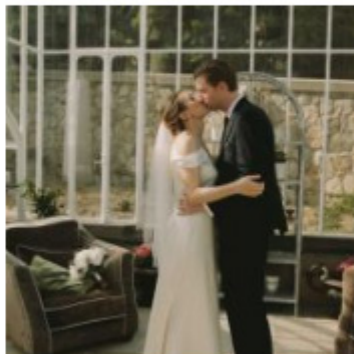




Keeping the decor simple and refined, the reception space was dressed with candles and pretty florals.



Thanks so much to Sinéad and Will for sharing your day with us, and to Syona Photography for capturing it so beautifully, visit the gallery below to see even more.



**View
Gallery**


Recommended Suppliers

PHOTOGRAPHER

Syona Photography