

# BRACU ESTATE

*Say 'I Do' at Bracu*





# *Congratulations!*

We are thrilled that you are considering Bracu Estate as the perfect setting for your wedding day celebrations. Let us take you on a tour of our beautiful wedding spaces in the pages that follow.

Our team knows just how to help you create a celebration that is a reflection of you, your love and what matters most to you.

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# Welcome to our Estate

Discover a wedding location like no other, just 40 minutes from Auckland Central. Nestled among romantic olive groves and idyllic rolling hills, a wedding at Bracu feels like a world away.

Imagine your special day with a backdrop of thousands of beautiful green olive trees and photos within our manicured olive grove and our breathtaking Sunset Hill.

Our Estate offers an enchanting backdrop for your celebration, whilst also providing a romantic reception space that can be transformed to reflect your personal love story.



# Your Wedding

Bracu Estate has a dedicated Wedding Team who offer excellent service, advice and recommendations along with the management and coordination of your special day, from start to finish.

Our wish is for you to relax and enjoy your day to the fullest while we look after all the details ensuring your wedding day is as exquisite as you imagine.

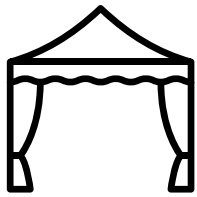




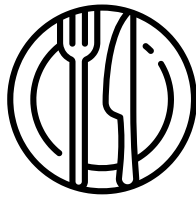
# Planning Your Wedding

OUR PRICING STRUCTURE IS BASED ON THREE ELEMENTS:

VENUE HIRE



DINING OPTION



BEVERAGE  
PREFERENCES



# Venue Hire

## YOUR WEDDING VENUE HIRE OPTIONS INCLUDES:

- > Access to Bracu Estate from 8:00 AM on your wedding day and complimentary coordination with our wedding specialists for external vendors
  - > Your choice of ceremony location
  - > Setup of ceremony chairs at your preferred ceremony location
  - > Your choice of reception location
- > Assistance from our wedding and events team throughout the wedding planning process and on the day of your wedding

- > Reception set up including table linen, tableware and glassware
  - > Black padded banquet chairs
- > Portable Bluetooth capable speaker with lapel microphone for officiant and handheld microphone for the wedding couple
  - > Wedding rehearsal
  - > Wedding menu tasting (costs apply)
  - > All waiting and bar staff
- > Access to the Estate for wedding photos

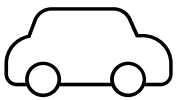
- > Your choice of round or trestle tables
  - > Your choice of table linens (black or white)
- > Our in-house sound system with a cordless handheld microphone
  - > AV / TV system
  - > Dance floor
- > Wet weather venue alternative
- > Complimentary on-site parking





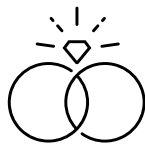


# Sample Itinerary



Guests  
Arrive

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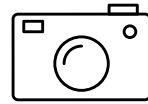
Wedding  
Ceremony

3:00 PM



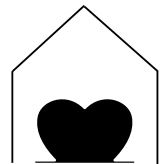
Champagne  
& Canapés

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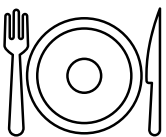
Official  
Photography

4:15 PM



Reception  
Begins

5:30 PM



Dining

6:00 PM



Speeches

7:00 PM



Cake  
Cutting

7:45 PM



Bar  
Closes

11:30 PM



Guests  
Depart

12:00 PM

# Ceremony + Reception Venues

With a venue for every wedding celebration, we've ensured that weather never has to impact your ideal day, with versatile, all-weather ceremony options that don't compromise on style.

With wedding ceremony spaces under a natural arch of olive trees or under the billowing white draped silks of our Marquee, or perhaps on the deck beside our pond with a tumbling water fountain and tree-covered hills in the background; at Bracu you will find the perfect space for your wedding day nuptials.



# Fountain Pond

With a beautiful backdrop to enhance the romantic ambience, the Fountain Pond is the perfect place to say “I Do”. With an ornamental tumbling water fountain, picture-perfect views of the olive grove and a backdrop of the rolling Bombay Hills, this serene location is the perfect balance of a classic, yet modern location.

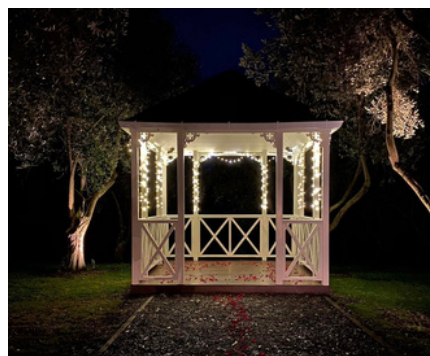
*Seating for up to 25 guests.*



# Gazebo

Our fairytale white garden Gazebo combines an outdoor space with a hint of indoors and a touch of charm. The green olive trees surrounding the Gazebo set the scene for a truly enchanted ceremony.

*Seating for up to 40 guests.*





## Marquee

The Marquee is our purpose-built covered ceremony area. A beautiful and versatile space, surrounded by olive trees and a freshwater stream. This location features transparent walls that can be fully opened on all sides giving your guests views of the wider Estate.

The Marquee offers a picturesque all-weather ceremony option at an impressive pre-drink location before the main event.

*Seating for up to 130 guests.*

## Olive Grove



A flat grassy area under the sunlit olive canopy has been custom designed for your special outdoor wedding ceremony. Enjoy the open-air ambience in the shade which acts as a beautiful backdrop and creates an aisle for the bride's grand entrance.

*Unlimited seating for guests.*

# Kauri Villa Verandah

Perfect for intimate weddings, our verandah dining area at Bracu Restaurant offers an elegant and contemporary space in a truly exceptional setting.

*Seating for up to 50 guests.*



# Wine Library

When we created Bracu we aimed to indulge our guests with dining options to suit every taste. For those who desire only the finest things in life, we know guests will admire the privacy and prestige of our carefully stocked Wine Library.

*Seating for up to 10 guests.*



# Bracu Pavilion

This beautifully designed reception venue is the largest gathering area on the Estate. Nestled amidst the olive grove, The Pavilion is a purpose-built facility offering a secluded and stunning location for your big day.

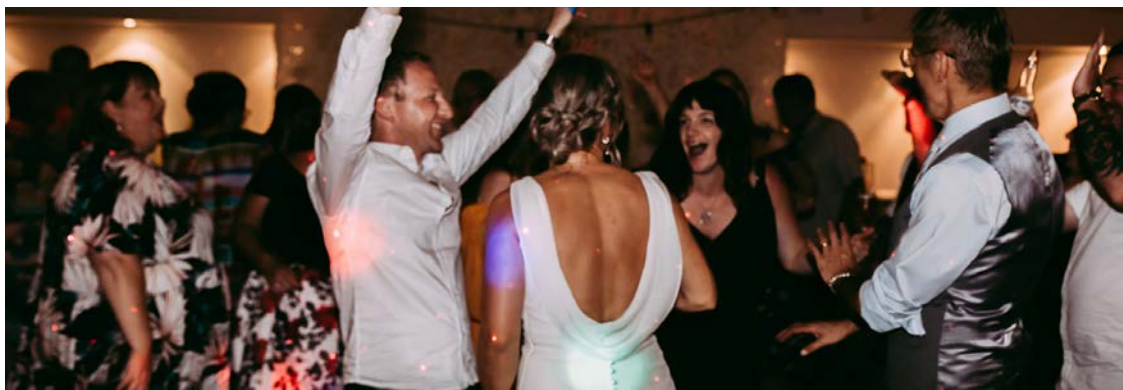
With the courtyard situated next to our tranquil Fountain Pond, the Pavilion offers a unique, unforgettable reception space, with a flexible set-up that can accommodate large weddings and also be set up for cultural traditions.

*Cocktail reception for up to 200 guests.*

*Seated reception for up to 160 guests.*



# Bracu Pavilion



# Cuisine

Bracu Estate is a destination that ignites the senses and captivates the palate. Our talented Catering Team delivers elegant and contemporary culinary delights that will impress your guests and have them talking about the food long after your big day.

From canapés to main courses and desserts, using only the finest ingredients and the season's freshest produce, your wedding day menu will be one of the highlights of the day.



# Beverages

Beverages are additional and can be customised to your specific requirements.

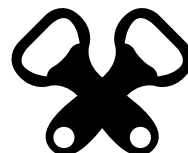
You can choose the beverages you want to have available, for example some couples request that spirits not be available or on cash payment only (with wine, beer and soft drinks on the bar tab).

It's up to each couple as to what they feel is most appropriate for their guests. We determine closer to the date, how and when to notify the appropriate people on the day of the progress of the bar tab, if this option is chosen.

CASH BAR



BAR TAB







*Charlotte & Ronan by Amanda Thomas Photography*

# Photography

While special memories are being made, our panoramic property provides an endless array of breathtaking photo and video opportunities.

The beauty of the olive grove, the grand iron entry gates, the tranquil pond and the rolling hills are the perfect settings for exceptional and memorable photos. The romantic Gazebo, the elegant Wine Library and our popular Sunset Hill are favourite locations for that intimate wedding day Bride and Groom shot.

Capturing those precious wedding day moments and turning them into stunning photographs with our unique olive grove backdrops is all part of your Bracu wedding experience.



*Gerard and Kelsey - Justin Aitken*

We love to receive photographs of your special day at the Estate. Ask your Wedding Specialist how you could be featured across our social media platforms or in our next Wedding Brochure.

# Pre Wedding Activities

From the moment you're engaged to the date of your 'I Do's', Bracu Estate offers a range of pre-wedding day activities.

## Engagement Celebrations

Booking an engagement lunch or dinner at Bracu Restaurant is just the beginning of your journey towards your wedding day.

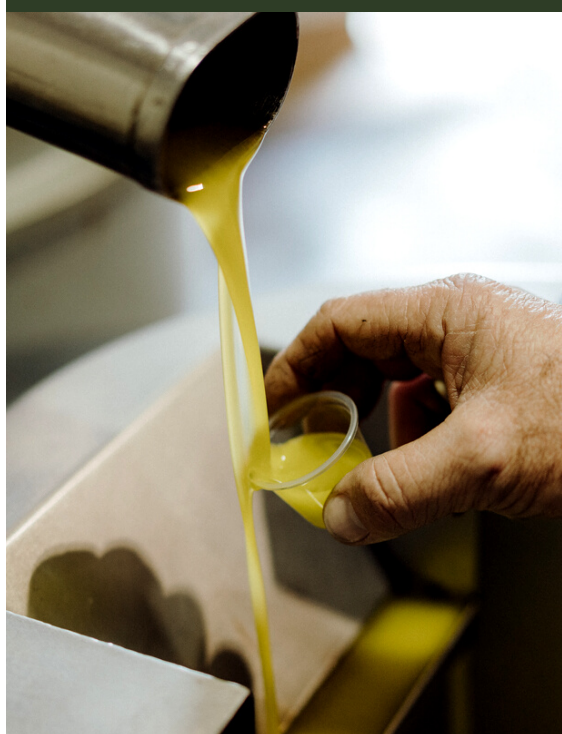
## Beretta Activities

Ideal for a "Hens" or "Stag" Do. Our Activities are a popular choice for the Groom and his Groomsmen on the morning of the wedding day. Our Beretta Activities feature knife throwing, clay target + air rifle shooting and archery.

## Olive Oil Tasting

An ideal option for the "Bride or Groom To Be" with their respective wedding party companions.

Let us guide you through our range of olive oils, discover the varieties, methods and processes involved in creating our award-winning olive oil.



# Accommodation

Relax, get ready and spend your wedding day preparing at Bracu Estate with our bridal party accommodations. Perfect for pre-wedding celebrations leading into your big day, we host two separate houses within the Estate.



## Olive House

3 bedrooms | Sleeps 6 guests

Offers full kitchen facilities with an open plan lounge and dining area, an outdoor patio with an open fire.

MASTER BEDROOM | King bed with ensuite

BEDROOM TWO | Queen bed

BEDROOM THREE | 2 single beds

# Accommodation



## Bracu Estate Guest House

5 bedrooms | Sleeps 10 guests

Offers a large conservatory perfect for wedding day preparations, featuring floor-to-ceiling glass doors offering superb natural light for hair and make up. Full kitchen facilities, with an open plan lounge and dining area, one main bathroom and an ensuite off the master bedroom.

MASTER BEDROOM | King bed with ensuite

BEDROOM TWO | King bed

BEDROOM THREE | 1 bunk bed set and 1 single bed

BEDROOM FOUR | 2 single beds

BEDROOM FIVE | 1 single bed

# Guest Gifting



Give your guests a truly memorable gift with a bottle of Bracu Olive Oil. All our oils are grown, pressed and bottled right here on the Estate and come in 100ml and 250ml bottles, perfect for gifting.

Our range includes:

Entertainer Olive Oil Selection Packs - 3 x 250ml

Gourmet Olive Oil Selection Packs - 3 x 250ml

Server Olive Oil Selection Packs - 3 x 250ml

Entertainer Olive Oil Selection Packs - 3 x 100ml

Gourmet Olive Oil Selection Packs - 3 x 100ml

Server Olive Oil Selection Packs - 3 x 100ml

# Frequently Asked Questions

Here you will find answers to the most frequently asked questions we encounter. Feel free to contact us with your particular questions, if you cannot find the answer here.

## Are we allowed a DJ / Band?

Yes. The Pavilion alcove area is perfect for hosting a DJ or band set up and contains 3-phase power and plenty of power points for all their equipment.

## How do I book a venue viewing?

Contact our Wedding Team at (09) 236 1030, option 3 or email [sayido@bracu.co.nz](mailto:sayido@bracu.co.nz). Our team can discuss a suitable time for your visit and will take you on a walking tour of our wedding spaces.

## Do you allow BYO Food and/or Drinks?

We are unable to accommodate BYO requests, however, we have a choice of menu options along with an extensive range of beverages to suit every taste and budget. Should you want a beverage not currently on our list, just let us know and our Beverages Manager will endeavour to get it for your celebration.

## Is your venue wheelchair friendly?

We have allocated wheelchair parking in both car parks on site. Bracu Restaurant, Pavilion, Gazebo, Marquee and our Fountain Pond are wheelchair friendly. The Olive Grove is accessible with assistance.



## Can we have a menu that is able to cater to different dietary requirements?

Once you have chosen your wedding day menu, we ask you to advise us of any medical requirements your guests may have that our catering team need to be made aware of.

# Frequently Asked Questions

When can I access the venue and when is pack down required?

We endeavour to make the venue available to you and your wedding day partners as early as possible on your wedding day. Our team will pack down on the night after you and your guests have finished celebrating. Any items belonging to you and/or your wedding day partners will be available for pickup the next day on arrangement.

Are pets allowed on the property for our wedding?

Yes of course. Your pets are part of the family and are welcome to join you for your Bracu wedding. Please note that pets must be kept on a leash while on the Estate.



Can we bring in outside vendors?

With the exception of food and beverages, yes you are more than welcome to use your own choice of wedding day suppliers. Our directory of preferred partners are suggestions we know to be among the best in the business.

Will there be someone overseeing all the arrangements on the day of the wedding?

Yes, members of our Wedding Team will be there on the day along with our experienced Events Team to ensure everything runs smoothly. Your job is to enjoy your wedding day!

Do you offer a wedding menu tasting?

Yes, we do. You will be notified of our wedding menu tasting dates upon acceptance of your signed wedding agreement and deposit.



# Frequently Asked Questions

Do you provide audio and visual equipment?

Yes. We have an in-house sound system with an AUX cord and a cordless handheld microphone in the Pavilion along with a 103" flat LED screen. For the Olive Grove and Marquee wedding ceremonies, we provide a portable speaker with both a lapel mic and a handheld mic. This speaker is bluetooth capable so you can sync a device with your wedding ceremony playlist.



Do you provide on-site parking?

Yes, we have a private parking area for your wedding guests located next to the Pavilion and the Marquee.

For those wanting to leave their cars overnight, there is plenty of parking, however, Bracu Estate takes no responsibility for the vehicle while it remains onsite. We also recommend pre-booking transport ahead of the event.



Thank you to our trusted photographers and stunning couples for sharing their special moments with us.

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