



THE COUPLE

John & Angie
*Got married amidst the natural
beauty of New Mexico*

We got married on my parents' estate, Blame Her Ranch. However, we did consider other locations, including Colombia, but it's hard to beat the ranch with all of its activities, venues, views and ideal proximity to Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Blame Her Ranch has over 18,000 sq. ft. of lawn for as many guests as we wanted to attend. It also has a rustic knotty pine barn which made for an easy backup plan in case of rain. We did use the Barn for our welcome dinner the night before our wedding. The last venue is the Great Room which we loved because we could have a pianist play on the Baby Grand Piano while the caterers served handcrafted margaritas.

We kept the decor very simple and natural. We used a local florist and also saved a lot by having specific flowers flown in the day before to decorate the ceremony area and provide special greenery on all the tables. We had lots of signage and pictures in the knotty pine barn on the evening of the welcome dinner and we topped off the night with special gifts for everyone from Colombia as well as a magnificent firework show.

Blame Her Ranch is an independent Airbnb-like facility and you can consider it your blank canvas. So anyone having their wedding there, including us, can decide on what caterers they want, alcohol and bar service, florist, band, etc. We found out that other venues have restrictions both on what vendors you can use, as well as, cut off times and other "dos and don'ts". We did not get preferential treatment because my parents own the ranch. It is a simple and straightforward place that allows couples to celebrate their dream wedding.

We had a relatively small gathering and the entire wedding party stayed at the ranch. Blame Her Ranch sleeps 24 and is adding more on-site glamping capabilities that will increase the sleeping capacity to 32. Everything was pretty easy and seamless to organise. Randy, the Ranch Hand was instrumental on vendors, logistics, etc., but we also had a local wedding planner on the day of the event. Wedding planners are very important and pick your venue first. Most of the best venues are fully booked 18 months in advance. But the most important thing is to look closely at the contract details as there are many hidden costs and restrictions with most.

THE DREAM TEAM

VENUE Blame Her Ranch **PLANNER** Veronica Kemper, veronica@uniquelyyoursbyveronica.com

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DANCERS Santa Rueda Dance Team of Santa Fe **FLORIST** Shannon Chavez-Perteet, shannonlovesflowers.com **CATERER** Walter Burke, walterburkecatering.com

WEDDING CAKES Maggie's Cakes, maggiesweddingcakes.com