

A toast to the bride and groom



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are produced from grapes grown under the Southern Indiana sun. With an exquisite selection of dry reds and whites and a choice number of sweets to choose from, the Daubys are ready to help elevate every kind of reception plate. Couples may select a cash bar set-up, a pre-purchase of wine or both.

The property also boasts a cottage retreat (complete with its own Cracker-Barrel-sized porch), a perfect place for a bridal party to primp and prepare. The interior, perfumed in cedar, has a lofty, barn-style ceiling and upscale forest accents. Two gliding barn doors separate the spacious sitting room and kitchen from the cottage's two bedrooms, hallway and single bath, allowing bridal parties space and privacy.

Lynn Dauby (pictured on one of the winery's spacious decks) agrees that Blue Heron is a wonderful spot for many styles of weddings: rustic and woodsy, contemporary and elegant, bohemian natural or soft and vintage. "That's exactly our kind of vibe," she smiles.

Pages of the cottage guest book are already filled, as the space is quickly becoming a favorite getaway for tourists or travelers to the area. "We've had people from all over," smiles Lynn. "Some people have stayed more than once already!"

But perhaps the most unique feature at the winery is hidden down a craggy, curving path. Here an enormous piece of natural sandstone (over 14 ft. tall) extends from the earth at an angle of 23 degrees. The prime number was used by local artist, Greg Harris, as he conceived and chiseled, ultimately revealing a gorgeous double-sided Celtic Cross.

"It's phenomenal," describes Lynn, who says the project "checked a lot of boxes" when she and Gary first imagined it. Their Irish heritage (as well as the artist's), the Celtic cultural significance

and the spiritual aspect of the symbol inspired them. "Sometime we think, honestly, that it was divinely led," tells Lynn.

"It's like my husband always says," she smiles, "it's a Celtic Cross, it's always gonna be pretty." The Daubys have even incorporated the cross's numeric symbolism into their wine selection. Try their beautiful Leon-Foch blends, *Prime 23 Black* and *Prime 23 Cream*, and the gorgeous Villard Noir, *23 De-grees Gold*.

Lynn suggests ceremonies of about 50 guests at the cross due to its location and limited parking capacity. Other sites at Blue Heron can accommodate as many as 100 guests. The fact that the property has no WiFi or television makes for a restful, peaceful experience surrounded by nature.

Blue Heron Vineyards & Winery is an appropriate location for small corporate

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