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House of Blues, Cleveland
(houseofblues.com, 216-523-2583). They do the decorating

for you by filling this outpost with murals and artwork from the company's collection of folk art (the world's largest). Host your party in the Cambridge Room or the Music Hall, where access to the stage will make you feel like a bonafide star. **ALSO CONSIDER:** Custom posters and artwork created by House of Blues designers. They look like they were torn from the halls of a rock concert: use them as invitations or favors to showcase the edgy atmosphere of your event. For nearby eats, turn guests on to Iron Chef Michael Symon's *Lolita* (lolibistro.com). The menu is packed with sophisticated comfort food, like macaroni and goat cheese with rosemary chicken.

OKLAHOMA

Silo Event Center at Redberry Farm, Tulsa (thesilotulsa.com, 918-447-2724). The beautifully

renovated silo is a lofty indoor setting for tying the knot. But this is, after all, a farm, and the landscaped outdoor space doesn't disappoint. Cedar Rock Inn, the five-room, on-site bed-and-breakfast makes the commute easy on your family and wedding party. **ALSO CONSIDER:** Having your groom take the guys to **Mahogany Prime Steakhouse** for the best filet in Tulsa—and in steak country, that's saying a lot (mahoganyprime.com). For the ladies? A trip to **Miss Jackson's**, a 100-year-old high-end department store, is a must (missjacksons.com). After browsing the racks, head upstairs to the **Penthouse Salon** for blow-outs and pedicures.

OREGON

View Point Inn, Corbett
(theviewpointinn.com, 503-695-5811). This grand Tudor-style

inn has been featured in movies, including the *Twilight* series, for its panoramic views of the Columbia River Gorge, Portland, and even Vancouver. Take advantage of the scenery with an outdoor event, or hold it inside where the setting is romantic and rustic. **ALSO CONSIDER:** Complementing those intoxicating views with a bottle of **Willamette Valley Vineyard's pinot noir** from Willamette Valley (shown at right, \$25, willamettevalleyvineyards.com). Leave guests a thank-

you bottle in their rooms, or add it to your wine list for dinner. When friends and family arrive, insist they take a side trip to **Multnomah Falls**, the second highest waterfall in the country (trips.stateoforegon.com). A walking trail leads to a bridge over the cascade. And if you have time between the ceremony and reception, drive to **Vista House** for wedding photos (vistahouse.com). It's an octagonal observatory located 733 feet above the stunning Columbia River.

PENNSYLVANIA

Trust, Philadelphia (thetrustvenue.com, 215-592-8400).

There may not be a more aptly named venue for a wedding. The 10,000-square-foot neoclassical structure was originally Girard Corn Exchange Bank, and it gained notoriety in 2004 as the home for the *Real World* cast. Now the venue is a chic blank slate that couples have decorated Moroccan-style, transformed into an art gallery, and given a Prohibition-era theme.

ALSO CONSIDER: Hosting welcome cocktails at **Southwark**, where co-owner Kip Waide is rumored to make the best drinks in Philly (southwarkrestaurant.com). Try the Philadelphia (apple brandy, orange juice, and ginger ale). To get wedding ready, check into **Rescue Rittenhouse Spa** with your



mom or maid of honor a day or two before you hit the aisle for a relaxing massage (rescuerittenhousespa.com).

The sprawling gardens at the European-style Chanler mansion (now a boutique hotel) on Cliff Walk in Newport, Rhode Island.

RHODE ISLAND

The Chanler at Cliff Walk, Newport (thechanler.com, 401-847-1300). Have your wedding here, overlooking

the legendary Cliff Walk, and you'll feel like you're on the edge of the world. The mansion (shown above) specializes in outdoor events on an oceanfront lawn. Amenities at the 20-room property (which can be rented in its entirety for large events) include working fireplaces and butler-drawn baths. **ALSO CONSIDER:** **The White Horse Tavern**. The quaint restaurant, which dates back to 1652, was once home to the colony's General Assembly (whitehorsetavern.us). It sets an intimate scene for a small rehearsal dinner or a meal with your in-laws. Before you leave for your honeymoon, contact **Bird's Eye View** to surprise your groom with a helicopter tour of the mansions and beaches Newport is known for (riaerial.com).

