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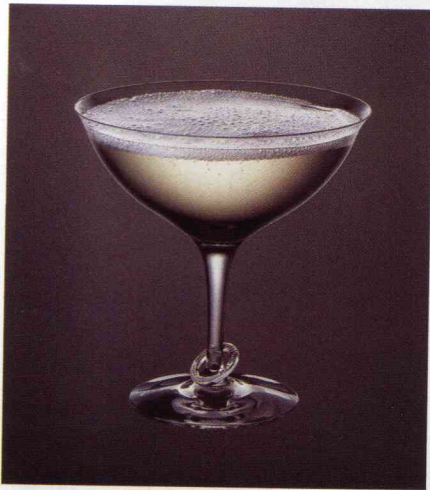
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*invitations, table design
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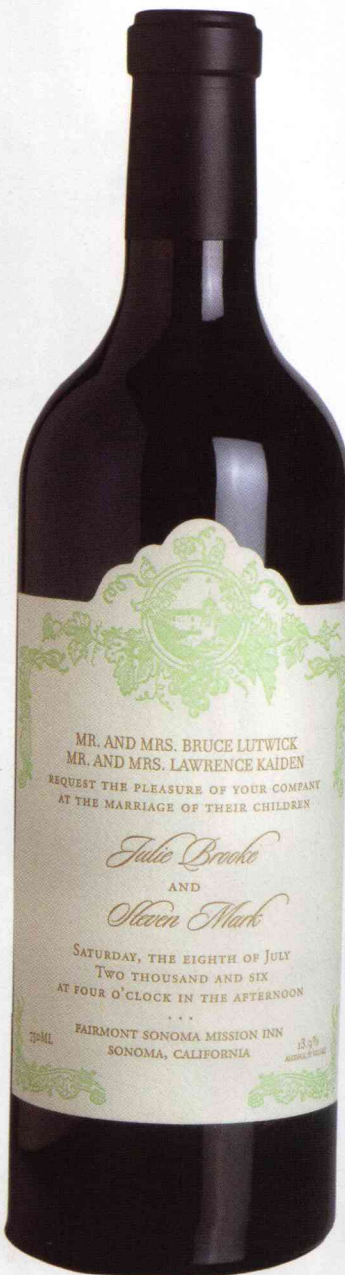


the fashion issue



Ring Around the Rosé

Swedish jewelry designer Efva Attling's first collection of glass for **Orrefors** has romance written all over it... literally. The collection features a tall champagne flute, a low champagne coupe, and a sleek martini glass each with a silver ring inscribed with "Amor Vincit Omnia" ("Love Conquers All") encircling the stem. And for those who like a little bling with their bubbly, an additional flute featuring a ring of white gold encrusted with diamonds is just the thing. *Champagne flute, \$150 per pair, champagne coupe, \$150 per pair, martini glass, \$75 each, and Diamond Edition flute, \$3,500 each; available at Bloomingdales or call 800.351.9842 for stores.*



Pushing the Envelope

Looking to make an unforgettable statement with your invitation? Consider sending one that is completely one-of-a-kind, created just for you and your individual wedding. For a recent event that took place at a NYC hot spot, Lisa Hoffman, founder of the stationery design company **Ceci New York**, created save-the-dates in the form of bookmarks. Each one was slipped into the page of a nightlife guide to highlight the location of the wedding before being mailed to each guest. Couture invitations like these require some serious creative thinking, which is where designers like Hoffman come in. Her company provides a complete design experience, allowing couples to express their personal style and sentiment with a look that is exclusively their own – such as the wine bottle invitation (shown left) and paperweight save-the-date (above), which Hoffman also designed. Custom-design services by Ceci New York start anywhere between \$17-\$60 per set (based on 100 sets). *For more information, visit cecineewyork.com or call 212.989.0695.*




But if you're more of a do-it-yourself type, you can give your traditional invitations a couture feel by enclosing them in silk pouches and boxes by **RedBliss**. Normally catering to a couture-friendly clientele, designer and founder Christine Traulich started RedBliss' new Atelier line of packaging so more brides could create their own luxurious designs without paying bespoke prices. The pouches and boxes are available in nine different colors and fit a 6 x 8 inch invitation. They also come with their own white mailing boxes for a truly special delivery. *Pouches, \$24-\$27, boxes, \$44-\$49; Visit redbliss.com/atelier.jsp to order.*

The Great White Way

If you think consignment shopping or bargain hunting will take some of the magic out of finding your dream dress, think again. **White Chicago**, an ultra-modern, totally sophisticated salon has turned savvy spending into a glamorous art. Brides enjoy one-on-one appointments (instead of sifting through unsightly racks) and can choose between continuously updated collections of once-wed (consigned) dresses, new designer samples (think Monique Lhuillier and Vera Wang), and unsold, past season gowns all at 30%-70% off. And trying on the dresses means walking their sleek, white runway for a preview of the big day. White Chicago's oasis-like atmosphere allows brides to save (or sell) on their wedding dresses without sacrificing style or service. *For more information, visit whitechicago.com or call 312.397.1571.*





Because they shared the same last name, Lauren Halperin and Mike Halperin had heard of one another while in high school. So when they finally met one night at a party, it was as if they'd known each other for years. As Lauren recalls, "I said to him 'Hey, you're Mike Halperin! Do you know how many people ask me if you're my brother?'" They talked for hours and learned that their similarities did not end with their last name. From that night on, Lauren and Mike were inseparable.

White hot wedding

LAUREN HALPERIN & MICHAEL HALPERIN
NOVEMBER 11, 2006 SOUTH BEACH, FLORIDA
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