

Preferred vendors & vendor requirements

A researched starting list for Château du Cheval, ranked by Google rating and review depth, plus what every vendor needs to know before working on the estate.



Château du Cheval · A private wedding estate in Kentucky Bourbon Country · Simpsonville, KY · 30 minutes from Louisville

HOW THIS LIST WAS BUILT

A researched starting point, not an endorsement yet

Every vendor below was selected from Google Business listings in the Louisville, Shelbyville, and Simpsonville area based on rating, review volume, and what reviewers actually said about weddings — especially outdoor, farm, and multi-day events. Ratings and review counts are as of August 2026 and will drift. None of these vendors has worked at Château du Cheval yet; the notes column summarizes reviewer themes, including the occasional caution. Move a vendor to "preferred" only after they have done a site visit and a wedding here.

Required for weddings over 100 guests

Service	Why
Professional tent company	The lawn is tent-ready but every tent must be installed and struck by a licensed, insured tent vendor
Restroom trailer	On-site restrooms are residential; a trailer is required for larger guest counts [confirm on-site count]
Parking management	Attendants direct guests to the on-site lot and keep the drive clear for vendors and emergency access
Shuttle coordination	Rideshare is limited in Simpsonville; a shuttle to Louisville / Shelbyville hotels protects your guests
Day-of coordinator	Required over 50 guests; a full planner is strongly recommended for 100+
Security	Required for 100+ guests or any event serving alcohol past 9:00 pm [confirm]
Event liability insurance	\$1M policy naming the estate as additional insured [confirm amount with your insurer]

Ranked by rating and review depth

Ratings and review counts from Google, August 2026. Phone numbers as listed; confirm before sharing with couples.

Wedding planners & coordinators

Vendor	Google	Phone	Area	What reviewers say
Christina Burton Events	4.9 ★ (96)	+1 502-888-3469	Louisville	Multiple coordinators on staff; reviews consistently praise timelines and vendor wrangling on large weddings
Essential Details	5.0 ★ (35)	+1 502-499-6478	Louisville (Bunsen Way)	Full planning through day-of; strong with out-of-town couples and multi-day events
Evently	5.0 ★ (33)	+1 502-625-5466	Louisville (Linn Station)	Day-of coordination plus decor and photo booth; reviews cite calm under pressure

Caterers (full service)

Vendor	Google	Phone	Area	What reviewers say
Crushed Ice Catering	5.0 ★ (64)	+1 502-589-4700	Downtown Louisville	Wedding specialist; reviews single out the food quality and day-of staff professionalism
Ladyfingers Catering	4.8 ★ (132)	+1 502-245-7734	Louisville (Old Henry Rd)	Largest review base in the group; from-scratch cooking, buffet decor included, packs food for the couple
Marigold Catering Co.	4.9 ★ (28)	+1 502-830-3063	Louisville (Shelbyville Rd)	Foodie-oriented menus; has catered multi-day house groups, which fits the wedding-weekend format
Michaelis Events & Catering	4.7 ★ (147)	+1 502-243-0000	Louisville (Eastgate)	Full-service with in-house bartenders and florals; frequent Derby-week operator
True North Catering	5.0 ★ (20)	+1 502-468-2406	Louisville (Bardstown Rd)	Grazing tables and elevated displays; good fit for welcome party or cocktail hour

Bartending

Vendor	Google	Phone	Area	What reviewers say
Thirsty Thoroughbred	4.8 ★ (8)	+1 502-641-9219	Louisville (Bluegrass Pkwy)	Horse-trailer mobile bar — on-brand for the estate; one review flags slow pre-event communication, so use a planner
In the Mix Bar Service	5.0 ★ (22)	+1 502-653-5508	Louisville (Brownsboro Rd)	Wedding bar service with signature and unity cocktails; planners recommend them
Michaelis Events	4.7 ★ (147)	+1 502-243-0000	Louisville	Bartending available standalone; see caterers

Tent & rental companies

Vendor	Google	Phone	Area	What reviewers say
Rent A Tent	4.7 ★ (21)	+1 502-424-6862	Louisville	Family-run; reviews praise high-peak tents, rain-day responsiveness, and site visits
Rent & Rave	4.5 ★ (68)	+1 502-245-9966	Louisville (Truman Park)	Clear-top tents and full rentals; does property visits. One review notes high delivery fees — get the full quote
The Rental Depot	4.5 ★ (49)	+1 502-458-7368	Jeffersontown	Tables, linens, tabletop; showroom for mock place settings
Bluegrass Events & Party Needs	4.2 ★ (153)	+1 502-241-0222	Crestwood	Rentals plus decor and coordination; large inventory

Restroom trailers

Vendor	Google	Phone	Area	What reviewers say
Moon Portable Restrooms	5.0 ★ (8)	+1 502-273-5851	Louisville (Shively)	Reviews specifically praise their upscale restroom trailers with A/C — the right tier for a wedding
United Rentals — Reliable Onsite	4.5 ★ (19)	+1 502-709-8335	Louisville	VIP restroom trailers available; national operator
Porta Potty Rentals of Louisville	5.0 ★ (4)	+1 502-474-4458	Louisville	Small review base; verify trailer inventory

Florists

Vendor	Google	Phone	Area	What reviewers say
J. Elizabeth Designs	5.0 ★ (20)	+1 502-741-3929	Louisville (Vine Crest)	Wedding-focused; reviews mention rehearsal, welcome party and wedding florals plus linens
Oberer's Flowers	4.4 ★ (315)	+1 502-329-7774	Louisville (Herr Ln)	Large shop with a dedicated wedding designer; works well remotely with out-of-town couples
Pathelen Flower & Gift Shop	4.7 ★ (66)	+1 502-647-9000	Shelbyville	Closest wedding florist to the estate; reviews cite porch and ceremony installations
Flowers By Sharon	4.8 ★ (400)	+1 502-633-1112	Shelbyville	Highest-volume local shop; strong on arrangements and delivery, confirm wedding design capacity

Photographers

Vendor	Google	Phone	Area	What reviewers say
Adam Brennan Studio	5.0 ★ (584)	+1 502-419-0133	Louisville	Exceptional review volume; reviewers note experience shooting on farms with horses and dogs

Vendor	Google	Phone	Area	What reviewers say
Green Apple Photography	5.0 ★ (91)	+1 502-536-0663	Louisville	Detailed day-of timelines; same-day previews
Greater Art Solutions	5.0 ★ (113)	+1 502-592-3152	Louisville (Hiawatha)	Award-cited editorial style; team of two
Heather Florance Photography	5.0 ★ (47)	—	Louisville	Husband-and-wife team; fast gallery turnaround; travels
Zimmerman Photography	4.8 ★ (32)	+1 502-239-2288	Louisville	Budget-friendly; one review notes delivered edit style differed from portfolio

Videographers

Vendor	Google	Phone	Area	What reviewers say
Antonio Pantoja Film and Photo	5.0 ★ (50)	+1 502-235-1237	Louisville (Story Ave)	Long track record; repeat family bookings
Dave Woodland Films	5.0 ★ (14)	+1 502-472-6386	Louisville (Hurstbourne)	Cinematic style; reviews praise the discovery-call process

DJs

Vendor	Google	Phone	Area	What reviewers say
Masters of Music	5.0 ★ (167)	+1 502-266-5351	Louisville (Ruckriegel)	Runs the reception timeline as emcee; uplighting and photo booth available
JD Entertainment	5.0 ★ (107)	+1 502-779-0668	Crestwood	Closest DJ to the estate; strong mixing, photo booth add-on
All Star Entertainment KY	4.9 ★ (116)	+1 502-762-8044	Louisville	Multiple DJs; ceremony mics and photo booth
Complete Weddings + Events	4.8 ★ (185)	+1 502-267-6744	Louisville	DJ, photo, video, and photo booth under one contract
Epic Entertainment	4.9 ★ (59)	+1 502-645-8302	Louisville	Roy; high-energy crowd work, name-in-lights add-on

Bands & live music

Vendor	Google	Phone	Area	What reviewers say
KUDMANI	5.0 ★ (208)	—	Louisville	The region's go-to wedding band; reviews describe remote-farm weddings handled without issue
Radiotronic	5.0 ★ (41)	+1 502-296-8094	Louisville	Cover band with optional horn section; learns custom songs

Hair & makeup (on-site teams)

Vendor	Google	Phone	Area	What reviewers say
The Beauty Patrol	4.9 ★ (99)	+1 502-939-4258	Louisville (Butchertown)	Travels to the venue; teams of 3–4 for large parties
Makeup by Brooke Duvall Team	4.9 ★ (44)	—	Louisville (Baxter Ave)	Trial plus day-of; frequently referred by photographers
Beauty Lou / Rachel Edwards	4.7 ★ (38)	+1 502-741-2658	Louisville (Baxter Ave)	Hair and makeup team; has a bridal suite but also travels

Cakes & desserts

Vendor	Google	Phone	Area	What reviewers say
Blu Bakery	5.0 ★ (40)	+1 502-690-2038	Middletown	Small shop; reviews call it the best-tasting wedding cake in their tastings; tasting boxes
Plehn's Bakery	4.6 ★ (511)	+1 502-896-4438	St. Matthews	Louisville institution since 1922; sheet and tiered cakes
Heitzman Bakery	4.2 ★ (495)	+1 502-426-7736	Louisville (Shelbyville Rd)	Cakes and full catering; willing to do non-traditional formats
Rose Bakery	4.8 ★ (193)	+1 502-365-1601	Prospect	Custom tiered cakes; pastry table option

Shuttle & transportation

Vendor	Google	Phone	Area	What reviewers say
Pegasus	5.0 ★ (2,914)	+1 502-458-1862	Louisville	Coaches and Bourbon Trail tours — pair a guest shuttle with a Friday distillery outing
Xtreme Transportation	4.8 ★ (16)	+1 502-795-3525	Brooks	Wedding shuttles and limos; Churchill Downs preferred provider
Veteran Executive Transportation	4.6 ★ (139)	+1 502-835-2838	Louisville	Buses and shuttles; reviews cite punctuality

Lighting & production

Vendor	Google	Phone	Area	What reviewers say
Trifecta / Falls City Lighting	5.0 ★ (7)	+1 502-219-3622	Louisville	Festival-grade event lighting; tent and landscape uplighting
Phoenix Lighting	4.9 ★ (8)	+1 502-456-9408	Louisville	Lighting rental house; gobo/monogram, string light, effects
Eclipse Lighting and Grip	5.0 ★ (44)	+1 502-939-0307	Louisville	Film-industry lighting and grip; good for dramatic barn or tent looks

Security

Vendor	Google	Phone	Area	What reviewers say
Phoenix Executive Protection	5.0 ★ (26)	+1 407-460-5976	Louisville	Event security; reviews describe them as discreet and guest-friendly at large Derby events

Officiants

Vendor	Google	Phone	Area	What reviewers say
[Not indexed on Google — ask planners above for referrals]	— ★ (—)	—		Most Louisville officiants book through The Knot / WeddingWire; add 2–3 after first weddings

Working at Château du Cheval

Please read before your first event on the property. Questions: +1 (859) 681-9090 · seth@sixgenrentals.com

Before the event

- Send a certificate of insurance (general liability, and liquor liability if serving) naming Château du Cheval / [legal entity name] as additional insured at least 30 days before the event
- Confirm arrival, setup, and breakdown times with the couple's coordinator and the estate
- Site visits are by appointment; the estate is a private residence and rental and is often occupied

Arrival & load-in

- Address: 9790 Shelbyville Rd, Simpsonville, KY 40067. Use the main drive; do not drive on the lawn without prior approval [confirm load-in route]
- Vendor parking: [designated area]
- Power: [locations / amperage / generator policy — INFORMATION NEEDED]
- Water: [exterior spigot locations]
- Kitchen: the residential kitchen is available for staging and plating [confirm]; no deep frying indoors
- No vehicles, stakes, or heavy equipment within [X] feet of the pool, septic field, or barn without approval [confirm]

During the event

- Amplified music outdoors ends at 10:00 pm [POLICY: confirm with local ordinance]; indoor/barn music may continue to [time]
- No open flame beyond approved candles in hurricane glass; no sparklers, fireworks, or sky lanterns [confirm]
- Pool area is closed during the reception unless a lifeguard is contracted [confirm]
- The horse barn and paddock: no fog machines, confetti, or loose decor; keep gates closed
- Smoking only in the designated area [location]

Breakdown

- All vendor equipment removed by [time — recommended 11:00 pm same night, or 10:00 am next morning for tents]
- Caterers remove all food waste and trash from the property; dumpster/trash policy: [confirm]
- Lawn and grounds left as found; damage or excessive cleanup is billed to the responsible vendor or the client per the venue agreement

Thank you for taking care of the estate. It is someone's home the rest of the year.