Thank you Elizabeth & Mac for choosing to have a restorative wedding at Round The Bend Farm.

More than 2 million weddings take place every year in the US, consuming on average 63 tons of carbon (like driving 150,000 miles) and producing about 400 LBS of garbage—the Stanton wedding produced approximately TWO BAGS of garbage!

**LIBATIONS:**

- 95% of your drinks were made using ingredients within 45 miles of RTB
- Dirty Water Distillery
- Buzzards Bay Brewing
- Simpson Springs
- Empire Bottling Works
- Carolyn's Sakonnet Vineyard
- RTB-made herb-infused simple syrups
- Equal Exchange coffee & tea
- Nilsa's Herbal Teas & Botanicals
- RTB well water (NO bottled water)

All beer was served from kegs into glass mason jars, eliminating the use of beer bottles and single-use cups.

**WASTE NOT, WANT NOT**

Soda and liquor bottles were taken back to their suppliers to be reused. All wine bottles were donated to local artisans to be repurposed. Cigarette waste (cigarette butts & packaging) was recycled using TerraCycle.

**VICTUALS:**

- 85% of the beautiful food on your plate, prepared by Paladar Kitchen, was local. By sourcing local ingredients, you minimized the carbon footprint of your dinner and picked the freshest ingredients available, increasing the nutrient content as well—all while keeping money in the local economy.

- 250-260 POUNDS OF LOCAL FOOD WAS UTILIZED MOST OF WHICH WAS BROUGHT TO THE FARM IN REUSABLE & RETURNABLE HARVEST BINS WITHOUT PACKAGING

The farms you supported!

- Narragansett Creamery
- Westfield Farm
- Sweet & Salty
- Paradox Acres
- Eva's Garden
- Round The Bend Farm
- 4 Town Farm
- Heart Beets Farm
- Arruda's Dairy
- Foley Fish
- Gray Grist Mill
- Shy Brothers
- Roots Farm
- Coastal Roasters
- Copicut Farms
- Cervelli Farm
- Wishing Stone
- Flying Carrot
- Alderbrook Farm

**BUS IN, BUS OUT**

Many of the guests were bused to and from the wedding, minimizing the number of cars and carbon.
**The Beautiful Flowers**

Your flowers were grown organically by Skinny Dip and Weatherlow Farms and traveled ≈15 miles to their destination. Most flowers sold in the U.S. come from close to the equator and need to be refrigerated as they travel across the globe.

The cut flower industry is one of the biggest consumers of pesticides worldwide. Your flower choice proved that pretty flowers don’t need to be poisonous!

**What You Didn’t Flush Down the Drain...**

You saved ≈ 400 gallons of water with our composting toilets. For every flush of a “normal” toilet, 2-7 gallons of water is wasted.

**DIY Decorations**

The guestbook, bar menu and dinner napkins were made by the bride. The beautiful napkins were then given to guest after the wedding to be reused.

**No Single-Use!**

All plates, glasses and cutlery were washed and reused.

**Cloth Napkins & Hand Towels**

Commercial, “single-use” paper napkins are made with dyes, inks, fragrances, chlorine bleach, formaldehyde, adhesives, and other chemicals, which end up back in our ecosystem when they are dumped in a landfill.

**Skip the Truck...**

All of the plates, glasses, cutlery, tables, & chairs used were from the farm. These items were either handmade on the farm or second-hand.

Using what we have at the farm & embracing the “mismatch” saved $1798.90 on having to rent these items & reduced the carbon of having it all trucked in. WIN, WIN.

**Great Job!**

**Our Mission**

Round the Bend Farm, a Center for Restorative Community, is a working farm and educational non-profit. We are a living laboratory that cultivates, educates (even during weddings 😊) and empowers people of all ages. We are devoted to the global paradigm shift toward hope and abundance by valuing diversity, modeling nature, and redefining wealth.