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Valerie Courtois & Michael Brennan*

Marriage was a melding of cultures for Valerie Courtois and Michael Brennan of Tysons Corner, Virginia.

"I was born and raised in France – moved here after graduating from high school. Michael's American. So we wanted a wedding both my French family and his American family could relate to and be comfortable with," Valerie explains.

Herrington on the Bay, with its focus on Authentic Global Fare, turned out to be an excellent choice.

Valerie says, "Chef Tom (McReynolds) made all the difference. Every time we visited, whether with or without an appointment, as soon as he found out we were in the building, he went out of his way to offer us samples. He was also so excited about the French cuisine challenge that one time he even invited my dad and me into his kitchen to have us try his baguettes. He wanted us to tell him if they were authentically French. My dad and I felt very honored, and my dad was so impressed that a vendor would care that much!"

Their reception menu included a Foie Gras appetizer, followed by butler-served Chicken Marsala with au gratin potatoes and asparagus. They also had wine served at the table, French style, along with coffee. Both families were very pleased.



Valerie says, "The scenery is absolutely gorgeous. The gardens and the flowers sold us. And walking through the marina and the boats! It was almost like being in paradise, but so close to DC."

Michael adds, "We found Herrington online. But the photos on their web site aren't enough. It's so much more beautiful when you see it in person."

"Another thing that left an impression on us was the Welcome Reception that we were invited to attend after we booked," the couple says. "That gave us the chance to meet preferred vendors that Herrington knows and recommends. We were able to choose a florist, DJ, and a wedding cake baker in one day. Since we live in Virginia, about an hour away, this was very convenient and helpful to meet local people for those things. And Herrington was right - each one was great! They all made it so easy for us, and it was really perfect how well everything was organized."

They were also impressed with the service. "We were married in August and it was a very hot day. While my father and I were waiting to walk down the aisle, someone even brought us glasses of ice water!" Valerie adds. "Thoughtful little touches like that made our wedding day very special for us."

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