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Submission Name: Five Year Anniversary Session with Miss America at Morais Vineyards

Category: WEDDINGS, VOW RENEWAL

Event Date: Dec 03, 2017

Venue: Morais Vineyards and Winery, Bealeton;

Client Contact

- Name: Caressa Jackson

Story

From Caressa, former Miss America: "Five years ago when I got married I planned my wedding from top to bottom by myself, that was really my first crack at breaking into the bridal industry. As I searched around my town for vendors I realized that there wasn't an overwhelming amount of minority business owners in the bridal business here. Even though brides like myself had money to spend we were under represented in the market. Over the last few years that has began to change and black business is booming in our small town! When my husband and I decided that we wanted to do a photo shoot commemorating our five year anniversary we began to think back to the black renaissance movement and how important it was for us to energize and mobilize the businesses within our community. The inspiration behind this shoot was a black love is enterprising. We leveraged our partnership with black owned business and through a collaboration with Caressed By Design, A Beautiful Day With Antonia, M Harris Studios & Mackenzie Clare we were able to execute a beautiful concept.

Though this shoot may look like an amalgam of beautiful metallics and elegant florals every element is symbolic.

My brooch bouquet was made of jewelry from all the women in my family whom we're married before me, Those who are living sent me pieces of advice with their jewelry and there is even a key to my great grandmother and great grandfather's first store in the center. That key always reminds us to just keep building together. We chose the tones of precious metals and diamonds to symbolize the beauty that comes from the hard work of pressing, melting, welding and cutting...all tools used to make precious metals and diamonds. Much like marriage and growing businesses it doesn't start off as gorgeous as it ends. We chose to have my original wedding dress reconstructed into a completely different piece to show that an original thing just like love can always be reworked remodeled and reshaped into something totally different but still equally stunning and beautiful as we grow older together."

Tags

- **Colors:** White, Ivory, Pink, Purple, Copper, Gold, Silver
- **Setting:** Vineyard
- **Style:** Modern
- **Season:** Winter