

# Wine Box Love Letter Ritual

The Wedding Box Ceremony is a popular option for couples who like wine, whisky or even beer. It's also a great option for couples who love to write. Perhaps you want to write your own vows but don't want to share them in front of everyone? You can write them and put them in the box for a memory for later. Perhaps a note to your future self?

## **What Do You Need For A Box Ceremony?**

Here is what you will need to perform a wedding box ceremony:

**A wooden box** - you can have these custom made or I've seen couples actually make their own.

**A bottle of something** - This is actually optional. You can just put letters in the box. A good bottle of red wine that ages well is ideal. A bottle of scotch or other spirits is a good option too. I married a couple who brewed their own beer and they made a 5 year stout. I thought that was very creative!!

**Nails and a Hammer or a Lock** - I would say these are optional. They make an interesting part of the ceremony.

## **A Time Capsule**

Some couples also make a little time capsule. If you are blending families together everyone can put something in. Traditionally, you write a love letter to your spouse about how you feel at the time you are married. Some couples write their own vows and after they exchange them lock them in the box.

## **When do you open the box after the ceremony?**

There are several options when it comes to what you will do with the box later. Some couples agree they will just open it on a later anniversary - 5 or 10 years is common. They will open the letters, share a drink and maybe even put a new letter in and close it up for another anniversary. Other couples may use it as an emergency box. If their marriage falls into mortal danger they will open the box, have a drink together and take to separate rooms to read the letters they wrote to each other and reflect on the reasons they were married.

### **Script 1**

BRIDE and GROOM have chosen as a couple to perform a Love Letter & Wine Box ceremony.

This box contains a bottle of wine, two glasses, and a love letter from each to the other. The letters describe the good qualities they find in one another, the reasons they fell in love, and their reasons for choosing to marry. The letters are sealed in individual envelopes and they have not seen what the other has written. You have created your very own "romantic" time capsule to be opened on your 1st wedding anniversary. On your 1st anniversary, open the box, read the love letters, pop open the bottle of wine, and celebrate! Then, write each other a new love letter, get a new bottle of wine, and repeat every year.

Optional: I recommend that you keep the box in a place of honor prominently displayed in your home as a constant reminder of your commitment to each other.

BRIDE and GROOM should you ever find your marriage enduring insurmountable hardships, you are to as a couple, open this box, sit and drink the wine together, then separate and read the letters you wrote to one another when you were united as a couple in marriage. By reading these love letters you will reflect upon the reasons you fell in love and chose to marry each other here today.

The hope is, however, that you will never have a reason to open this box. And if this is the case, you are to open this box to share and enjoy on your 1st wedding anniversary!

BRIDE and GROOM, you may now seal the box.

**Script 2: Letters and wine to be renewed yearly on your anniversary.**

BRIDE and GROOM have decided to create a memory of today in the form of this wine box. You can see here there are two glasses and an excellent bottle of wine. Now, they are going to add letters they have written to each other and close the box. Going forward, this will become an anniversary box. Each year, on their anniversary, they will open the box, enjoy the bottle of wine together and read their letters. They will then replace the bottle with a new one, perhaps a new older bottle of wine or a trendy vintage they hope will still be good in a year. Their cork collection has infinite possibilities, as does their relationship.

The letters they are adding today speak of how they feel about each other today, on their wedding day, with the hopes and dreams they have for their future. Each year they will also add a new letter to the box. Over time, it will document how much their relationship, lives, and love for each other changes as it matures.

BRIDE and GROOM, perhaps this box will be displayed in a special place in your home or perhaps it will be held in a private, special place for safekeeping, but may it always hold a special place in your hearts and create a memory of your lives and love through your lifetime.

**Script 3: For your 5th Anniversary, Venue at a winery**

At this time, BRIDE and GROOM would like to do something to remember this special day. First, they have this box, created and personalized just for them. They are going to put memories in the box to keep until their 5th anniversary. The first memory is a bottle of wine. They chose to get married here, in this beautiful vineyard, so it is only fitting they choose a bottle of wine produced here, at XXX Winery. The other things going into the box are these two letters they have written to each other. The letters are about how they feel today about themselves, each other and their hopes for the future as a married couple.

On their 5th anniversary, they will open the box, enjoy the wine and read the letters they have written. They will be able to look back and see the

love they share today, their wedding day, in its innocence and beauty. Hopefully, as they look back, they will be able to see how they have grown as individuals and how their love and relationship has changed and matured through marriage.

#### **Script 4**

BRIDE and GROOM have chosen as a couple to perform a Wedding Box ceremony. This box contains a bottle of wine, two glasses, and a love letter from each to the other. The letters describe the good qualities they find in one another, the reasons they fell in love, and their reasons for choosing to marry. The letters are sealed in individual envelopes and they have not seen what the other has written. Should BRIDE and GROOM ever find their marriage facing hardships, they will open this box, sit and drink the wine together, then read the letters they wrote to one another to be reminded of the reasons why they are together. The hope is, however, that they will never have a reason to open this box. And if this is the case, they will open this box to share and enjoy on their 5th year wedding anniversary, replenish and open on their 10th anniversary, and every five years for the rest of their lives.

#### **Script 5: The Time Capsule**

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place of honor prominently displayed in your home as a constant reminder of your commitment to each other.

**Script 6: With family, friends and two bottles of wine**

Like good wine, a great love will deepen and mature with age. As a part of today's ceremony, BRIDE and GROOM have captured their thoughts leading up to this day in personal notes to each other.

Also they have asked their parents (or best man/maid of honor or other loved ones) to compose notes as well, containing their thoughts and their most important piece of advice to the couple as they journey through life together. These notes will now be sealed in this box to be opened and shared together with a bottle of wine on a future anniversary celebration.

It is at this time I would ask the parents to come forward and place their note and a bottle of wine inside this box. These messages and wine will be shared by BRIDE and GROOM on their 1st and 5th anniversaries.

And I now ask that BRIDE and GROOM place their notes to each other with a bottle of wine they have selected to share on their 10th anniversary celebration. On that day, they will get to reflect on the events and emotions they shared on this wonderful day. They can also reminisce about all of the wonderful memories they will have made over the last ten years and dream of all of those yet to come.