

Pacific WEDDINGS®

How To Do Old World San Francisco Glamour



DRINK

If you're from San Francisco, or you've been there for more than an hour, you know about the drinks. If there's anything they know how to do in this city, it's drink. And by drink I mean imbibe craft cocktails of the highest quality and aesthetic appeal in impossibly chic, quirky, rustic, etc. establishments. Therefore, at the heart of your elegant, Old San Francisco wedding is your cocktail hour. Host a smashing one at The Big Four--it's the Scarlet Huntington's famed restaurant and the stuff of old-world-elegance dreams. It recaptures the glamorous age of the Nob Hill reign of its namesakes. "We didn't touch it," laughs William, referencing a recent hotel renovation that spurred a local uproar in defense of the restaurant. The rich green leather and dark, polished, gentleman's club vibe remain. (We heard rumors of a yearly restaurant buy-out for dapper gentlemen dressed and driving cars from the era. When you're there, corroborate this with Ron, Big Four waiter and local historian). Our advice: slink in for cocktails and jazz piano post-wedding.

DINE

As I am a clear sucker for light fixtures and wall colors, imagine my attachment to this small green room tucked in the depths of The Big Four. It's a chartreuse enclave paneled in prohibition-era posters and old documents. One of the oldest panoramic photos of the city rests against the innermost wall. A butler's pantry is lined with stemware and champagne. It's the epitome of intimate. Like the hotel and surrounding restaurant, it's name is rooted in the railroad; they call it the Central Pacific Room. Host up to 36 of your wedding party for a rehearsal dinner or post-wedding celebration, and please, invite me.