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Texas Hill Country offers easy access and myriad venues with different takes on the Texas experience.

— Susan Moynihan

WINERY Graced by a great climate, Hill Country is home to 35 wineries. At **Becker Vineyards** (main), wed on a lawn under a live oak known as the Wedding Tree, and then move to the stand-alone Lavender Haus Reception Hall (seats 120), with a limestone exterior, native cypress walls, wrought-iron chandeliers and a flagstone patio.

GALLERY Equal parts art gallery, interior-design store and French bistro, **Vaudeville** (above right) — set in a two-story building on Main Street — is fast becoming the prime event space in Fredericksburg, the artsy town that is the heart of Hill Country. For weddings, we love the top-floor gallery, complete with French doors that open to the balcony.

INN With 90 rooms — including nine suites fronting a meandering stream — the **Inn on Barons Creek** has plenty of space for groups. Its bragging rights include free breakfast and a heated saltwater pool. Brides also love the 250-capacity reception space, as well as the spa, where parties of eight or more receive gratis nibbles. *Rooms from \$124.*