



Mudcastle has been chosen by Airbnb as one of the world's dream wedding destinations.

A dream run for Mouterere's Mudcastle

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With scenery like this, it's no wonder that The Mudcastle can hold its own in a crowd of four million.

The striking Upper Mouterere property has stood out among Airbnb's millions of worldwide accommodation listings to be named among a small list of dream wedding destinations.

Owners Glenys and Keith Johnston built the property 25 years ago, and it is still their fam-

ily home which they proudly open up for conferences and celebrations.

They have been involved in more than 2000 weddings during their time in the event industry, and said they were "blown away" by the recognition.

"We're just over the moon," said Glenys. "It's such a validation of what we do."

Airbnb has reported a 108 percent increase in wish lists titled "Weddings" and says that

couples are increasingly getting creative by booking unique and cost-efficient spaces while planning their dream wedding.

The Mudcastle was named as one of 11 dream wedding destinations, alongside properties in Australia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Thailand and Korea.

Listed under the heading "Fairytale Wedding", the Airbnb write-up says: "If you are looking for a fairytale landscape straight out of storybooks, The Mudcastle sits in the heart of the Nelson

region - surrounded with wineries, beaches and mountains".

Charmaine Ng, of Airbnb's Asia Pacific communications team, said The Mudcastle was the only New Zealand pick and "looked stunning".

"We were looking for accommodations on Airbnb where weddings and large parties were permitted on the property, and this fit the bill perfectly."

Airbnb is the world's largest community-driven hospitality

company, offering homes and experiences. It has four million accommodation listings worldwide.

The Airbnb information, which was headed by an impressive picture of The Mudcastle in its winter glory, was sent internationally to lifestyle media outlets.

Among the publications to pick up the story were the Australian Daily Mail and Harper's Bazaar, which featured The Mudcastle first and second respectively.

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