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### CEREMONIES WITHIN YOUR CEREMONY

#### **Wine Ceremony and Water Ceremony**

Similar to the Unity Candle and Sand Ceremony, the wedding couple is represented as two bottles of liquid (often, two vintages of wine). These are poured into a single container and often the Bride and Groom sip from this. Brides and Grooms may also choose to pour the liquid into separate glasses and intertwine their arms to symbolize their unity and yet their continued independence, as each still drinks from his or her own glass.

If wine is objectionable, two bottles of colored water can create a new color when combined.

As with all unity ceremonies, many treasured thoughts may be symbolized in the representation of unity, therefore we tailor the words to fit your intentions.

We usually perform a Wine Ceremony, when it is requested, immediately prior to the couple's vows. Here is a Russian/Lithuanian example:

*(Saying Groom's name)* and *(Saying Bride's name)*, just as you have received life, with all its bread, salt, and honey, from your parents, you're being crowned with the care you'll receive from one another. Never will you hunger or thirst for love to be revealed, for everything good will be manifest in your life as husband and wife.

Wine is a universal symbol of the richness of life and sweetness of love. So it is appropriate that, on this joyous occasion, you toast life with this ancient pleasure.

I ask you, *(Saying Groom's name)* and *(Saying Bride's name)*, to lift your individual glasses of wine and pour them unselfishly into the center cup. By pouring from your own into one, now together, you are signifying that your once solitary treasures are being blended into endless companionship. From this moment forth, you will share every harvest, and produce fine wine, together, throughout life.

I now invite you to each drink joyfully from your wedding cup.

*(Saying Groom's name)* and *(Saying Bride's name)*, lift the cup, one to another, and drink.



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As you have shared wine from a single glass, so may you share contentment, peace, and fulfillment from the cup of life. By sharing this wedding cup, you have shown your desire to blend your families together beautifully. May you always find life's joy heightened and its bitterness sweetened. As you have accepted this cup, you have accepted all the fragrance and flavors you may encounter together.

May your days all be pressed into unique, fine wine – honoring the robust energy and rich love of your marriage. May the banquet of your years delight and fulfill you.

Now, (*Saying Groom's name*) and (*Saying Bride's name*), will you vow to one another here, in presence of us all, the breadth and depth of your covenant with one another?