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Troy Wedding

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Dear Bernard and Sarah,

I have waited a day too long to write to you, but it was mostly because my phone was ringing off the hook with friends calling to tell me what a wonderful wedding we had on Saturday. A constant theme in all the calls, as well as in notes and emails, was the outstanding food they enjoyed at Bernard's. You and I knew it would be the highlight of the night, but they were all amazed and delighted and, to a one, said it was by far the best wedding dinner they had ever had. So, to you and your entire staff, thank you for resending us with such a treat.

Additionally, we were so very pleased with every aspect of the reception. The cocktail hour upstairs, with the beautiful chamber music performed by your lovely daughter and her two friends, set the tone for the special evening ahead. Over and over again, I heard people say that they had never had such wonderful hors d'oeuvres anytime, anywhere. Apparently there was no shortage, either, as all my friends said they could not resist the frequent offerings despite their vows of moderation. Thank you for passing the champagne on trays and for diligently attending to the drink orders. Clearly, our guests were very well cared for. Your downstairs set-up – tables, lighting, fireplace candles, mantel arrangements, wedding cake table, Monkey Room bar, dance floor – was all beautiful. We could not have been happier with the venue. It was perfect for our wedding concept. Special thanks must be given to your excellent staff. Their service was, to our eyes, flawless. Even as I have been writing this letter, a friend has phoned and commented on the pleasantness and politeness of the wait-staff. I hope you will convey to them our thanks for the high quality of their performance. Sarah, you are a superb wedding-manager. I enjoyed working with you. Normally I find party-planning daunting, but you made it easy and fun. I also appreciate that in a week that was personally difficult for you and Bernard, you were able to accommodate us with perfection. Today's mail brought notes with comments like, "What a fabulous party...The food was the best I have ever had...I cannot wait to go back." "It was truly one of the loveliest weddings we have ever participated in...The day



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was perfect as was the ceremony and the reception...” “What a perfect wedding! Perfect couple, perfect venues...” The word perfect keeps coming up. Thanks to you both the reception was perfect. On a humorous note: One of my favorite friends, who loves his vodka and also whips through the Sunday New York Times crossword puzzle in a flash, found that it took seven hours for him to complete the puzzle the day after the wedding His wife, my good Nancy, asked if he might have had a bit too much vodka at the reception. He said, “Well, it just kept coming...” He, too, thought the reception was perfect. I was concerned that the photographer, a friend of Robin’s,

might not have taken enough pictures. However, she has put together a sneak peak slideshow prior to delivering a 1000-photo CD, and it is excellent. There are so many superlatives in this letter, I am almost embarrassed to send it. But, all the superlatives are sincere. Everyone at Bernard’s did an outstanding job. Both of you are amazing. We had a perfect evening, thanks to you.

We look forward to returning to Bernard’s soon. Until then, many thanks for an outstanding reception. It will long be remembered, by many people, and cherished by a happy bride and groom and their parents.

Most sincerely,

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