



The groom James (below) was overcome with emotion when his bride Zoe walked down the aisle.



McLeod's BRIDE

Actress Zoe Naylor swapped Drover's Run for the Hunter Valley vineyards when she wed her longtime love, stockbroker James Trude

Beautiful *McLeod's Daughters* star Zoe Naylor tied the knot last week in a romantic ceremony in the Hunter Valley.

More than 200 family and friends gathered at picturesque Tower Estate winery in Pokolbin to watch the 28-year-old actress wed stockbroker James Trude, 29, on a gorgeous sunshine-filled day.

Adelaide-based *McLeod's* stars Michala Banas and Simone Jade Mackinnon,

who attended with her new beau Mark, were just some of the celebrities who had flown in especially for the nuptials.

Dressed in a form-fitting gown complete with traditional veil, Zoe was a picture of breathtaking elegance as she arrived in a Rolls-Royce.

James, dressed in a dapper suit with white tie, couldn't stop beaming as he watched his bride walk down the aisle.

Guests were moved as the couple exchanged vows in the chapel at St Patrick's of Nalkaba, which was adorned

with white blooms. Then it was off for the lavish reception to feast on the region's finest food, prepared by Andrew Clarke from Rock Restaurant, and wine, with Zoe and her bridesmaids changing outfits twice.

The pair, who grew up on Sydney's North Shore, have been dating for several years. They have excitedly been planning their wedding for the past 10 months, after James proposed in New Zealand last August when Zoe was shooting the Kiwi drama *Orange Roughies*.

James had planned the engagement down to the last detail. He secretly bought a solitaire diamond ring and researched the most romantic spot in New Zealand to pop

the big question on idyllic Mount Paku in the North Island.

'He got down on one knee and said he wanted to spend the rest of his life with me and would I marry him,' Zoe says.

'I went straight down on one knee crying and said yes straightaway. I was so moved and surprised by it all. I almost went into shock - it's such an overwhelming feeling.'

The bubbly actress, who played Regan McLeod, has now officially ended her stint on the hit show, so the newlyweds will have more time to settle into their new life together.

'He blew me away with the proposal,' reveals Zoe of her handsome new husband.

'He's my rock.' 

