

Drink the Wine and Feel so Fine

Situated in one of the major wine growing areas of the Asti and Monferrato region, Vecchio Podere Santa Cristiana is a working vineyard, we grow grapes that produce our Piano Piano Premium Reserve Barbera, Piano Piano Barbera di Asti DOC and Moscato di Asti DOCG wines.

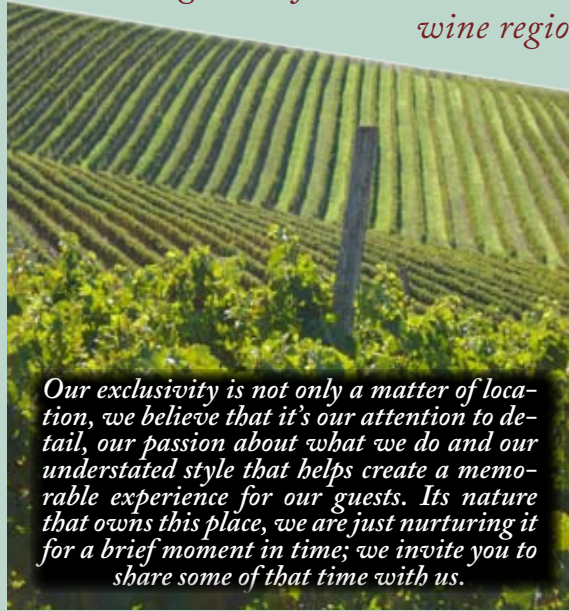
Many people love wine but with so much choice available even aficionados cannot know everything about all the wines available. For most people, finding new wines to try often means buying 'blind' from supermarket shelves. For the more adventurous then specialist suppliers are often the link to more interesting choices. However finding wines from boutique producers like ourselves is rather like looking for a needle in a haystack. Small producers have very limited ability to sell their wines to the wholesalers and agents who supply the mass markets. So it is often very difficult for wine lovers to find the really good stuff, the gems are either too expensive or known only to a selected few.

We want to challenge this paradox. For all our visitors with an interest in wine we will do our very best to ignite your passion for the wines of this wonderful, if little known part of Italy. We aim to do this in an environment that is friendly and informative and everything to do with pleasure rather than pretension or simply profit. We believe that Piedmonts extensive range of wonderful grape varieties means there is a wine produced here to satisfy every palate. When you visit us we will be happy to help you discover new and delicious wines that may just surprise you as much as they continue to surprise us.



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*Peace & tranquility on our vineyard
in the rolling hills of the Barbera d'Asti
wine region*



Our exclusivity is not only a matter of location, we believe that it's our attention to detail, our passion about what we do and our understated style that helps create a memorable experience for our guests. Its nature that owns this place, we are just nurturing it for a brief moment in time; we invite you to share some of that time with us.



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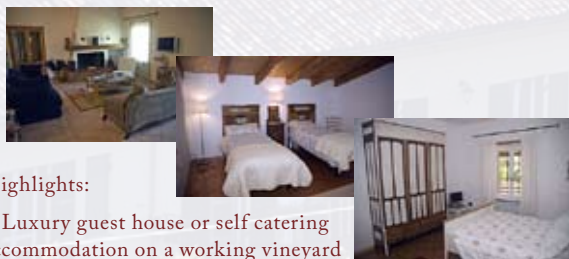


Luxury rooms and apartments on our working vineyards



WELCOME TO OUR VINEYARD RETREAT

Vecchio Podere Santa Cristiana translates from ancient Italian to mean grand old farmhouse St. Christina. Grand it is, with the house and gardens set in over 18 acres of stunning vineyards. Add the backdrop of the magnificent Alps and you have a picture postcard scene that rarely disappoints. As a working vineyard the property produces its own quality wines which are available to be enjoyed on the premises. In addition fruit and vegetables grown on the farm are served as part of the sumptuous breakfast menus.



Highlights:

- Luxury guest house or self catering accommodation on a working vineyard
- Relaxation around the salt water pool
- Walking and hiking in uncharted territory
- Unforgettable wining and dining in great restaurants
- Wine events in season
- Learning about wines from Piedmont
- Vineyard walks
- Great drives with established wines routes
- Experience real Italy, no impact of mass tourism
- Real peace and tranquility – de-stress here
- Visit major cities of Milan, Turin, Genoa by train or car
- Art and culture everywhere
- 15 mins from major motorway link
- Internet access
- Satellite TV & DVD players in all rooms
- Europe's biggest fashion outlet mall just 1 hour away
- Easy access to the Lakes & Italian Riviera

Please note that we recommend that our guests do need a car.

THINGS TO DO AND SEE

We aim to make your holiday special, we want you to leave this place with experiences that you want to share with friends; we want everyone to be an ambassador for this region. For the farmhouse and apartments our keywords are warmth and comfort. We wish guests to feel at home, we are not a hotel and do not want to feel like one. We see ourselves as an oasis of calm in a rather hectic world; we are really a bit of a hideaway. But the good news is that we are not miles from civilisation, it just feels that way. We offer seclusion and privacy but major airports and motorway links are close by. Guests can dip in and out of civilisation as they want to.

Things to Do

Stroll down the winding hill into the village of Castelnuovo Belbo and you can stop in the local coffee bar for a simple espresso or better still try a wonderful Italian 'aperitivo' which is always served with little snacks. This is a great way to interact with the locals and experience the real Italy; little has changed here in decades.

Countless rural walks and hikes lead to beautiful vistas of the Monferrato wine growing area and its dramatic hilltop villages. If you are a cycling enthusiast the Monferrato hills offer an opportunity to discover hidden gems off the beaten track.



Visiting an open air market in Piedmont is one of life's little pleasures. Market day has been a way of life here for generations. Stroll through one of the many villages nearby to visit one of the daily markets. Enjoy browsing through the abundance of local produce to stimulate your own culinary imagination.

Centrally located, day trips are possible to:

- Major cities, Turin, Genoa and Milan.
- The Alps
- The Italian Lakes
- The Italian Riviera
- Alba and Barolo



WHY VISIT US

If you Love

- Great Wine and Food
- Relaxing
- Feeling close to nature
- Walking or Hiking
- Shopping
- Culture and Art
- All things authentically Italian
- Beautiful countryside
- Scenic drives



If You Dislike

- Mass tourism
- Noise and traffic
- Inflated prices for tourists
- Pretentious wine speak
- The packaged holiday experience



You will feel instantly at home in Vecchio Podere Santa Cristiana and we suggest it's a great center from which to explore the Italian wine growing area of Piedmont. From the lovely rolling hills of the Monferrato to the more austere and striking beauty of the high Langhe area, everything is accessible by road from our location.

We are happy to organise individual itineraries for our guests. Want an excursion through the vineyards, or to learn about wine production processes? Then talk to us, we can arrange guided tours and wine tastings. Other services available nearby include golf clubs, horse riding, health spa and local food production tours. Please ask us for prices and suggestions.



The Accommodations;

Vecchio Podere Santa Cristiana has been sympathetically refurbished to offer flexible accommodation. Guests can choose between serviced bed and breakfast rooms or self catering apartments. All the accommodations are accessed from within a very private garden enclosure, as is the secure parking area. The extensive gardens extend beyond the main house enclosure to include an 11m x 5 m salt water pool, swim up bar, pool terrace, fruit orchards, and woods.

The 2 self contained apartments have their own separate entrances and enjoy an outside living space complete with tables and chairs for the sole use of our apartment guests. Towels and bed linen are provided and are changed once a week for guests booked at the self-catering rate. B&B rooms are part of the main farmhouse and are furnished to a high standard with en-suite bathrooms with showers. They have satellite TV with DVD's players. Our bed and breakfast guests also enjoy the benefits of an impressive guest lounge complete with a large open fireplace.

Please visit our web site for details and tariffs on accommodation.