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It's a Family Affair at Il Boscareto Resort in Italy's Piemonte Wine Region



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Fiorenzo Dogliani's home is in the verdant valley of Northern Italy's Piemonte region, 85 miles from Milan, where he and seven siblings spent long days tending to his parents' vineyards. A random meeting with a gal at the age of 16 prompted Fiorenzo, transporting a bottle of wine on his bicycle, to undertake an arduous ride to Milan to find her again.



A restaurant in Milan

Fiorenzo knew she worked at a restaurant. Where it was located, he did not know; Milan was not his turf. But find her he did, several hours later, as he tells the story these days. It's not that she was such a beauty, but rather that she said her family might be interested in wine from

Fiorenzo's family vineyards. She was. From that one dollar litre of wine, the relationship between Milanese trattorias and the Doglianis mushroomed, and Fiorenzo was promoted to a Vespa.

Burgundy of Italy

By 1978 the Doglianis had united seven vineyards located in the best parts of Barolo and renamed the family business after one of them, Batasiolo. They produce Piedmontese classic white and red wines, including Barolo, Barbaresco, Barbera d'Asti, Barbera d'Alba, Dolchetto d'Alba, Gavi (di Gavi), Langhe Chardonnay, Roero Arneis, Moscato d'Asti, many of which are highly acclaimed by wine critics at international competitions. Today, the reputation of the region's wines reaches far and wide, giving it the nickname "Burgundy of Italy."

Sip, savor, spa

Visitors to Serralunga d'Alba and its [14th century frescoed castle](#) in the heart of Piemonte enjoy superb accommodation, dining well, savoring fine wines, and soaking up gorgeous views upon a hill at the crossroads of the Dogliani family's [Langhe](#) vineyards. Opened in October 2009 after nearly a decade of planning, [Il Boscareto Resort & Spa](#) provides 38 spacious guest rooms and suites for a friendly, contemporary five-star experience complemented by Il Boscareto's own Michelin-starred La Rei Ristorante. In charge of the full service first-rate resort, complete with Aveda spa and [swimming](#) pool, Finnish sauna, whirlpool, steam room, and frigidarium, is Fiorenzo's niece, Valentina.

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Piemonte regional restaurants currently have a more generous sprinkling of Michelin stars than any other region in Italy. Consider an autumn stay when the vines turn golden under snowcapped peaks. Alba is home to the celebrated white truffle, the delicacy which is honored by its own local [October festival](#), attracting chefs from all over the world. Nearby Asti, known for sparkling Asti Spumanti, hosts its medieval Palio festival with bareback horse racing in late September.

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