



Dining Near Castello Banfi

Castello Banfi is one of those rural, out of the way places that has had a “path beaten to its door.” It has become a destination not only to visit the vineyards, winery, glass museum, balsameria or full service enoteca to taste our award winning wines, but a multi-faceted dining destination as well. Lunch at Taverna Banfi is a familiar and jovial respite, warming the soul as a territorial expression of this unique corner of Tuscany. Dinner at the Michelin-starred Ristorante Castello Banfi, made ethereal with candle light and discretely attentive service, takes broader culinary cues from across the Tuscan hills as they stretch to the sun drenched shores of the Mediterranean.

Either Taverna Banfi or Ristorante Castello Banfi are well worth the trip, but for those visiting our estate on a day when the restaurants are fully booked or closed, or simply seeking something different, there are alternatives in the surrounding area.

Il Maruchetto

Closed Thursdays

Via della Stazione, 9, Sant'Angelo Scalo

Tel. 0577.808000

At the foot of the lengthy, winding, cypress-lined drive that leads from Castello Banfi to the Banfi winery in the valley below, and just across the main road to Montalcino, is the small town of Sant'Angelo Scalo, where one goes for what is otherwise seldom found hereabouts: seafood. Meats and pizzas are also available and excellent, but seafood is king, from appetizers to pastas with seafood garnishes to entrees. Shrimps, mussels, clams, calamari, octopus, tuna, swordfish, sole and more are fine and fresh-remember, the coast is only a few miles away. In deference to the proximity of the winery, almost all Castello Banfi wines are available here. Il Marruchetto is a large place as Tuscan restaurants go, with a bright, spacious dining room behind a roomy bar area. The atmosphere is busy but welcoming. On busy nights it can be overwhelmed by all the frying, so it's best to dine early. Visa and Mastercard accepted.

Il Galletto

Closed Wednesdays

Vicolo dell'Arco 7, Camigliano

Tel. 0577 816007

In the sleepy hamlet of Camigliano, this simple, informal osteria offers the kind of warm local hospitality that revived weary travelers centuries ago when they stumbled into out of the way locales. Hosts Stefano and Valentina follow the rhythms of the season to to prepare the kind of classic Tuscan cuisine that has been reborn in high style.

Il Castelluccio

Closed Thursdays

Via Dante Alighieri 1, Paganico

Tel. 0564 905061

The road signs tell you to bypass Paganico to avoid congesting its narrow and short main thoroughfare, but if you park outside the gate closest to the road leading to Siena and Grossetto, you can stroll through its charming piazza and come back for a dinner time treat. Proprietor Daniele is famous for his pizzas with thin crust and abundant flavor, but don't miss his fresh fish and seafood pastas. Convivial groups of young people from the area make for a lively and joyful ambience. Opened for dinner only. Visa and Mastercard accepted.

Antica Fattoria del Grottaione

Closed Mondays

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A short distance up the road that leads from the Banfi winery to Monte Amiata, there is a turn off for Montenero – follow the windy road into town and just when you think you can't drive any further (actually, you can't), you'll find a sleepy little piazza that looks more like a movie set for post war Italy. Enter the Antica Fattoria del Grottaione off the middle of this square, and the promise of genuine Italy is held in the form of dishes lovingly prepared by family, using the freshest local ingredients according to season, served in a warm and genial but sophisticated atmosphere. In season, the veranda offers spectacular views of the surrounding countryside. Major credit cards accepted.