



Dining Near Montalcino

A short ride beyond the walled town of Montalcino and into the surrounding hills offers a plethora of breathtaking views, peaceful serenity, and choice dining.

Boccon Di Vino Loc. Colombaio Tozzi, Montalcino

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Located just outside of town on the road leading down the slopes and in the direction of SS2 for Rome and Siena, the Fiorani family has turned their family homestead into a charming restaurant. While sticking to the local principle of using only the freshest natural ingredients in simple but delicious preparations, Boccon DiVino adds a note of creativity. Tagliolini with truffles from nearby Mt. Amiata is a special feature, along with the restaurant's signature dish, Carabaccia. This rich bread and onion stew is said to be the Italian precursor that Caterina de Medici brought with her in marriage to the king of France and became French onion soup. Traditionally hearty fair such as rabbit with juniper and the ubiquitous stewed wild boar are prepared with a light touch. Vanna Fiorani, who was born on the property, has taught her daughters Alessandra and Marina to cook the way she learned at her own mother's knee. Nowadays Vanna is more often than not home watching her young grandchildren, while her daughters take turns running the kitchen or waiting on guests together with their father, Mario. Before long, you too will feel like a part of this graceful family. Major credit cards accepted.

Trattoria Il Pozzo Piazza del Popolo 2, Sant'Angelo in Colle

Closed Tuesdays Tel. 0577 844015

At the traffic circle in Montalcino, take the fork indicated with blue signs for Sant'Angelo, Paganico and Grosseto, which also leads toward the Castello Banfi winery. A few bends down the road, before reaching any of those locations, you will come to the quintessential hilltop town of Sant'Angelo in Colle (on the hill, distinct from Sant'Angelo Scalo further down in the valley). Turn onto the narrow road and follow it to the unpaved parking lot on the left, then walk the rest of the way up the hill and into the heart of this tiny town, and crossing the piazza to the far end. Hidden around a corner, behind the well ("pozzo" in Italian) from which it takes its name, you will find this sleepy Trattoria. You enter into a bar and will find the restaurant through a narrow passage in the back; it's a small room, decorated modestly but warmly. Their crostini will whet the appetite grown on the hike up this sumptuous summit, and their pinci is among the best in the area. Daily selections often include wild boar and Arista, a roasted pork loin that is a local specialty. Major credit cards accepted.

Osteria Il Leccio Via Costa Castellare 1-3, Sant'Angelo in Colle

Closed Wednesdays Tel. 0577 844175, e-mail: info@trattoriailleccio.it

Dine al fresco in the piazza that is the heart of this tiny hilltop town, or enjoy the elegant and cozy setting inside where the rich fabrics of table cloths and chairs offset the stone walls and wrought iron fixtures. An array of mouthwatering dishes are offered, and the restaurant is well known for its outstanding Bistecca Fiorentina, a T-Bone steak of the highest quality, simply grilled and served rare, with lemon, salt and olive oil offered at table. Major credit cards accepted.

Osteria La Via di Mezzo Via Soccini 53, Buonconvento

Closed Mondays Tel 0577 806320, e-mail: info@osterialaviadimezzo.com

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The Via di Mezzo (The Road down the Middle) is named after a former Roman road, now called Via Soccini, which goes through the centre of Buonconvento. We wanted to let these old traditions live on, and named our restaurant "Osteria la Via di Mezzo". The traditional smells and tastes of this part of the country can still be discovered in these beautiful ancient streets. Discover for yourselves the suggestive tastes. With our help you can satisfy your curiosity for the hidden delights all around you. Via di Mezzo stands for different cultures, a meeting point, a rest point, an exchange. The ancient Latins said "In medium stat virtus" In the middle is Virtue, and we take heed of this wise saying and offer you a balanced mix of hospitality, availability and friendliness to make your lunch or your evening more special in a comfortable Tuscan country environment for your and our satisfaction.