

Dear Friends of Barolo,

This is a list of hotels and restaurants in Tuscany that I love.

## **Siena Area Restaurants**

### **La Cantoniera di Vescine.**

progressive Italian menu

1.5 miles north of Castellina in Chianti on the road to Radda

tel. (0577) 741-144

### **La Taverna del Chianti**

in Vagliagli (11.5 km north of Siena)

great place for Tuscan steaks, closed Mondays, credit cards accepted

(0577) 322.532

### **la Bottega del 30**

in Castelnuovo Beradenga

located 5 km north of Castelnuovo Beradenga

closed Sundays- one star Michelin guide, progressive Italian cuisine with French accents

reservations a must, they do not take credit cards

### **Poggio Antico (restaurant and winery)**

in Montalcino, 41 km south of Siena on Via Cassa( SS 2)

located at the Poggio Antico Winery, famous chef from Rome, one star Michelin Restaurant, closed Mondays

(0577) 849-200

### **Locanda dell'Amorosa**

in Sinalunga, 45 km east of Siena

Hotel and Restaurant in an old Farm, closed Mondays and Tuesday lunch

beautiful and romantic

(0577) 679-497

### **Arnolfo**

in Colle di Val d'elsa, 24 km northwest of Siena

Closed Tuesdays, credit cards, reservations a must!

one star Michelin restaurant owned by two brothers from the area, Gaetano Trovato the Chef brother was voted top 10 Italian chefs last year, very creative food but not weird, just delicious. Very small restaurant ( 8 tables) off an old piazza in the historic hill town of Colle di Val d'elsa. Worth a trip!!!

### **Osteria Le Logge**

Located in the old center of Siena, this is a wonderful little restaurant.(my favorite in Siena) The owner is Gianni Brunelli and is a friend, he also owns a small vineyard in

Brunello di Montalcino which he sells at the restaurant. Yes it is called Gianni Brunelli Brunello!!! Great florentine steaks, reservations a must. closed Sundays  
Via del Porrione,33  
(577)4813

## **Siena Area Hotels**

### **Hotel Squarcialupi**

This is a 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> century palace in the town center of Castellina in Chianti. The Palazzo and wine cellar/winery was remodeled by Tommaso Bojola and his wife in the early 1990's into a very charming inn/hotel with 16 individually decorated rooms. Castellina in Chianti is one of the remaining "working wine towns" of the famous Chianti Classico wine region. Located 45 minutes south of Florence and 20 minutes north of Siena, surrounded by Tuscany's most prestigious Chianti vineyards makes this one of my favorite destinations when in Tuscany.

Closed January to March  
Via Ferruccio 26  
Castellina in Chianti  
Hotel phone (0577) 741-186  
Hotel fax (0577) 740-386  
Email [squarcialupi@italyexpo.com](mailto:squarcialupi@italyexpo.com)  
Proprietor Tommaso Bojola

### **Vescine Hotel**

This is a remodeled Borgo, or small farming village located out in the wine country of Chianti Classico. Each of the 5 small buildings house a collection of individual rooms with amazing views of the Tuscan hills. There is a charming restaurant on the property which prepares wonderful Tuscan cuisine. The drive to either Radda in Chianti or Castellina in Chianti takes about 15 minutes. Swimming and tennis are both offered. The restaurant La Cantoniera di Vescine is on the same property.

Vescine Hotel/Relais del Chianti  
53017 Radda in Chianti  
1.5 miles north of Castellina in Chianti on the road to Radda  
Hotel phone (0577) 741-144  
Hotel fax (0577) 740-263  
Email [vescine@chiantinet.it](mailto:vescine@chiantinet.it)

## **Firenze Restaurants**

### **Trattoria Camillo**

#### **57 Borgo Saint' Jacapo**

Closed Wednesdays, all credit cards

Without question it's my favorite Trattoria, one block from the ponte vecchio on the southwest side. I like to sit in the front room and have Arturo as the waiter. Tell him Mr. Barolo sent you.

### **Cantinetta Antinori**

#### **Piazza Antinori**

(055) 292-234 Closed Sun-Mon, all credit cards, reservations a must

This is a very cool Florence restaurant, owned by the Antinori wine family of Florence. Therefore the great Antinori wines (Tignanello, Solaia, Badia a Passignano) are great values. Very high quality foods.

### **Ristorante Cibreo**

#### **Piazza Ghiberti 35**

(055) 234-1100 Closed Sunday-Monday, all credit cards, reservations a must

This restaurant features very progressive Italian cuisine, and wonderful ambiance. Menus presented verbally in Italian or English. Be sure that you are in the restaurant and not their cafe next door.

Located behind Santa Croce.

### **Enoteca Pinchiorri**

#### **Via Ghibellina 87**

(055) 242-777 Reservations a must, all credit cards, closed Sunday and Monday lunch and Wednesday lunch.

This is the big ticket restaurant. It has 2 Michelin stars. In my opinion it is one of the top 10 restaurants in all Italy. Traditional and progressive dishes. Very Fancy!! It features a wine list of the finest wines and vintages of any restaurant in the world. Go hungry and expect the finest food, service and amenities anywhere.....