# ROSEWOOD CASTIGLION DEL BOSCO TUSCANY

#### Overview

Situated within the UNESCO-listed Val d'Orcia Natural Park, in the Brunello di Montalcino wine-making region, Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco is a 5,000-acre country estate founded by Massimo and Chiara Ferragamo. The Italian resort is a celebration of the natural beauty and rich gastronomic heritage of Tuscany. The 800-year-old estate comprises the ruins of a castle, a medieval church and the Borgo, a historic village that now forms the heart of the resort.

Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco features a leading Brunello di Montalcino winery, two restaurants, an organic kitchen garden and a cooking school, as well as a breathtaking 18-hole private golf course and a pampering spa. Plentiful leisure facilities and a carefully curated selection of activities and excursions designed to highlight the region's landscape and culture count among the offerings of this unique Tuscan retreat.

#### Location

Located in the countryside of Montalcino, Tuscany, in the heart of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Val d'Orcia, Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco is set within one of the oldest and best-preserved estates in Italy, located just 28 miles from Siena and 55 miles from Florence.

## History

Over 800 years of unbroken history and a landscape shaped as much by human culture as by geology and nature make Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco a very special place.

But even before the estate appears in written records, this area was very much on the map. Its strategic elevated position was appreciated by the Etruscans as early as 600 B.C., as shown by the many archaeological finds on the estate. The property stands alongside the ancient Via Francigena, a route traveled by merchants and pilgrims on their way from Canterbury to Rome, many of whom visited the Pieve San Michele from around 725 A.D. Looming above Il Borgo, the scant ruins of a castle built in the 12th century and further fortified in the 13<sup>th</sup> century pay tribute to the importance of Castiglion del Bosco.

With its mix of clay, sand and volcanic trachyte from prehistoric explosions, this stunning corner of Tuscany is the perfect terroir for growing Sangiovese grapes. In the 19th century, the estate played a role in the development of what is now one of Italy's most highly regarded wines: Brunello di Montalcino.

In 2003, Massimo Ferragamo purchased the Castiglion del Bosco estate, which at 5,000 acres is one of the largest privately owned estates in Italy. Mr. Ferragamo was fascinated by the estate's history and unique continuity, but also excited by the prospect of recreating the authentic social role of the estate in a new, stylishly contemporary vein.

Since then, meticulous attention has been devoted to upgrading Castiglion del Bosco's traditional agricultural output, with extensive replanting of ageing vineyards to enhance wine production. At the same time, an unparalleled range of guest facilities and accommodation have been created through the sensitive refurbishment of the Borgo and ten outlying farmhouses. Today, the property offers the very best of contemporary estate living within an extraordinarily rich historical framework.

## The Borgo

Huddled on a hilltop, overlooking the patchwork fields that stretch out in the direction of Montalcino, the Borgo is the former heart of Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco's farming community and was at the center of the

estate's activities for hundreds of years. Today, the Borgo forms the heart of the resort and features 23 suites housed within its buildings. With the buildings restored to their former glory, the Borgo is vibrant with activity in the cooking school, the hand curated shop, the kitchen garden, the rustic Osteria La Canonica and the understated Ristorante Campo del Drago. Simultaneously, an air of serenity is evoked by the the Spa at Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco, the infinity pool and a fitness center.

## Accommodations

Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco features 23 suites and ten one-of-a-kind luxury villas.

#### Suites

Warmed by gentle Tuscan hues, the resort's spacious suites offer exceptional comfort and the chance to enjoy an area of outstanding natural beauty in a framework of understated sophistication. Housed within the buildings of the Borgo, the resort's 23 suites exude Tuscan sophistication with antique furniture, genuine textiles and artisanal pieces. Exposed wooden beams and cozy corners are juxtaposed with modern comforts and the latest technology, while the terraces and picturesque views are alive with greenery.

## Villas

Created from restored 17th- and 18th-century farmhouses, ten luxury villas capture the changing moods of the Tuscan landscape. Featuring stone, wood, antiques and bespoke furnishings, the elegant interiors are distinguished by their Sienese hues, handcrafted pieces and pleasing textures. The two-to-six-bedroom villas all feature private heated pools and many offer a wood-burning pizza oven, home theater or private tennis court, plus an extensive list of luxury amenities. Ideal for families and groups of friends, the villas offer the ultimate in luxurious privacy, and are the perfect setting for private events and gatherings, such as a barbecue or Italian-inspired Pizza Party.

## Interior Design

With the guiding principle of designing Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco as a home rather than a hotel, Mrs. Chiara Ferragamo styled the estate's interiors using her own personal touch. Working with her Florence-based friend and designer, Teresa Bürgisser Sancristoforo, they lent every single villa, suite and communal space elegance and warmth, drawing on Tuscany's strong tradition of creativity in furniture, homeware and textiles. Each piece in the resort reflects Tuscany's cultural heritage and the natural color palette of the surrounding Val d'Orcia, respecting the spirit of place while ensuring opulent comfort through the use of carefully sourced fabrics, silverware, ceramics, marble, and antiques.

## Dining

A superb culinary destination, Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco features two outstanding restaurants, an organic kitchen garden and a cooking school. Each culinary experience is uniquely brought to life by the resort's Executive Chef Enrico Figliuolo, who combines the finest ingredients and seasonal flavors to create refreshing simple dishes that respect and embody local culinary traditions.

## Ristorante Campo del Drago

Each evening, Ristorante Campo del Drago serves upscale classical Italian dishes drawn from the various regions of Italy and enriched with fresh produce from the organic kitchen garden. The evocative name pays homage to the Piazza del Campo in Siena and was inspired by the single-cru of Brunello di Montalcino produced by the estate's winery. Outside, the terrace offers stunning views of the deep green hills and sloping woodlands of Montalcino and the renowned Val d'Orcia.

## Osteria La Canonica

Located in the heart of the Borgo and attached to the church of San Michele, Osteria La Canonica offers the authentic, warm atmosphere of a Tuscan trattoria.

La Canonica features a shaded open veranda overlooking the stunning valley. In this rustic and informal atmosphere, melded in wood and wrought iron, delicious pizzas and focaccia are prepared to order in an ancient open-view wood-fired oven. Seasonal produce from the organic kitchen garden is combined with other natural ingredients and freshly milled oil from Castiglion del Bosco to create traditional Tuscan fare.

## La Canonica Cooking School

Located in the former priest's house in the heart of the Borgo, La Canonica Cooking School presents guests with an opportunity to experience the link between land and kitchen that embodies the cuisine at Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco. During two-hour classes, participants begin their lessons by selecting ingredients from the kitchen garden. Next, in the Osteria's traditional kitchen, the chef teaches guests how to make an array of traditional Tuscan and Italian dishes - from authentic Italian pasta and delicious sauces, to traditional pizza made from scratch and delicious vegetarian Tuscan dishes.

## The Spa at Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco

Located at the heart of the Borgo, yet intimately secluded, the Spa at Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco is a haven of serenity, dominated by earthy shades and natural colors. Featuring treatments by leading well-being clinic La Prairie and Castiglion del Bosco's own authentically Tuscan body care line, the spa aims to refresh both mind and body with treatments inspired by the rich flora and natural bounty of southern Tuscany. With its sauna, steam bath, relaxation area and lush private garden, this refuge promotes beauty, balance and relaxation. The spa's holistic approach to well-being is complemented by Castliglion del Bosco's idyllic natural surroundings, fresh and local fare, and variety of outdoor activities.

## Rose Buds for Children

The countryside of Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco provides children with an enchanting playground to explore, have fun and use their imagination. At the kids club, children participate in captivating cultural activities, including cooking workshops, treasure hunts, oil painting, and swimming, archery, and tennis lessons.

## Activities

Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco aims to help guests immerse themselves in the fascinating lifestyle and traditions of Tuscany by offering a range of authentic experiences tailored to each individual guest. The estate offers a variety of activities and opportunities to enjoy the pleasures of rural Tuscany – from tasting tours of Castiglion del Bosco's winery to guided truffle hunts. Sports and outdoor enthusiasts can hike or cycle on or off the estate on a network of waymarked trails and participate in athletic boot camps in the woods. In addition to the fitness center, tennis courts and 18-hole on-site private golf course, activities such as horseback riding, hot air balloon tours, hiking trips, and even stargazing with an astronomer can be arranged.

## Wine

Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco offers its guests an immersion into the world of Tuscan wine with vineyards located within the estate and along the coast. As one of the founding members of the Consorzio del Vino Brunello di Montalcino in 1967, Castiglion del Bosco features a leading winery with 62 hectares of vineyards dedicated to the production of Brunello and Rosso di Montalcino. The fifth largest producer of Brunello di Montalcino, Castiglion del Bosco's Gauggiole and Capanna vineyards produce three superb labels including the single-cru Campo del Drago DOCG, the Brunello di Montalcino DOCG and the Rosso di Montalcino DOC. Additionally, the on-site winery hosts an array of wine-tasting seminars and an annual harvest event takes place in September.

## Golf

The estate's 18-hole golf course offers an unparalleled experience at Italy's only private golf club. Designed by world-renowned US golfer and British Open winner Tom Weiskopf, the breathtaking course is both challenging and enjoyable to play. Occupying a former rustic farmhouse, the Club House comprises a bar, pro shop and adjacent practice facilities. Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco's guests have limited access to the golf club.

## Meetings & Events

The resort provides a prestigious setting for small business meetings, incentives, executive retreats, private product launches and celebrations for up to 120 guests. Three elegant meeting rooms, accommodating eight to 20 people and a private villa are among the options for tailor-made gatherings.

## Nearby Attractions

Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco is conveniently located near several attractions and cultural centers in Tuscany. Countless historical, cultural and gastronomical tours of the Val d'Orcia can be arranged, as well as day trips to nearby cities including Siena and Florence. The estate is also surrounded by Medieval and Renaissance hilltowns to explore, including Montalcino, Pienza, Montepulciano and Bagno Vignoni.

## Overview of Services & Amenities

- On-site Brunello di Montalcino winery
- Private 18-hole golf club
- La Canonica Cooking School with organic kitchen garden
- The Spa at Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco
- Fitness center
- Tennis courts
- Heated infinity pool
- Yoga, Pilates and outdoor activities
- Photography, painting and astronomy
- Truffle hunting
- Valet service
- Private car transfer and rental services
- Private helipad and helicopter transfer service
- Rose Buds children's program
- In-Villa spa treatments, private chef, meals and grocery delivery

## Management

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