

Fact Sheet Val Di Piatta



Description:

A stay at Tenuta Valdipiatta offers "something more" than a simple vacation in the countryside because it enables guests – both connoisseurs of wine and those making their first hesitant approach – to observe, from the closest possible vantage point, both how vines are cultivated and the steps from grapes into wine in the fermenting and aging cellars. The Valdipiatta estate is one of the most prestigious of all producers of *Vino Nobile di Montepulciano* and of other Super Tuscan wines.

Guests can choose between 3 apartments: one which sleeps six and is located on the ground floor of the lovely stone farmhouse in which the estate's owners live. The others are cottages nearby, which sleep two in each.

Apartments are furnished with authentic period furniture, some recovered and restored from the estate's own stock of original furniture, some consisting of pieces found in other homes in the area.

A long and scenic cypress-lined road connects the apartments to the working centre of the estate, the offices, the garden and a small lake surrounded by willows frame the facilities for visitors.

The small apartment is entirely surrounded by the estate's vineyards and olive groves which give, in addition to wine, a highly regarded olive oil and an excellent *Vino Nobile Grappa*. Tosca is a recently renovated addition with a lovely view over the lake.

The driveway



The winery.



Montepulciano Town:

Montepulciano perched high on a hill which forms the watershed between the Chiana river valley and the Orcia river valley, is one of the most beautiful and romantic cities of Tuscany.

Montepulciano is surrounded by the imposing circle of defensive walls planned and designed by the architect Sangallo, still furnished with the old gates, giving access to the old city. The streets climbing to the top are steep though there is so much to see along the way, and the area inside the town walls is car free. There are great views of the surrounding countryside from many points. Most people know Montepulciano because of its wine, the *Vino Nobile*. The wine cellars in Montepulciano are in the ground under the streets of town and you'll be invited in as you stop in for a taste. Make sure you try them.

The hill town is very pretty with a number of artisan shops. On the edge of town sits one of Italy's most beautiful churches. As you leave the town, head southwest and you'll find the Madonna di San Biagio church, which was built in the 16th century and is a masterpiece by Sangallo. The design was, in part, based on St. Peter's in Rome. It is a beautiful Renaissance masterpiece.

Thursday is market day in Montepulciano.

Those who choose to vacation in Montepulciano will find, at a very short driving distance, Pienza, Cortona, and Montalcino, Mount Amiata, Lake Trasimeno, and the grand medieval abbeys of Monte Oliveto Maggiore, Sant'Anna in Camprena and Sant'Antimo (where the liturgy is still intoned with the Gregorian Chant).

Siena, Arezzo, Orvieto, and Perugia are at an easy one-hour driving distance. Trips to Florence and Rome could not be simpler: the car can be left at the Chiusi railroad station and one may catch the train to the Termini Station in Rome (where the two subway lines which serve the city both arrive) or the Santa Maria Novella station in Florence (in the very heart of the city) are a mere 90 minute train ride away.

Last but not least: the wine. Or, better, the great wines of Montepulciano.

The production zone, where from time immemorial the vine has been cultivated, can boast of the first precise citation of a wine which is still present and identifiable today. A wine which came from the same hills which now produce *Vino Nobile di Montepulciano*.

And even today there are very few persons who, having chosen to pass a day or two, at Montepulciano, leave the city without a bottle or two of *Vino Nobile*, or *Rosso di Montepulciano* or of the *Super Tuscans* which are winning a reputation as some of the finest wines in the world.



Amenities:

Prices include a visit to the cellar and a tasting of Val Di Piatta's wines.

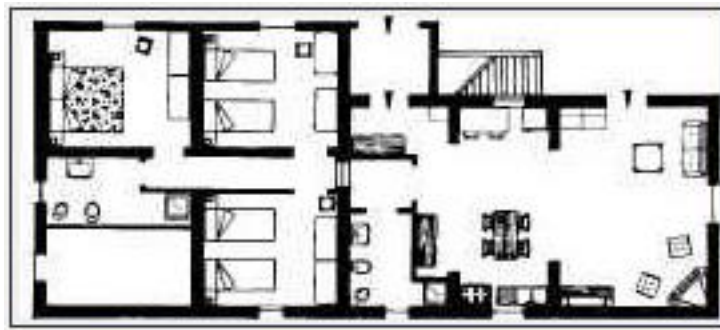
Lunch and dinner can be taken at the Antico Caffè Poliziano, located in the historic centre of Montepulciano, officially recognized as a Historic Cafe of Italy, and under the same ownership as the estate.

The property also produces olive oil and an excellent Vino Nobile Grappa from the pomace of the wine.

Equipment for barbeques and a wood-burning oven in the garden are also available on request.

Apartments – Descriptions.

Grande:



The large apartment sleeps six and contains two bathrooms, a living room and a kitchen.

This apartment is rented by the bedroom and /or persons. So if one bedroom is to be used then Grande 1, if 2 bedrooms are to be used, Grande 2 and if using 3 bedrooms then grande 3 prices apply.

Apartments have an electric oven, dishwasher, washing machine and fireplace
A garden and a small lake provide the atmosphere of silence and tranquillity of the Tuscan countryside, far from the disturbances of city traffic and urban noise.



Images from Grande:



Bedrooms



Writing desk



Living Area



Bedrooms with Antique furniture made from olive trees

Piccolo:



The small apartment is entirely surrounded by the vineyards of the property.

The small apartment sleeps two and contains a bathroom, a living room and a kitchen.

The smaller apartment is an independent cottage about 30 metres from the main house.

The apartments have an electric oven, washing machine and fireplace.

The whole setting gives the feeling of participating in the daily routine of a present-day Tuscan farm.



Tosca:

The Tosca apartment was only renovated in 2006 and is an independent cottage overlooking the lake.

The cottage sleeps two and has a king size bed, a fireplace, washing machine.

Photos:



Prices:

Prices: Prices are updated annually on the Villas Rate sheet on the webpage. In order to keep prices as low as possible these prices are a guide only and subject to changes in the exchange rate.

Please check current prices by contacting Villas Italy.

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Apartment	Sleeps	Bathroom	Bedrooms
Piccolo	2	1	1
Tosca			
Grande 1 sleeps up to 6 , charged by number of persons (3 persons)	3	2	2
4 persons	4	2	2
6 persons	6	2	3

Booking Conditions:

The apartments are rented by the week (from Saturday to Saturday)

PRICES INCLUDE: the weekly rental fee, water, electricity, a weekly change of linens and towels, firewood for the fireplace, a free visit to the cellars and a tasting of Tenuta Valdipiatta's wines.

HEATING:

This is charged at 1 Euro per hour.

APARTMENTS ARE FURNISHED WITH: an electric oven, a dishwasher (in the large apartment), washing machines and fireplaces. Equipment for barbeques and a wood-burning oven in the garden are also available on request.

ARRIVAL: between 3 P.M. and 6 P.M. – after 6 P.M. keys will be left in the door of the apartment for those who cannot arrive earlier. DEPARTURE: by ten A.M.

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT TERMS:

When a reservation is made a deposit of 30% plus \$50 of the total cost is required to secure the booking. The balance is required 8 weeks prior to the first day of the rental period or 6 weeks prior to leaving Australia whichever is the earlier.

We advise travel insurance as soon as a booking is made as cancellations fees are very high (100% not refundable after 45 days.) **Deposits fees are non refundable.**

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