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*A truly great
discovery.*

Villa Palazzetta

Montalcino, Val d'Orcia, Tuscany

When I entered Villa Palazzetta my breath was taken away – the setting, the décor, the view, the pool and the ambience. This luxurious abode is so stylish in every way and what could be better than an easy walk into Montalcino, one of Italy's most beautiful hilltop towns and home to the much venerated Brunello!

Sitting on the edge of Montalcino with far reaching views across the Val d'Orcia in one direction and the fortress and rooftops of Montalcino in the other, Villa Palazzetta is quite a little gem. It is hard to find luxurious private villas in Italy within walking distance of a lovely small town so Palazzetta is quite the exception. This 16th century villa was purchased a few years ago by a landscape photographer and his landscape painter wife and then meticulously restored together with builder friends from Wyoming, architect friends from Montana and also a highly talented architect from Montalcino. The property became what had simply been a distant dream for many years and a place to totally immerse oneself amidst the vineyards and olive trees and soak in the endlessly changing and captivating views across the Val d'Orcia.

Villa Palazzetta has not only been restored to a very high level but also benefits from state of the art design, eco friendly

heating systems, superb lighting and high end contemporary furnishings. Cleverly, however, original features have also been maintained such as wooden beams, terracotta flooring and stone façade and window openings thus combining old with a new in a way that really does work. A gated drive leads one up to the house which on first sight seems quite a small property but then on entering the open design gives a totally different feel of space and light. The beautifully designed pool is situated to the side of the house and benefits from subtle lighting, electric cover and solar panel heating. By the pool is a glorious al fresco dining area from which one enters into the state of the art ultra stylish kitchen! Here, there is everything one could wish for and in the most gorgeous surroundings of soft colours, terracotta flooring, granite and wooden top finishes and a really clean, yet not clinical, feel. Preparing a delicious dinner here after a day by the pool really could not be much better or more enjoyable.

The kitchen opens to the dining area with fabulous long table to seat ten people and from here into the stylishly decorated living room and doors onto another terrace and views of the valley.

Upstairs the four bedrooms with en suite bathrooms could not be more comfortable and with nothing left wanting. The master bedroom is large with fantastic big windows from which one can gaze at the magical Val d'Orcia. In addition to the large walk-in shower the master bedroom also enjoys a bath tub. Each of the rooms has a selection of mind blowing framed photographs taken by the photographer owner, linens are of the highest quality and bathrooms of course could not be better.

Villa Palazzetta is luxurious and yet also a real home. It is somewhere to relax and chill but also a great place from which to explore on foot the delights of Montalcino and across the hills to the Abbey of

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Sant'Antimo - not forgetting the abundant choice of enotecas for tasting Brunello and Rosso di Montalcino! Wine tastings can also be organised at Villa Palazzetta and Lisa Jane, the exceptional manager and concierge, is always available to assist with everything and anything. Should one wish to explore further afield then there is heaps of choice including Siena, Pienza and San Quirico.

I am delighted to include Villa Palazzetta in my portfolio for 2020 – a truly great discovery.

Information

Sleeps: 8

Service:

- Full concierge service
- Daily maid service (except Sunday)
- Cook service on request
- Private cooking classes on request

Accommodation:

Ground Floor:

- Large open plan kitchen
- Dining room
- Living room
- Guest bathroom

First floor:

- Four double bedrooms with en suite bathrooms

Amenities:

- Private Pool 4m X 8m (solar heating)
- State of the art underfloor heating and cooling system
- Bocce court with lighting
- Barbeque and wood burning oven
- Private cantina and wine cellar
- Private vineyard
- Fire pit

Places of Interest nearby:

- Montalcino on the doorstep
- Sant'Antimo abbey 10min
- Pienza 30 mins
- Siena 1 hour
- Bagno Vignoni 25mins
- Montepulciano 45 mins

Airports:

- Rome Fiumicino 220kms
- Pisa 180 kms
- Florence 145 kms



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