



Rowena Dumlao Giardina is at Villa di Torre a Cona. ...

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Just opened this May 2021, the restored 18th-century villa [Torre a Cona](#) stands majestically on the Florentine hills enticing guests with its resplendence surrounded by olive trees, neatly-combed vineyards and lined cypresses. Its actual history dates back in 1066 (first appearance in documents) when it was referred to as the Quona Castle but after years, it had been ruined with but then rebuilt between the 12th to 18th centuries. Passing from one noble family to another, the villa was finally bought in 1935 by the current owners, the Counts of Rossi di Montelera and owners of the world famous wine and spirits company Martini & Rossi.

The family's passion for wine making continues today in the production at Torre a Cona today with the new generation Ludovica, Niccolò and Leonardo. With the newly-refurbished villa, they embraced the enotourism project offering suites, gastronomy in their in-house restaurant, Osteria di Torre a Cona which is headed by Chefs Maria Probst and Cristian Santandrea with the philosophy of naturalness, tradition and contemporary ideas.

At the estate, they also produce wine and extra virgin olive oil obtained from their own cultivation of olive trees and vines, one of which, Torre a Cona Terre di Cino Chianti Colli Fiorentini DOCG Riserva 2018 was recently awarded Tre Bicchieri by Gambero Rosso, More about it soon at [Apron and Sneakers](#) and [The Chosen Table](#).

