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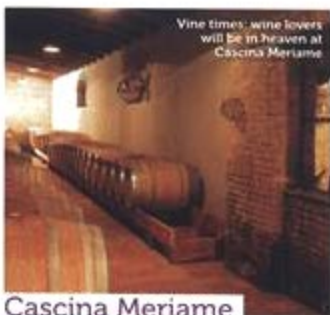
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Cascina Meriame

## Cascina Meriame

SERRALUNGA D'ALBA, NEAR TURIN

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Less than an hour's drive from Turin is the Langhe – an area of picturesque rolling hills criss-crossed with vineyards. This foodie's paradise produces not only the greatest of Italy's red wines – barolo and barbaresco – but also precious aromatic white truffles. Not to mention the delicious hazelnuts that end up being sold around the world as Nutella.

There is a tradition of hospitality here, with many winemakers opening their homes as B&Bs. You won't find more welcoming hosts than Paolo and Luisella Manzone, who have converted a 300-year-old farmhouse into a comfortable five-room B&B and rustic cantina for their wine.

Cascina Meriame is surrounded by vineyards, with breathtaking panoramic views across to the castle town of Castiglione Falletto. There is also a fabulous pool, where the wooden deck is made from wine casks. Luisella goes to great lengths at breakfast to ensure guests sample a range of Piedmont specialities, including not only her home made jam but also locally produced ham, salami and cheese.

Come the evening, Paolo is always ready to bring out his wine for tasting. He has only tended his own vineyards since 1999, but the barolo and barbera vintages are attracting rave reviews. Rooms from €80.

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