

Querciabella

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Querciabella Hosts Unprecedented Vegetarian Gala during Divino Tuscany

FLORENCE, Italy, May 19 – Fourteen special guests from around the globe joined Querciabella’s owner Sebastiano Cossia Castiglioni this evening at historic Palazzo Capponi for a vegetarian food and wine gala unlike anything previously staged in Italy.

Paired with Querciabella’s exquisite biodynamic wines, the sixteen-course vegetarian banquet – created expressly for Querciabella by Chef Filippo Saporito of *La Leggenda dei Frati* – showcased local, organic, seasonal ingredients, underlying Querciabella’s cruelty-free philosophy and profound commitment to the environment.

Fantastic vintages of Querciabella Chianti Classico, Batàr, Camartina and Palafreno – in addition to the rare 1990 Orlando Vin Santo – were protagonists of this epic feast – the latest installment of *Teatro dei Sensi* (Theater of the Senses), Querciabella’s ongoing series of events focused on food, wine, art and design.

Staying true to Sebastiano’s passion for aesthetics and detail, each course was presented on a different plate by groundbreaking Norwegian dishware maker Figgjo (including the *Rektangel* plate designed by Sebastiano). The wines were served in single varietal glasses from the *Vinum Extreme* and *Sommelier* series by Riedel.

The magical evening – Querciabella’s private homage to James Suckling’s epicurean event Divino Tuscany – was punctuated with splendid intervals of Renaissance music performed by recorder ensemble *Ex Ligno Voces* and the declamation of Renaissance poetry by Poliziano and Lorenzo de’ Medici.

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TOP LEFT: *Sebastiano Cossia Castiglioni and his wife Jane Patterson (wearing cruelty-free Stella McCartney) welcomed an intimate group of special guests to the Teatro dei Sensi Vegetarian Gala with an aperitif of savory amuse-bouches paired with Querciabella’s opulent and iconic Batàr 2006.*

TOP RIGHT: *Querciabella’s Communications Director Stephanie Cuadra also in Stella McCartney.*

ABOUT QUERCIABELLA

Founded in 1974, Querciabella enjoys the acclaim of the world’s most discriminating critics and consumers for wines such as Camartina, Batàr, Palafreno and Querciabella Chianti Classico. In its uncompromising pursuit of quality, sustainability and authenticity, Querciabella has continually honed its approach to biodynamic viticulture for over a decade. With vineyards located throughout Tuscany’s Chianti Classico and Maremma areas, Querciabella exemplifies the mindful preservation of tradition through forward-thinking, albeit completely natural, winemaking. For the latest winery news and updates, join Querciabella on **Twitter** and **Facebook**.