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Dear Sirs,

I am writing to you to recommend the 'Tenuta San Pietro Restaurant & Hotel' (www.tenuta-san-pietro.com) which I believe truly deserves a place in your publication. My husband & I have used your hotel review many times & always found it reliable & consistent. The types of residence that you promote provide exactly the type of environment & quality of food that we look for when on holiday, the hotel Tenuta San Pietro does not disappoint on any aspect.

We found the hotel by chance, online, looking for somewhere to stay close to a vineyard just outside Lucca (Tuscany, Italy) where we were planning to have our wedding this August. We were pleasantly surprised when we arrived by the breathtaking scenery & the very pretty but quite cool hotel building with around 10 rooms, very intimate & romantic. We arrived very late (c 11.30pm) & enjoyed a fabulous meal & much needed bottle of wine having been asked, by text if we would like something to eat when we found the hotel.

Our wedding plans turned out to be a total disaster & with two months to go before the event, you can imagine we were both very anxious about getting something planned. Later the next evening, after another amazing meal (head chef away as his wife was having a baby!) we chatted with the manager, Gastone about the situation. We were so taken with the hotel; food & setting that we decided to have our wedding reception there. From then on, I had nothing to worry about. Gastone became unofficial wedding planner, totally efficient & sensitive to budget considerations, we had very little to do from then on except paperwork.

We arrived at the hotel a week before the wedding & were greeted by Gastone with open arms as though we were visiting royalty. All of the arrangements had been made (including florist, printing, cars, transport & other logistics) & as we settled into our spectacular suite we looked forward to the week ahead. Various friends & family arrived over the following days & were included & catered for without any unnecessary fuss. The food was always brilliant, not one disappointing course over 10 days. Co-manager, Gabrielle saw to everyone's requirements with the grace & charm of the average film star, nothing too much trouble. With total flexibility over meal times (yes, it is still possible to have breakfast at 12.30!) we really did feel like part of the family.

The actual wedding reception went like a dream with delicious canapés, home smoked ham served from one of the cellars & drinks followed by (yet another brilliant) 5 course meal then dancing (we kept them working until 6.00am!) I couldn't have imagined a more perfect best day of my life.

The totally unflappable staff of the Tenuta San Pietro Hotel is a credit to the owners. I've never had a better holiday (really) & can't wait to get back there; many of our guests feel the same & some I hear intend to make bookings again soon.

We highly recommend this great little hotel which is a true treasure & I hope you manage to find the time to experience a wonderful stay there.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you do require any further information, I'm happy to help.

Warm regards

Victoria Isaac