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Press Kit

Welcome to

MENEGHETTI WINE HOTEL & WINERY 5*

The Art of Istrian Elegance

Nestled amidst Istria's rolling vineyards and centuries-old olive groves, Meneghetti Wine Hotel & Winery 5* is a sanctuary of refined luxury, where nature and elegance blend in perfect harmony.

A member of the prestigious Relais & Châteaux, this hidden estate offers an immersive escape into the rhythms of the Mediterranean, seamlessly uniting authentic heritage with world-class hospitality.

With a history dating back to the Austro-Hungarian era, Meneghetti was rediscovered in the early 2000s, carefully restored to revive its former grandeur, transforming a forgotten estate into one of the Adriatic's most coveted retreats.

Designed for those who seek both privacy and excellence, Meneghetti features 58 meticulously curated rooms, suites, villas, and residences, each offering a seamless blend of timeless aesthetics and contemporary comfort. The Meneghetti Spa invites guests to unwind with bespoke wellness programmes, while an abundance of outdoor pursuits - including yoga, meditation, cycling, tennis, golf, and private training - encourage an active yet tranquil lifestyle.



A culinary destination in its own right, Meneghetti boasts a Michelin-recommended restaurant celebrating estate-grown, organic ingredients, complemented by the seasonal Oliveto summer restaurant.

The estate is also home to the Meneghetti Winery, where award-winning wines, estate-produced olive oils, and premium distillates embody the richness of its terroir, offering a true taste of Istrian excellence.

Beyond its natural beauty and exquisite offerings, Meneghetti is a place where unforgettable moments are forged - whether in intimate solitude or through grand celebrations in its exclusive event venues.

Origins

From provisioning estate to forgotten ruin

The history of Meneghetti begins at the turn of the 19th to 20th century, during a pivotal period when the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy sought to fortify its naval presence along the Adriatic. In early 19th century, the Monarchy annexed the Istrian peninsula and Pula was designated as the Empire's principal naval harbour.

In this context, the Monarchy constructed its largest military base in Porto Colone Bay - directly neighbouring what would become the Meneghetti estate. Seizing the opportunity, a man known only as Mr. Meneghetti (only known by his first name), likely of Venetian origin, acquired land near Bale, Istria. Recognizing the strategic location adjacent to a significant Austro-Hungarian military fort housing approximately 6,000 soldiers, he established an estate to supply the garrison. He constructed stone houses and barns, cultivated vineyards and olive groves, and raised livestock, providing food and leisure for the stationed officers.

Revival

A vision of elegance

After decades of neglect, the estate was rediscovered in 2000 by Croatian lawyer Miroslav Plišo and his wife, Romana Kajfež, a pharmaceutical entrepreneur. Enchanted by its potential, they embarked on a meticulous restoration, preserving the traditional Istrian architecture while introducing modern comforts. They carefully restored it, planted new vineyards and olive trees, built, and equipped the new winery, catering to the needs of modern life, but fully respecting the tradition they inherited.

The winery opened its doors in 2001, followed in 2004 by the launch of the region's first and smallest luxury boutique hotel - an intimate 5-star retreat featuring just 4 exquisitely appointed rooms and an restaurant, completing the refined Meneghetti - experience.



Evolution

An journey to extraordinary

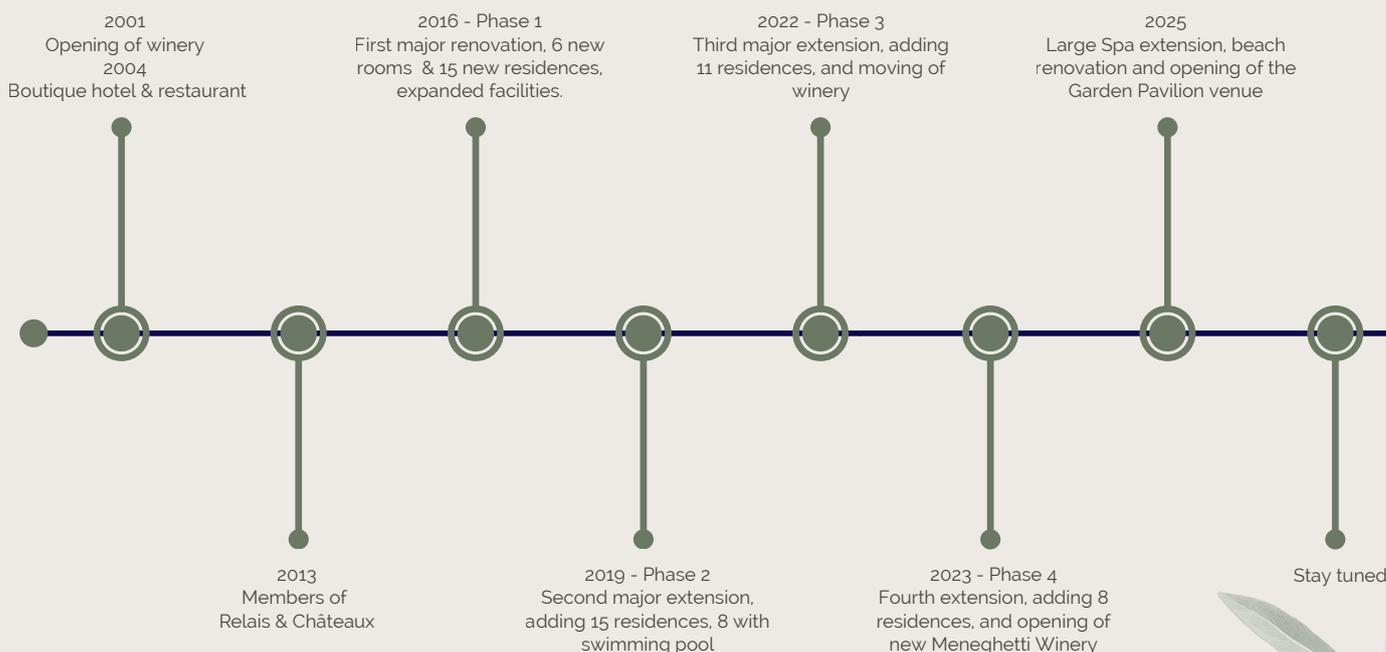
What began as a forgotten outpost of Austro-Hungarian naval history has, over the past two decades, been lovingly reimaged into one of Europe's most refined rural retreats.

Since 2001, the estate has evolved in thoughtful phases, culminating most recently in 2024 with the addition of eight new residences. The architectural language of the estate speaks fluently in the dialect of terroir: elegant, earthy, and utterly Istrian.

Today, Meneghetti spans over 12 hectares, featuring a boutique hotel, private villas, a renowned winery, and olive groves. As a member of the prestigious Relais & Châteaux association since 2013, it offers guests an immersive experience into Istrian culture and hospitality.

The estate produces award-winning wines and extra virgin olive oils, celebrated for their quality and authenticity. In 2022, a new winery was inaugurated, enhancing production capabilities and offering guests a glimpse into the winemaking process, and in 2025 the property was enhanced by refurbishing and renovating the beach area, enhancing the horticultural landscape of winery complex, and adding an exclusive new venue outlet – the Garden Pavillion – an exclusive venue for business events, weddings and special occasions. In addition, a new and reimaged Meneghetti Spa was opened.

Meneghetti stands as a testament to the harmonious fusion of history, nature, and refined living, offering guests a unique and enriching experience in the heart of Istria.



ACCOMMODATION



ROOMS & SUITES

Seamless blend of rustic charm and contemporary ease, a retreat for those who appreciate the historical heritage, situated in the estate historical building. Ranging from 28 to 65m².

ESTATE RESIDENCES

Expansive, meticulously crafted, and designed for those who seek of not just a stay, but an oasis of privacy. Featuring a private pool or lush private garden, ranging from 75 to 150m².

ESTATE VILLAS

The pinnacle of Meneghetti living, these spacious hideaways offer an atmosphere of effortless sophistication. With private pool and garden, ranging from 100 to 225m².

ESTATE HOUSE

Immersed in unspoiled nature, Casa del Bosco is an exclusive one-of-a-kind retreat designed for complete privacy, combining state-of-the-art facilities with relaxed atmosphere.

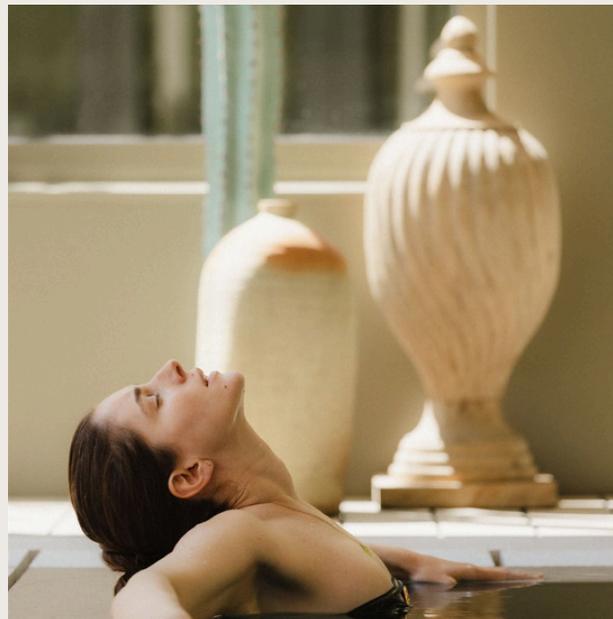
MENEGHETTI *Spa*

Secluded in Istria's pastoral heart, Meneghetti Spa is a sanctuary of stillness where nature and well-being entwine. Surrounded by vineyards, olive groves, and gardens, every treatment draws from the land, with hand-harvested herbs, our own olive oil, and antioxidant-rich grapes. Lavender, rosemary, and sage drift on the breeze, grounding you in a sensory journey. Each ritual is more than a treatment - it's a return to nature, a quiet renewal, and an invitation to reconnect, root to soul.

- 3 treatment rooms
- Heated indoor Family Pool
- Fitness Studio
- Tranquility Zone (18+) featuring a heated indoor adults-only pool, a Finnish bio sauna, a steam room, a therapeutic rainfall shower, a Spa Lounge with calm flow waterbeds, and a Garden Spa area with an outdoor Finnish sauna, cold plunge pool, and garden relaxation zone
- Natural ingredients and organic products

Wellbeing and activities

- Group activities
- Private fitness trainer
- Private Yoga sessions
- Tennis court and tennis lessons
- Golf Park - driving range with golf lessons option
- Outdoor Activity Zone - outdoor gym & boxing ring
- Standard and E-bikes
- Children's playground
- Jogging and trekking



MENEGHETTI BEACH Club



Adriatic Joie de Vivre

Just 2 km from the hotel, the fully renovated Meneghetti Beach Club promises a premium seaside experience, seamlessly blending laid-back luxury with natural beauty. Set against the stunning backdrop of the crystal-clear Adriatic Sea, the club features a stylish new beach area with comfortable loungers, elegant cabanas, and a natural pebble shoreline.

Guests can unwind at the Lounge Bar, offering a curated selection of signature cocktails and premium beverages, or enjoy fresh, casual summer cuisine at the Beach Club Restaurant, serving a vibrant mix of Mediterranean and international dishes crafted from seasonal ingredients. The atmosphere comes alive with live lounge music by our resident DJ, creating the perfect soundtrack for a relaxed yet refined coastal escape.

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Winery

Nestled among sun-drenched vineyards and centuries-old olive groves, the Meneghetti Wine Lounge offers an immersive experience into the soul of Istrian winemaking. Guests are invited to enjoy guided tastings of our signature estate wines, perfectly paired with artisanal local cheeses and charcuterie. Whether seated in the elegant interior or on the panoramic terrace overlooking the vineyards, each visit promises a celebration of taste and terroir. Discover the craftsmanship behind every bottle through guided tours of the winery complex. Step into the barrique room, explore the wine cellar, and experience our VIP tasting room, a secluded space surrounded by rare vintages and aged barrels, ideal for private tastings and exclusive events.

Our vineyards:

Meneghetti vineyards stretch over 7 hectares of land and contain over 40.000 vines.

·Main vineyard is in front of the main property, it's 4,6 ha. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Chardonnay and Pinot Blanc are planted here in the period from 2001 until 2007.

·Mare Nostrum – this 1,2 HA vineyard was planted in 2022 and is located 100 meters outside Meneghetti wall, just across the road. There are 48 different varieties of Mediterranean Malvasias.

·The newest 0,7 HA Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard is located next to the winery.

Winery complex:

Wine Lounge tasting room (opened daily)

Winery (production facility) s

Barrique room

VIP tasting room

Wine cellar

Experiences:

Curated Wine Tasting programs

Olive Oil Tastings featuring

Guided Winery Tours

Private Events and VIP experiences by appointment



MENEGHETTI

Wines & Olive oils

Meneghetti's wines are, in a word, intentional. Every bottle tells a tale, not only of soil and sun, but of a philosophy that treats nature with reverence. The roots of this philosophy stretch back over 150 years, when the original Meneghetti estate produced wine and olive oil for the Austro-Hungarian military. Today, under the guidance of head winemaker, the acclaimed oenologist Walter Filiputti, and with vines nurtured by our head oenologist Damir Bosek since 2001, the estate has grown to encompass over 25 hectares across two terroirs: the mineral-rich terra rossa of Val Gambalera near Bale, and the chalky white soils of Kršín-Ferne near Buje.

Among the estate's most lauded labels are the Meneghetti Red, a robust blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Cabernet Franc, aged to silken perfection in French oak, and Meneghetti White, an opulent marriage of Chardonnay and Pinot Blanc, notable for its creamy texture and golden fruit character. These wines, awarded by Decanter, Falstaff, and La Liste, have earned their place among Croatia's finest.

Meneghetti olive oils

Istria is renowned not only for its scenic coastline and Roman heritage but also as one of the world's top regions for extra virgin olive oil. Its unique combination of Mediterranean climate, mineral-rich soils, and centuries-old olive-growing tradition has placed it firmly on the global map of premium olive oil production. This excellence is repeatedly recognised by Flos Olei, the prestigious international guide to the world's best olive oils. Istria has been consistently ranked as the best olive oil region in the world, earning the title of Best Olive Oil Region multiple years in a row. Today Meneghetti groves are stretched over 2.5 hectares of land and contain around 700 trees.

Our single-variety oils are recommended by Flos Olei, one of the most prestigious international guides for olive oil, that has named the Meneghetti Izbor (Selection) the best olive oil in the world in the category of "intensely fruity aroma".

Meneghetti oils labels: Buža, Bjelica, Leccino and Rosulja.





MENEGHETTI Gardens

BIO GARDEN

The Meneghetti Bio Garden is a one-hectare space dedicated to organic, sustainable cultivation. Home to over 120 varieties of fruits, vegetables, and herbs, it reflects our garden-to-table and zero-waste philosophy. Supplying both estate restaurants, it offers peak-season produce, including rare varieties like artichokes, tailored to meet evolving culinary needs.

- 1 hectare of cultivated land
- 120+ seasonal plant varieties
- 48 types of tomatoes
- Supplies both estate restaurants year-round
- Sustainability practices



MEDITERRANEAN GARDENS

The Mediterranean Gardens at Meneghetti are composed like a symphony of scent, texture, and tradition. In the past two years, nearly 10,000 ornamental plants were added, spanning 53 species. From Tuscan cypresses to holm oaks and stone pines, native herbs and drought-tolerant species blend beauty, resilience, and cultural heritage.

- Over 10,000 ornamental plants planted in the last 2 years
- Over 100 species and cultivars
- Signature trees: Tuscan cypresses – mark the winery entrance. Holm oaks – formal boulevard in the winery area. Stone pines – formal boulevard to the main entrance
- Key Mediterranean plants: Lavender, rosemary, bay laurel, oleander, star jasmine, pittosporum, myrtle, ornamental grasses

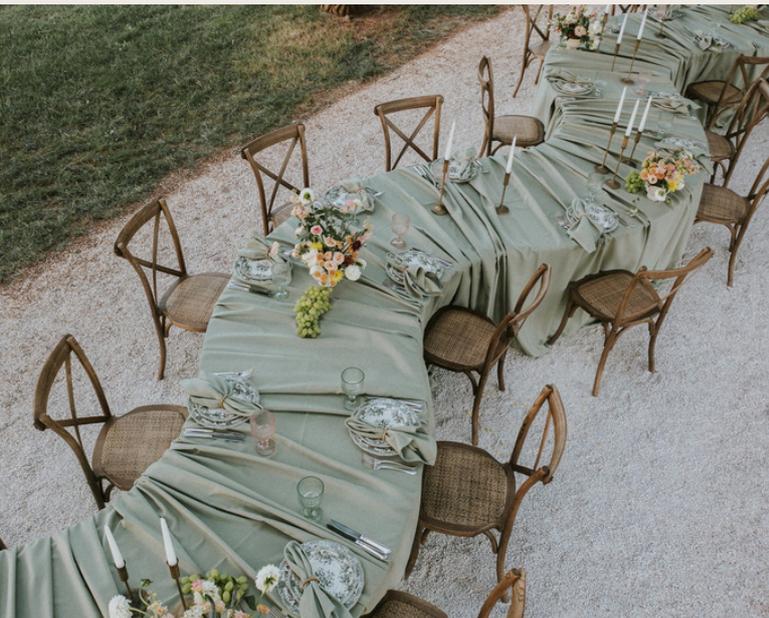


SUSTAINABILITY AT ITS CORE

The Bio Garden operates entirely on sustainable practices. Watering is managed through our own independent water sources, underground water wells, ensuring responsible and self-sufficient irrigation. True to our zero-waste philosophy, all organic kitchen waste is repurposed into nutrient-rich compost, which is then used to enrich the garden soil. This closed-loop system supports soil health, reduces environmental impact, and reinforces our commitment to regenerative agriculture.



EVENT SPACES



BESPOKE WEDDINGS & EVENTS

Meneghetti Wine Hotel & Winery 5* offers an exceptional backdrop for meetings and events of rare distinction. Whether hosting a discreet board meeting, an incentive of quiet indulgence, or an event where setting matters as much as substance, Meneghetti invites you to work, gather, and celebrate to the unhurried rhythm of the Mediterranean.

Event Spaces

- Garden Pavilion
- Meneghetti Restaurant
- Oliveto Restaurant
- Wine Lounge
- Beach Club (outdoor location)
- Under the oaks (outdoor location)
- The Boulevard (outdoor location)

Istria

TERRA MAGICA

Istria, the ancient terra magica - unfolds like a living symphony of culture, history and cuisine. From Roman amphitheatres in Pula to medieval hilltops like Motovun and Grožnjan, every stone echoes centuries of heritage. Renowned as Croatia's "mini-Tuscany" for olive oil, Malvasia and Teran wines, truffles and hearty dishes, it lures food-lovers and oenophiles alike. Beyond its table, Istria invites exploration - cycling, kayaking, hiking through verdant hinterlands and along the Adriatic, offering an active escape steeped in Mediterranean allure.

5 unmissable experiences

1. Explore Rovinj's Old Town

Wander through Rovinj's cobbled alleys, climb the bell tower of St. Euphemia, and take in breathtaking sunsets over the Adriatic. The town is a perfect blend of Venetian charm and Croatian soul.

2. Visit the Roman Amphitheatre in Pula

One of the best-preserved Roman arenas in the world, Pula's amphitheatre hosts concerts and film festivals, history and culture in one setting, seeking active holidays with a cultural twist.

3. Truffle Hunting in Motovun Forest & Motovun

Join local experts and their keen-nosed dogs in the misty oak forests near Motovun, where prized white and black truffles lie hidden. Finish with a tasting of freshly unearthed truffles, served simply to let their rare aroma speak for itself.

4. Wine and Olive Oil Tasting

Tour boutique wineries and olive oil estates across the Istrian hills. Don't miss Istrian Malvasia, Teran, and world-renowned extra virgin olive oils.

5. Cycle the Parenzana Trail

This scenic route along a former railway connects picturesque inland villages and vineyards - ideal for cyclists and hikers seeking active holidays with a cultural twist.

6. Discover Cape Kamenjak

At Istria's southernmost tip, Cape Kamenjak offers raw, untamed beauty, rugged cliffs, hidden coves, and crystal-clear waters. Ideal for swimming, cliff diving, and coastal walks, this protected nature park is where Istria reveals its wild Mediterranean soul.

7. Stroll Through Grožnjan - The Artist's Village

Perched high above the Mirna Valley, Grožnjan is a mosaic of stone alleys, music festivals, and open-door ateliers. In summer, its medieval streets echo with jazz, classical concerts, and the quiet buzz of creativity in full bloom.

8. Visit Brijuni National Park

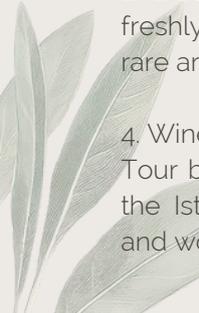
Sail to Brijuni, a once-exclusive island retreat turned national park, where ancient Roman villas meet exotic wildlife and manicured landscapes. Walk or cycle among ruins, peacocks, and pines, steeped in both imperial history and presidential mystique.

9. Savour Traditional Istrian Cuisine

Istrian food is a celebration of land and sea. Dine on hand-rolled fuži with truffles, slow-cooked boškarin beef, fresh Adriatic seafood, and rustic maneštra stews—dishes shaped by centuries of Italian, Slavic, and Austro-Hungarian influence.

10. Tour the Hilltop Towns

Embark on a slow drive through Istria's enchanting hill towns - Motovun, Oprtalj, Buzet, and tiny Hum. Framed by olive groves and vineyards, these stone-built settlements offer quiet charm, artisan shops, and views that stretch across borders and centuries.



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