



Torre Chigi

Historical Center San Gimignano



San Gimignano



History of the Family and Winery

The Cilemmi-Giachi Family

The Giachi family has been involved in wine production for hundreds of years, since 1720.

Bartolomeo Giachi, from Florence, settled in the territory of San Gimignano, the hub of high quality grape land.

Throughout this period, followed by thirteen generations, the family has always personally managed the business with brave and, at times, innovative decisions, but always maintaining a fundamental respect for tradition and for the territory in which they operated.



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Today the company is managed by Pierluigi Giachi, with the support of his wife Luciana and his son Emanuele Bartolomeo Giachi, directly involved in the work of the company.

Tradition, passion and instinct were the three guiding principles that led the Giachi family to work with tenacity in wine production.

In 2002 to continue the family tradition, where ancient roots have always had an important role in their work, they have become owners of the Chigi Tower in San Gimignano.

The historical heritage of the family has added a multitude of value over the years, adding to investments in wine-growing land to enhance the quality of the wine production, both in Italy and abroad.

Pierluigi Giachi is also the owner and Winemaker in Tenuta Torciano Winery, an Award-Winning winery in San Gimignano.

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New owners of Torre Chigi

Tenuta Torciano celebrates the meaning of wine tasting with a feast of Tuscan foods and oils, with a cultural infusion and the chance to take a private tour of the historical Torre Chigi located in the historical center of San Gimignano. Property of the Cilemmi Giachi family, the tower features a complex medieval history and a private collection of historical documents about the Vernaccia white wine.

One of these towers has been transformed in order to serve as a house-museum that conveys the city. This is one of the most recent projects of the Cilemmi Giachi family, owners of the private residence Chigi that is open to private guests.



The Tower

Medieval Charming Culture

Located in the heart of the village San Gimignano (UNESCO Heritage) lies a complex tower that holds three hundred residences, incorporates one of the medieval tower internationally famous.

Already the famous Useppi family, which later became the property of the family Chigi Saracini.

The Chigi Tower is one of the fourteen historic towers of San Gimignano and is located in Piazza del Duomo.

The tower, although not very high, is one of the most beautiful in the city. It was built in 1280 and belonged to both the Useppi and Chigi family.

The first three floors are covered with stone, well squared cut drafts, which open on the lights with low arches.

On the first floor there is a typical portal which is accessed by stairs, the legacy of the struggles of the times of medieval towns, when they preferred to sleep secure building access by withdrawing the first floor stairs at night.

On the second floor window is a narrow elongated slot with a bow resting on shelves. The top is covered with bricks instead of two single windows on the same first two floors, while the latter has no openings. It is the height of each floor are aligned trampling of neat rows of four scaffolding holes each, equipped with shelves, which look like wooden balconies that once had to increase the surface arrange.

The tower is flanked by medieval buildings of particular value for the valuable presence of mullioned windows with nice workmanship.



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Nature of San Gimignano

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When the noble Useppi family became extinct, the heirs who took the properties of the noble family were the family called Chigi-Saracini. The last representative was count Guido Chigi-Saracini in Siena.

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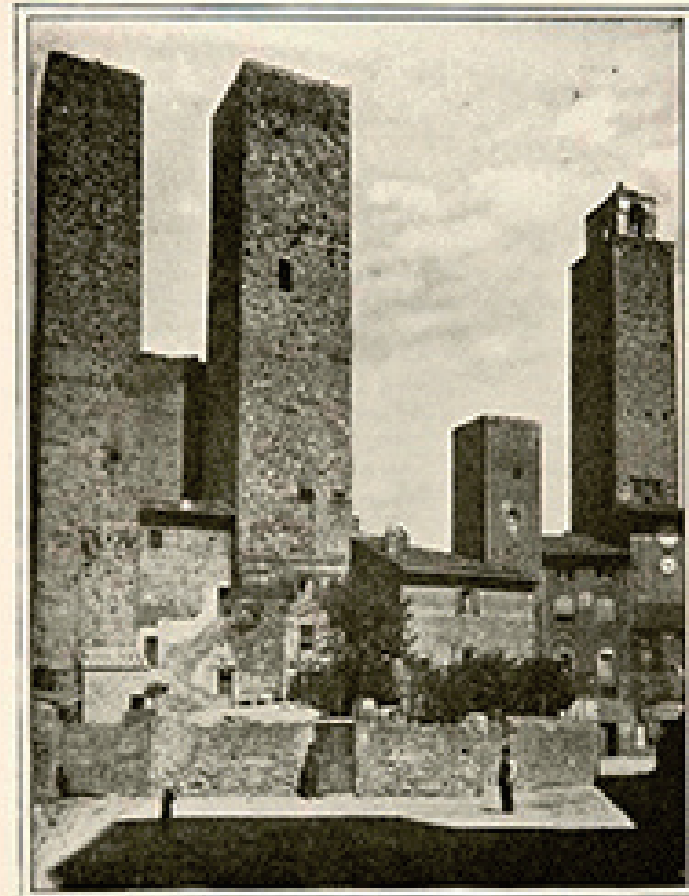
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The historic estate, with its rooms, with sparkling chandeliers and fabulous views of the Tuscan countryside, is one of the most sought-after landmarks for events of great importance.

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Historical Archive

The largest historical archive of our heritage dating back to the pre-war period 1940-1945 was destroyed by the case of war, except for a small part interesting, that, however, the most important nucleus was then caught in the basement of the Torre Chigi.

The Archive has achieved since then and kept by Cilemmi Giachi family and was later reconstituted with research activities in the past and enriched in the following decades with the discovery of documents and other materials relating to research activities in the long journey of the history of San Gimignano.

The archive consists of important historical past of the arts in San Gimignano; art museum made from them over the centuries and a wealth of documents, ideas, experiences, drawings, letters, artists, bibliographies, stamps, photos, catalogs of Florentine artists, photos and postcards of the time, the war of cultures with newspapers, pictures, posters 1939-1945.

The archiving of paper documents has not yet undergone a true classification and is part of one of the next targets. The works of art on paper have been the subject of exhibitions in Italy and abroad.



Unforgettable Celebrations & Events

Historic Visit of the Tower & Romantic Dinner in Palace

What better place to join a wine tasting or a private dinner in Tuscany than in an authentic Medieval Tower? Strategically located in the center of Useppi Palace, in San Gimignano, the Private Useppi-Chigi Tower offers breathtaking views of the surrounding Tuscan land. In our private tower we'll ensure your celebration or event is perfectly tailored to your needs, from unique entertainment options to specific dining requirements.

Chigi Tower is a premier Tuscan venue for unique celebrations, using an expert off-site caterer to create stunning menus. Guests will be enchanted by the ancient rooms and the breathtaking top of the tower. With a spectacular view of San Gimignano this venue it's the ideal choice for romantic dinner, milestone birthday, wedding anniversary, engagement and special events in our elegant rooms or terrace.



Visit of the Tower with Wine Tasting

Prepare yourself for an exclusive journey to San Gimignano: we will start visit the historical part of the city, that has gained the name of “Medieval Manhattan” thanks to its towers. As a treasure chest of history, San Gimignano has many jewels that are a must see: the Cathedral, Piazza della Cisterna, the medieval streets and exclusive private towers.

Take part in this special visit of Chigi Tower and Useppi Palace to finish with a Winetasting in the winery or in our ancient rooms.



Visit of the Tower With Winetasting

The Package Included:

Visit of the Tower:

- 10:00am Arrival in San Gimignano
- Visit of the tower and the palace
- Free time to spend in San Gimignano City

11:30 am Departure from San Gimignano

12:00 am Arrival in Tenuta Torciano Winery

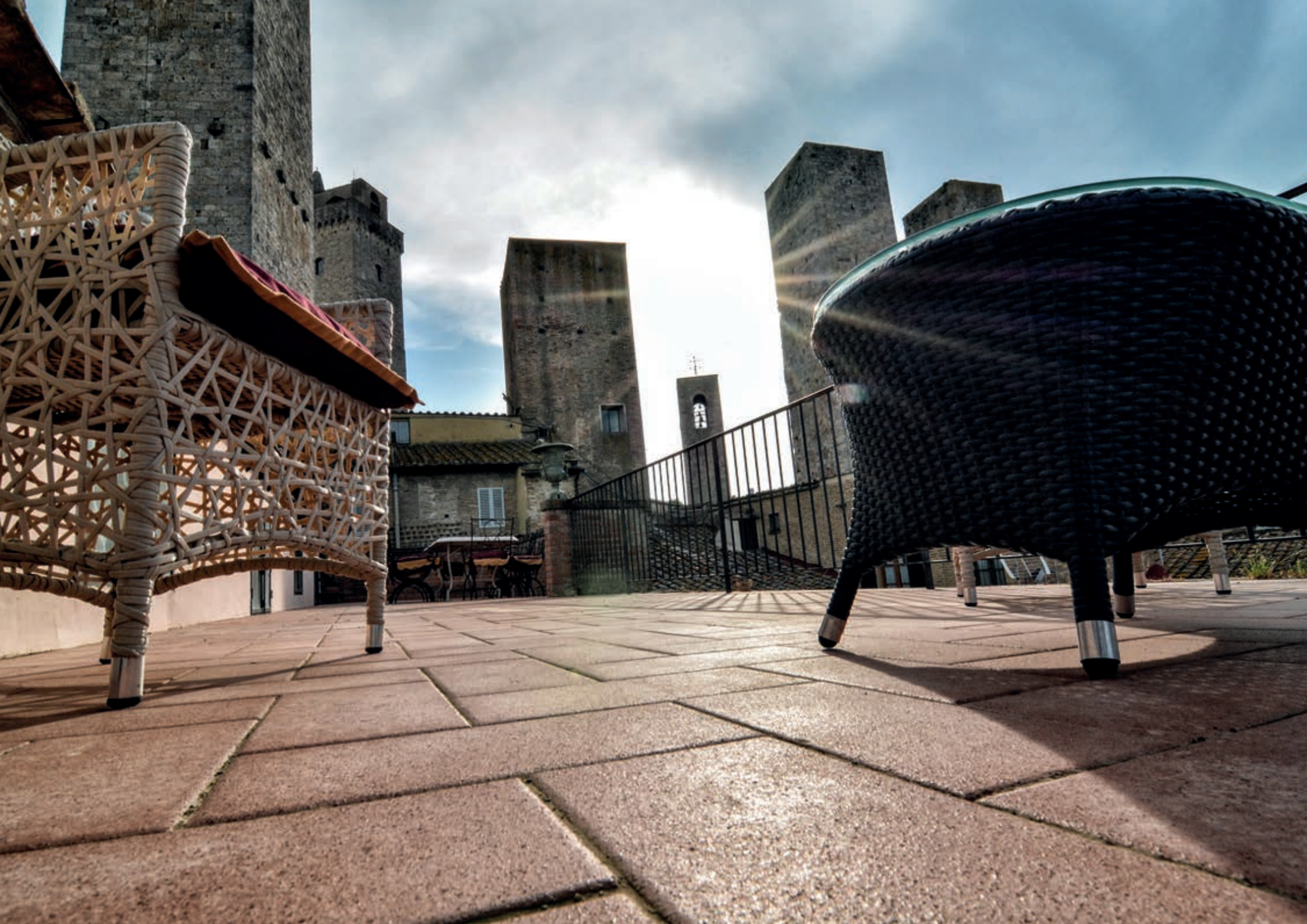
12:15 pm Visit of the Winery with Lunch and Winetasting of Local Products

Menu of the lunch:

- Appetizers: Tuscan Salami and cheeses with Bruschetta
- Unique Course: Tuscan Ribollita (Soup with bread)
- Dessert: Cantuccini with Dessert Wine
- Winetasting and wineschool with wine\food pairing and lessons on the galateo of the glass

Availability: All year, by booking only

People: From 2 to 8 people (For a different number, please contact us)



Romantic Dinner in the Useppi Palace

The Package Included:

- Visit of Palace: 6:00pm Arrival in San Gimignano in Useppi Palace to visit the palace
- Three mix of Appetizers: Mix of Tuscan cold cuts and cheese with mustard and honey, Florentine crepes stuffed with cheese and truffles
- Three First Courses: Lasagna with sauce of Cinta, Tagliolini with truffles, Mushroom Risotto
- Two Second Courses: Fiorentina Beef with Potatoes Contour and grilled vegetables, Stewed wild boar with black olives
- Dessert: Vanilla Icecream with Strawberries and Balsamic Vinegar

Available on request, vegetarian, vegan and gluten free menu.

Prepare the Table:

The table will be set up prior to your arrival, dressed elegantly in lace or satin tablecloth with beautiful handmade decorations. Everything will be set with porcelain dishes, accompanied by napkins, platelets for bread, and trays to serve a beautiful meal.

The glasses will come in sets of eight per guest, one for each wine that will be tasted during the most important moment of the evening: the dinner.

Along with wines you will find refined dishes with exquisite flavors. A signal that the meal is coming to an end, the dessert will feature sweet dark chocolate with raspberries, coffee, champagne, and mediation wines.

The whole evening will be filled with themed music.



Romantic Dinner in the Useppi Palace

If there is a place where to end a romantic day with dinner at the palace, this is the Palazzo Useppi, a magnificent palace from the 1200, full of history in the heart of the central Piazza Duomo in San Gimignano, enriched by one of the twelve famous towers that still exist in this beautiful medieval city.

The best way to savor every moment of sunset, enjoying delicacies, look out to a balcony and be there to observe the magnificent Duomo Square and the towers all around, while a couples of lovers holding hands in the narrow streets, getting lost and finding himself in different places full of charm, beauty and uniqueness.



Wedding Anniversary and Special Events

For a birthday, an engagement or an anniversary Palazzo Useppi is the ideal place to celebrate these special dates in style. The historic Tower, with its rooms, with sparkling chandeliers and fabulous views of San Gimignano and the Tuscan countryside, is one of the most sought-after landmarks for events of great importance.

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Let the most beautiful adventure of your life start here at Tenuta Torciano.

Organize a sensational event in the Winery where the Giachi's family have preserved for centuries the culture of wine in Tuscany, or in the historic Chigi Tower.

Become part of this moment discovering the secrets of the medieval towers of San Gimignano savoring the refined Italian cuisine and tasting the collections of our prestigious wines.

Offering exclusive access to the history of the Palace, you will find our wine tastings and our culinary experience of the Tuscan territory; excellences that have no rivals thanks our Menu with Michelin star chefs, sumptuous interiors and exteriors of fenced gardens.

With the help of our team, we will help you create a night of primordial fun with indoor events or lead guests in our breathtaking terrace, with the panoramic view of San Gimignano and the Tuscan countryside.

Every detail of your special celebration will be followed by our team with warm hospitality and precision.





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