



TENUTA DELL'ORNELLAIA
BOLGHERI

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Ian's wine events

ORNELLAIA, CONTEMPORARY ART MUSE

On May 16th, I was one of the lucky few who were invited to Ornellaia's wonderful luncheon and garden party. The occasion was the celebration of both the just released new vintage of Ornellaia, a wonderfully silky and elegant 2006, and the sculptures of Luigi Ontani, a major Italian artist representing the four seasons.

Ornellaia intends to choose a major, internationally famous artist each year who will be challenged to create artwork specifically dedicated to the wine and the personality of the new vintage. Besides the artworks, there will also be special labels produced, signed by the artist and numbered, depicting the artwork. These labels will grace a few special bottles only each year: one salmanazar (nine liters), twenty imperials (six liters) and one hundred double magnums (three liters).

The garden party and the luncheon were splendid, with a wonderful Tuscan seasonal menu (see photo) and a slew of very content *happy few*, including all the members of the **Frescobaldi** family, owners of Ornellaia, **Piero Antinori**, **Paolo Panerai**, owner of the excellent Chianti Classico estate Castellare, and **Cinzia Merli Campolmi**, owner of Supertuscan wonder Le Macchiole.





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LE SERRE NUOVE DELL'ORNELLAIA 2006

Zuppa di ceci e rosmarino

BUFFET

ORNELLAIA 2006 MAGNUM

Risotto con gorgonzola dolce e zafferano

Timballo di maccheroncini in crosta

ORNELLAIA 1998 MAGNUM

Maialino di latte al forno
Fagioli sgranati

Filetto di manzo alla Medici
Purè di spinaci

Carrè di agnello al forno
Pisellini al prosciutto

Insalate di campo

PETIT MANSENG VENDEMMIA TARDIVA 2006
PROVA DI CANTINA

Semifreddo di crema con salsa all'arancia

Semifreddo al caffè

Crostata di albicocche

Sorbetti di pera, melone e ananas

Ciliegie e albicocche esuberanti