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La Rei

Il Boscareto Resort & Spa,
 Strada Roddino 21, Serralunga d' Alba
Telephone (39) 0173-613-042
Website www.ilboscaretoresort.it
Open Lunch and dinner, Tuesday to Sunday
Cost Entrees \$33-\$50; tasting menus \$80 and \$106



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If it weren't for the vineyard panorama and the straight-from-the-farm ingredients, the spacious, sleek dining room and terrace at Il Boscareto Resort & Spa (see "Where to Stay") could be in Los Angeles or Shanghai. A young team headed by Chinese chef Shiquan Chen produces Piedmontese and Italian gastronomic cuisine developed by Chen's teacher, star chef Giampiero Vivalda. There's little showmanship or flash—just precise dishes in which ingredients shine. Beef lovers should start with melt-in-mouth *battuta al coltello*, a knife-cut tartare made from Fassone beef seasoned only with salt and olive oil. After a bit of ravioli or agnolotti, try the roast veal in rhubarb sauce. The helpful sommelier will pour a different wine by the glass with each course. Or order a bottle from a 1,200-label list that includes neighbor Elio Grasso's Barolo Rùncot 2004 (\$140).

Le Case della Saracca

Via Cavour 5, Monforte d'Alba **Telephone (39) 0173-789-222 Website www.saracca.com**
Open Noon to midnight, Thursday to Tuesday
Entrées \$14-\$20 Credit cards All major

Pharmacist, wine lover and architecture buff Giulio Perin opened this imaginative wine bar in 2008 in the medieval building that houses his dreamlike bed-and-breakfast. In intimate vaulted stone rooms lit with candles and halogen, salumi hangs artfully in glass cases; segments of Perin's 10,000-bottle collection are stacked everywhere. It's a great spot to munch on salumi, rolled rabbit or a bowl of rich pumpkin risotto cooked with chestnuts and covered with spicy *lardo* (cured pork fat). Order wine by the glass, or a bottle from an 800-selection list that includes Aldo Conterno Barolo Colonello 1996 (\$180) and Domenico Clerico Barolo Pajana 1995 (\$135).

Trattoria della Posta

Località Sant'Anna 87, Monforte d'Alba **Telephone (39) 0173-781-20**
Open Lunch, Saturday to Wednesday
Entrées \$20-\$40; tasting menu \$70-\$100

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 400-plus-selection wine list includes Gianfranco...
 San Giovanni 2005 (\$86) and Giacomo Conterno Barolo Monfortino...
 Riserva 2001 (\$465).

Il Boscareto Resort & Spa

Strada Roddino 21, Serralunga d'Alba **Telephone (39) 0173-613-036**
Website www.ilboscaretoresort.it Rooms 39 Suites 9 Rates \$313-\$1,130

The exterior of this establishment has been called a concrete eyesore, but the inside of the area's first five-star resort is gorgeous, more so for its views over La Ginestra and other prized vineyards. Opened in 2009 by the Dogliani family, owners of Beni di Batasiolo winery, Il Boscareto is a cocoon of sleek design, with glass stairways, dramatic lighting and lots of warm woods and picture windows. Rooms in earth and wine colors are spacious and luxuriously appointed. There's a full-service spa and indoor pool that opens to the air in summer, as well as a spacious cigar room stocked with Havanas, grappas and distilled spirits.

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