

Villa del Bel Riposo (**Villa of Pleasant Repose**), recalls the love of the aristocratic man of culture Stefano Guazzo - who received this property on 23 December, just before Christmas in 1585 - and his wife Francesca, the words they exchanged, their sighs, the joy and laughter of the two lovers in their fief of Olivola where they loved to spend long periods enjoying its **beauty and peaceful tranquillity**.

Their memories still linger in the small deconsecrated church of San Sebastiano beside the main building. The **Villa's park with its paths and centuries' old trees** is still a favourite place for lovers to stroll. Down the centuries, the property passed to the noble Candiani family, whose most illustrious exponent, Count Camillo, was born here.

Still with all the charm of a private home, Villa del Bel Riposo today includes a **restaurant and 4 frescoed guest rooms**, the same as once occupied by the aristocratic Guazzo family and where guests can still enjoy the "Bel Riposo".

### ***INFERNOT***

The Bricco dei Guazzi Infernot is the largest open to visitors in the Monferrato and the winery is part of the infernot circuit which extends through nine municipalities in the Region, declared a **World Heritage site in 2015**.

Highway A21 Torino-Piacenza-Brescia, closest exit Alessandria

#### **CLOSEST AIRPORTS:**

Torino-Caselle 84 Km

Milan-Malpensa 113 Km

Genoa-Sestri 114 km

Places of interest in the surroundings:

**Alessandria**, Provincial Capital rich in artistic heritage, including the famous *Cittadella*, 29 km

**Valenza**, one of the oldest cities of Italy, owes its origins to

the Etruscan civilization, 29 km

**Acqui Terme**, a town renowned for ages for its art and health spa, 57 km

**Alba**, city of gastronomy, part of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network, 57 km

**Gavi**, a small town dominated by an imposing castle that once was the fortress of the Republic of Genoa, 80 km