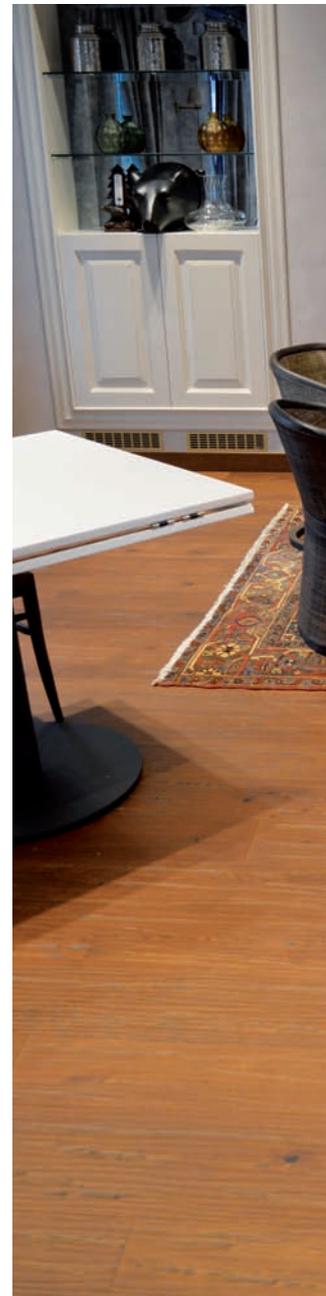


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## With **Friuli** at heart

*Joe Bastianich's Italian restaurant in a renovated old Friuli farmstead*

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**J**oe Bastianich – entrepreneur, chef and TV personality, first American and then Italian – is known by most as the judge on the popular MasterChef TV programme.

With his Friuli background, the famous international chef has an estate in Italy, not far from Cividale del Friuli. Here, in his homeland, Joe Bastianich (and family) has recently opened his first Italian restaurant.

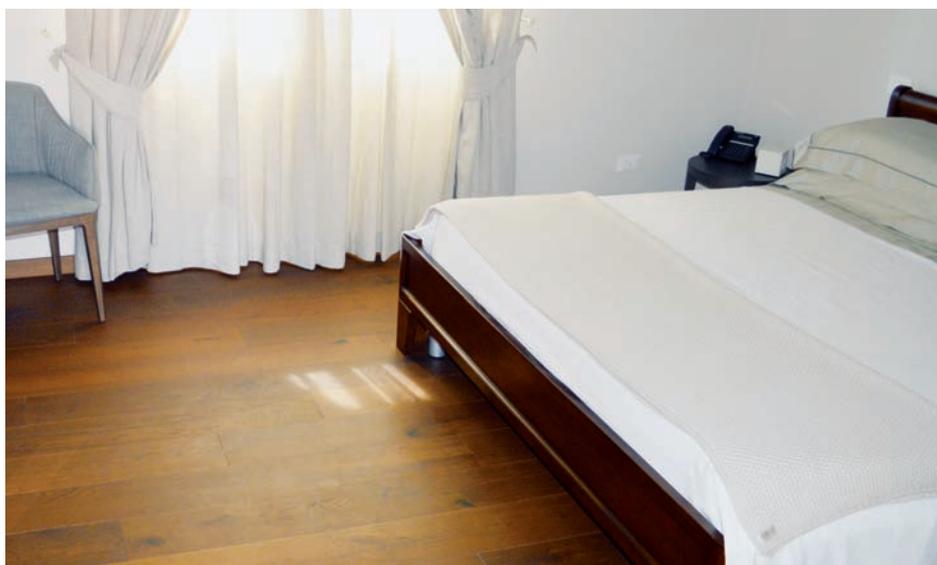
After taking Friuli and Italy to the Big Apple, Hong Kong and Singapore, the MasterChef, renowned for his skills in

the kitchen and TV appearances, has now chosen Friuli to open a great new restaurant.

### **Locally sourced materials**

A painstakingly renovated old farmstead in Friuli is now the Orsone restaurant and B&B ([www.orsone.com](http://www.orsone.com)). It takes its name from the mountain overlooking the property.

The renovation works were directly overseen by Bastianich's mother Lidia, who personally selected the materials. These were all locally sourced, from the wood



***Maxitop Biolinea: warmth, strength and practicality***

*A large plank with three layers to guarantee maximum stability over time. The top layer is made from Slavic Oak (Natur), a timber with unbeatable qualities. The hand-planed surface shows off the skills of the Friulparchet master craftsmen. The finishes, using natural products, are applied entirely by hand in order to check each plank, one by one, and ensure perfect results.*

used for the walls and the flooring to the furnishings and fittings.

The only firm used for the wooden flooring was Friulparchet from San Giorgio di Nogaro, a Friuli firm known throughout Italy and overseas for the quality and originality of its parquet floors.

In order to give the restaurant a sense of elegance, classic style and tradition, a pre-finished layered plank made from Slavic Oak was chosen from the BioLinea MaxiTop collection. This has a special, bespoke antique-look colour with a natural oiled finish.

The 'rustic' touch was created by hand-planing the wood, done by the master craftsmen at Friulparchet: the sense of warmth and the unique character of the wood have been enhanced, keeping the natural beauty of this noble timber.

A parquet floor from the same collection has been used for the bedrooms, though with "Light" planing, the Barrique Line. The way the parquet matches the furnishings has ensured that the renovated farmstead retains its charm and warmth, enhancing the family atmosphere and unassuming feel of the place. ■