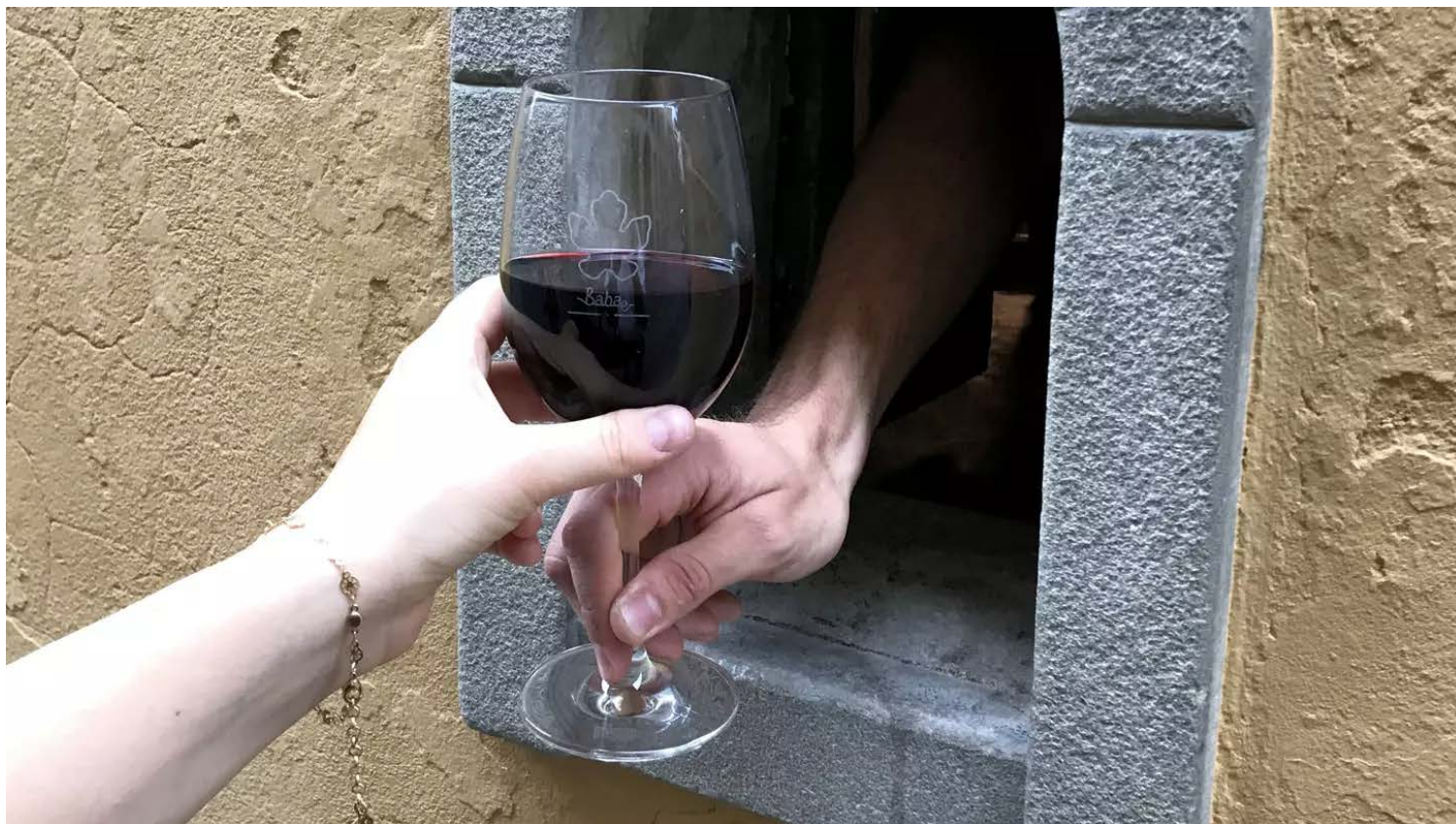




Italy Reopens Historic 'Wine Windows' To Help Stop The Spread Of Coronavirus



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A nifty design feature is making a comeback in [Italy](#) - and it's made specifically for serving [wine](#).

Yep, Italian [restaurants](#) have reopened their 'wine windows' to help prevent the spread of coronavirus.

The dinky portals were originally used to serve drinks through during the plague in the 1630s. Pretty clever, right?

The historic windows - or "buchette del vino", as they're known in Italy - were first used during the Black Death by wine sellers to sell bottles and glasses while avoiding direct contact with the buyer.

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Today, they're back in use for similar reasons, with dozens in Florence being brought back into action.

Cafes and shops are using them to serve coffee, Aperol Spritz and wine to customers who are on the other side - with the safety of a thick ancient wall between them.

Usually found in walls at eye-level or lower, the 'wine windows' are easy to miss - but were an essential design feature for 17th century wine producers.

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You can find close to 150 of them dotted around Florence's old city walls, and the Cultural Association for Wine Windows said they are back in use.

Group founder Diletta Corsini said: "It has taken us back in time by being used for their original purpose - socially-distant wine selling."

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