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Italy Used "Wine Windows" During The Plague And Now They Are Open Again Because Of The Coronavirus

Useful, tbh.



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It has come to my attention that all over Florence, Italy are these cute little things called buchetta del vino, which means "wine window" in English.



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Back in the day, rich Italians who owned vineyards would sell their wines directly to customers through a tiny window in the wall.



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But in the 1630s, the wine windows got *really* good use because of the Black Death. It was a way to sell socially distanced wine and hopefully not catch the literal plague.



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There are hundreds of these adorable wine windows around Florence and Tuscany.



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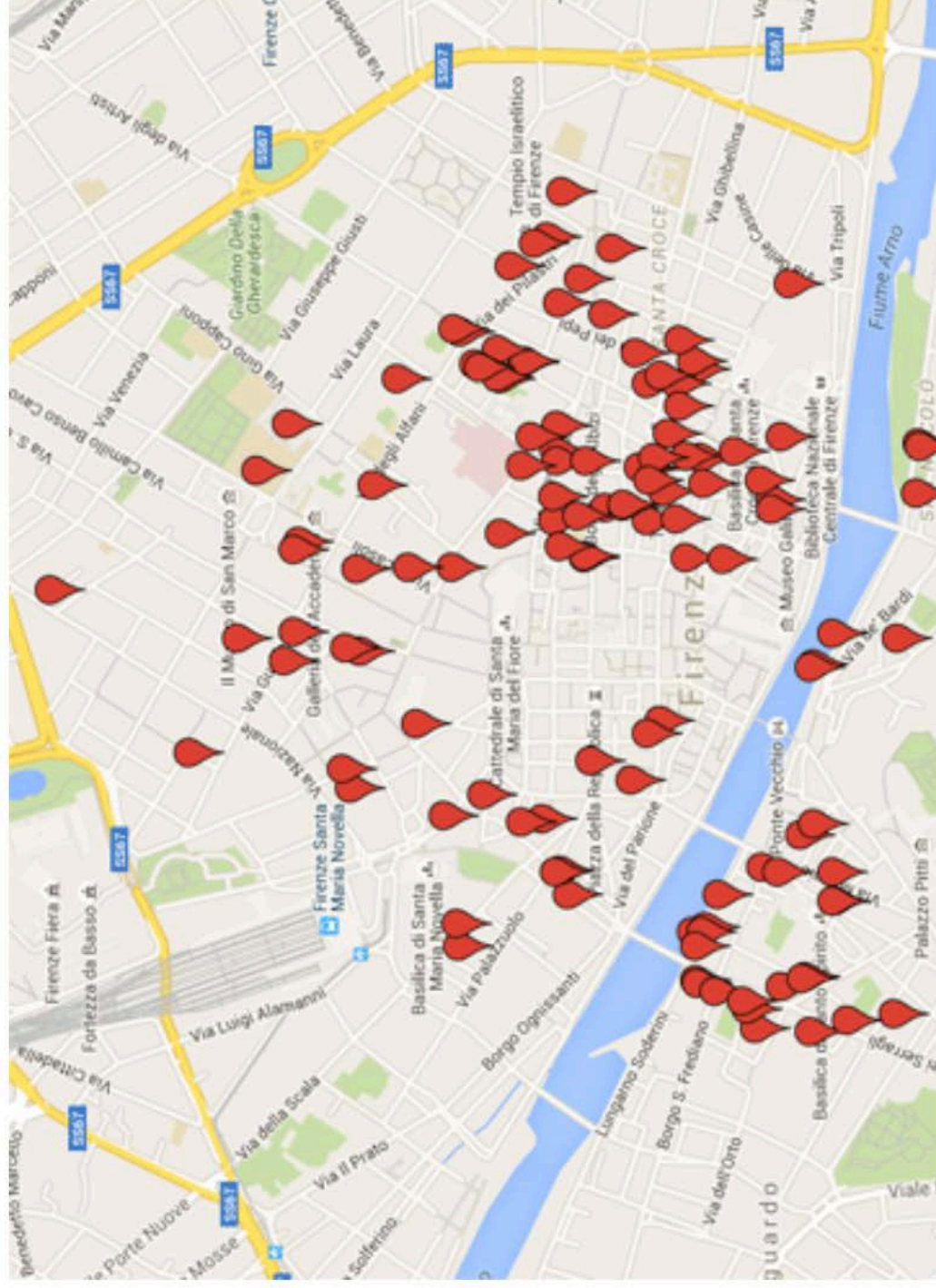
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And there's a cultural association called Buchette Del Vino that maps them all out and in general has all the information you'd ever want to know about wine windows.



buchettedelvino.org



Safe AND cute.



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But the real big news here today is that the wine windows are being used again these days because of the coronavirus.



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I'm obsessed!!



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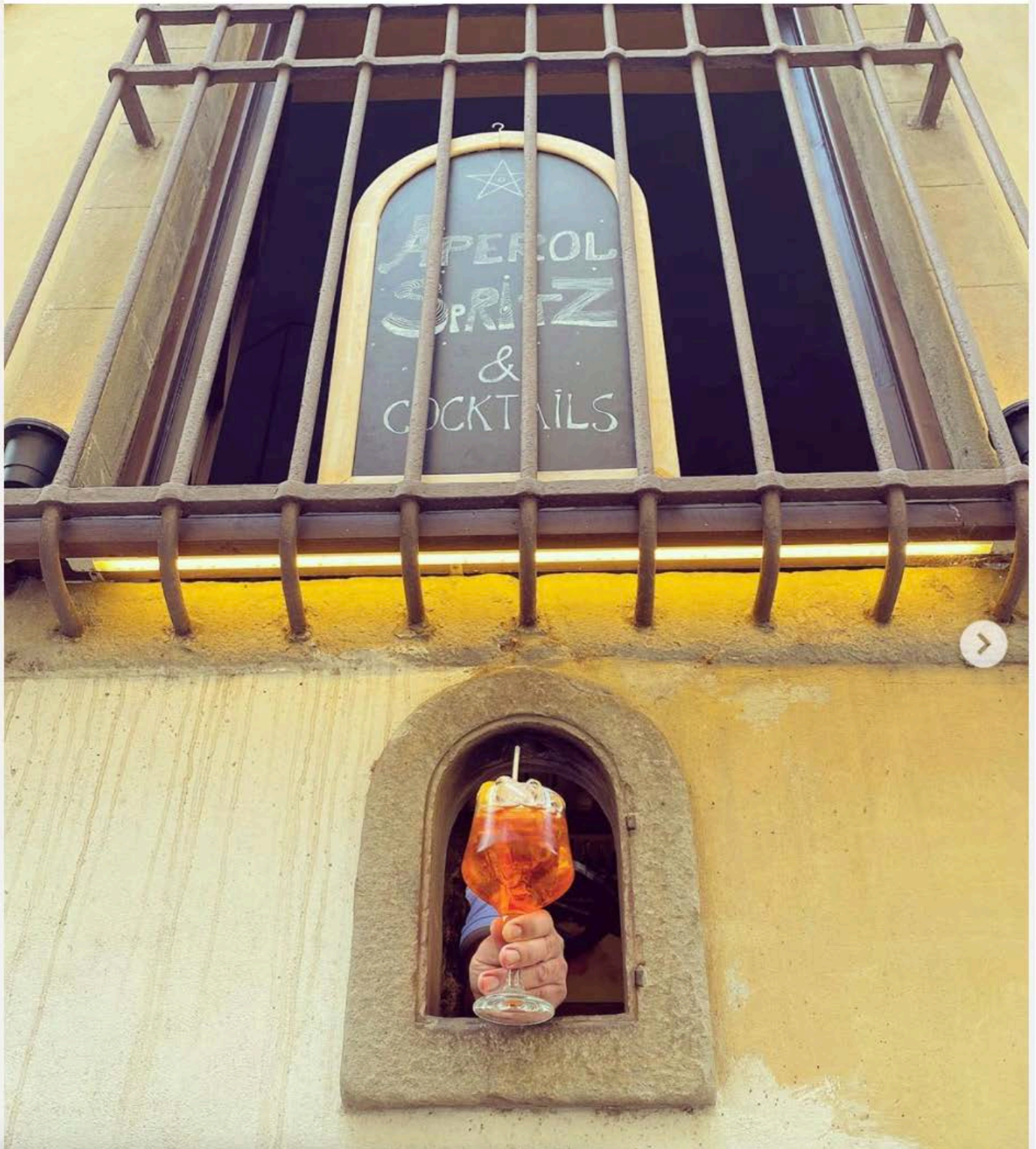


But because this is 2020, it's not just a wine window anymore. It's also an Aperol Spritz window.



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A coffee window.



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And an ice cream window.



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Sorry, GELATO window.



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