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## Culture Podcast: "Wine Windows Of Florence" Date Back To 17th Century

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*In the era of social distancing, Italians in Florence have revived the custom of serving wine through pint-size windows in centuries-old buildings.*

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**Year 2020:** The covid-19 pandemic arrives. Italy is under lockdown starting March 8<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is confined to home for two months and then the government permits a gradual reopening. During this time, some enterprising Florentine Wine Window owners have turned back the clock and are using their Wine Windows to dispense glasses of wine, cups of coffee, drinks, sandwiches and ice cream —all germ-free, contactless!

**Year 1634:** *The Black Death or Plague has passed through the city of Florence, leaving death and havoc in its wake. The Florentine scholar, Francesco Rondinelli, writes a report about disease contagion and describes the use of the abundant Wine Windows in the city for the safe sale of wine, without direct contact between client and seller. Diletta Corsini describes this important document regarding Wine Windows and their uses almost 400 years ago.*

Website (<https://buchettedelvino.org/home%20eng/home.html>)

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