## **Condé Nast Traveler**

The interview By MARESA MANARA Contributing Writer

A classy sanctuary for wine lovers needing their own, private, in-room wine cellar.

How did it strike you on arrival?

Old school lushes and anyone who enjoys a tipple will love Hotel De' Ricci. This is a place that's all about the wine, with eight seriously smart rooms. You get the feeling you're somewhere swanky the moment you walk in, all secluded booths, low lighting, and draped curtains. Oh, and then there are the suites...

The good stuff: Tell us about your room.

All the suites are individually decorated, and despite being the smallest rooms on offer, the two Junior Suites have plenty of charm. Inspired by the forties, fifties and sixties. The walls are decorated with Roman art by Italian illustrator Andrea Ferolla, depicting life during those decades. The floor is polished parquet, the walls muted hues of blues and greys, but best of all, each suite has its own fully-stocked wine cellar.

Please tell us the bathroom won't let us down.

The bathrooms are spacious and modern, with black tiles and super soft robes.

Maybe the most important topic of all: Wi-Fi. What's the word? Wi-Fi is free, and strong.

Room service: Worth it?

Room service is a classy affair, with smoked salmon and blinis alongside turkey clubs and cheeseburgers. Prices run from €16 for a burrata cheese and tomato bruschetta to €25 for foie gras with bitter marmalade. But it's the in-suite daily aperitif that really captures the imagination, with a selection of small plates made to match the wines in your cellar.

Anything stand out about other services and features? Whether it's childcare, gyms, spas, even parking—whatever stuck with you.

This place is all about the wine. The staff are actually sommeliers, and stock the in-suite cellars based on guests' favourite blends. Guests get a guided tour of the property's basement cellar, and the staff can even organise private wine tastings.

https://www.cntraveler.com/hotels/rome/hotel-de-ricci