

HISTORY

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Suno has probably a Roman origin, but the first inhabitants were hunters, fisherman and farmers.

It is located in an area close to hills not far from Novara.

This area has seen the presence of different Barbarians, coming from the centre of Italy.

Suno was called "Xuno" under the Roman Empire and became a Roman municipality. In an official document dated 1014, Suno is called Sunus: Carlo Bascapè, a bishop in Novara, brought here the remains of the martyr St. Genesio and then the church called Pieve was founded here.

In 1600 the Della Porta family built a castle in the high area of the village.

Suno also saw the presence of the Count Giovanni Battista Caccia, called "Caccetta", a criminal who was condemned to the death penalty by the Spanish.

The Caccetta inspired Don Rodrigo, a character of the famous "The Betrothed", by Alessandro Manzoni.

PLACES OF INTEREST

St. Genesio's Church

- It was founded in X-XI century.
- Originally it had three naves, after it was modified and between 1840 and 1843 the old baptistery and the choir were demolished.
- Inside the church there are some parts still standing from the original building.
- The clock tower was restored in some parts in 1590 and it was severely damaged by lightening on the 22nd of April 2012.
- Inside the church there is the altar, a precious fresco restored recently and the ancient tomb of the Della Porta family.







St. Trinity's Church

It was built in the second half of the '700 after closing of the two Parishes of St. Maria and St. Genesio.

It has an elegant exterior style, with two high granite columns and on the top there are the statues of St. Gaudenzio and St. Genesio.



Voli - Bischetti di Ruffia Palace

This palace was built in the centre of the village and it overlooks a large square.

The style is austere, with a U plant and a beautiful gate at the entrance of the courtyard.



Della Porta Castle and Park

It was built in the high area of the village in the XVI century by the Della Porta family; It was restored at the end of the XIX century.

Inside, there are large fireplaces of the Renaissance and a wide sitting - room rich in frescoes and coats of arms. The castle is surrounded by a big park with ancient trees.

The "Preja da Scalavè"

It is an erratic block, with a rounded shape, about 5 metres high and 4 metres long.

It is supposed it was carried here by glaciation during the quaternary period.

Legends say that blocks like this were considered to be stones of fertility.





The observatory

Built at the beginning of the 1970s, it is a tower with a diameter of 6 meters covered by a metal hemispheric dome and next to it there is also a conference hall.

There are three **horse riding club**:

- ASD Suno Riding Club, was founded in 1985 and it has 23 horses and 5 ponies;
- Horse Riding Club "Le Betulle";
- ASD Le Civette Centro ippico affiliato with LISE-CONI.

The Motto Museum

It is a small museum where there are objects and tools used in agriculture by the local farmer.

The sitting-room and the kitchen are rebuilt with the same object as in the past.

Model Train Museum

It is located in the building of the former train station.

It is the official seat of the Model Railway Association whose goal is to develop the passion for the railway models.

WINES AND FOOD PRODUCT'S

Brigatti Farm

- It was founded at the beginning of 1900;
- Today it is led by Francesco, agronomist and oenologist, with a family management.
- It is composed of 6 hectares of vineyards and the firm produces about 20,000 bottles a year.
- It is produces white and red wines.

Rinaldi Alfonso

- It is a small farm, with a family management.
- It produces only a white wine called "Costa di sera dei Tabacchei".

Alessio Grossini Farm

Our farm is situated in the area called Mottoscarone, where there are the best hills, where vineyards have been grown since ever.

It produces white and red wine that are sold in bottles or in bags.

Crespi Farm "Costabella Vineyards"

The Costabella vineyards are situated where precious wines have been grown since the Roman period. We produce both white and red wines.

The Happy Farm

It is a small family farm, born with the idea to live in contact with the nature and to discover the values of the past.

Zanardi il Salumaio

Our firm has produced pork meat products since 1963 and it sells them in the market places of our area.

We have always given priority to the quality of our products, starting from the raw products which are treated with traditional methods but also with modern technologies.

Delponte Pastry Shop

It was founded 20 years ago by Giorgio and his wife Paola.

During these years we have tried to offer new high quality products from traditional pastries to soft ice-creams in summer and delicious chocolate cakes and sweets in autumn and winter.



