

INSTALLATION, "LA CUCINA" RIVA 1920
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'LA CUCINA' – The search for an Archetype

La Cucina is a Homage to Mediterranean Food and Beverage – is a homage to wood. It is a tribute to tradition, authenticity and true values through a modern eye.

Together with Riva 1920 and AHEC designer Matteo Thun and Antonio Rodriguez have completed a kitchen installation, that refers to the most original values of food preparation: Food Place, Fireplace, Water Place.

The kitchen is a place of conviviality. It is the space to come together, to drink, to eat, to meet to share and to communicate. The kitchen is a most important area within Mediterranean homes. It is about warmth and joy. An honest and warm atmosphere, a lively, natural environment in a kitchen is just as important as the best, fresh ingredients for the food that is cooked here: "Cucina al Dente".



Their passion for wood in its most natural form has brought Maurizio Riva, Matteo Thun and Antonio Rodriguez working together for a long time. When talking about how to create a kitchen, it was agreed that it would be made from wood – it would have a fireplace, a water place and a food place – a centre for people to come together and eat.

It seemed natural to invite other partners to realize this kitchen as a collective project. Partners whose products also offer a sustainable approach and guarantee the highest quality in form and material. The centre point of the kitchen is made from wood from AHEC. Elements of the kitchen recycle the American red oak and walnut lumber used in the Wooden Beacons installation at Milan Design Week in April 2010, a joint venture with Matteo Thun, RIVA and AHEC.

As for good Italian Food, only the best and original ingredients were given to capture and to transfer the true purpose of a kitchen - in a modern way.

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