



Piateda is a quiet town in the Italian mountains—population 2,200—located about 100 kilometres north of Milan. It is near the city of Sondrio in the Orobic Alps and 1,000 meters above sea level. At the end of a private mountain road there, Casa Vi sits surrounded by meadows and trees. The only house nearby is the home of the Casa Vi owner's sister. The edifice was once a stable made of concrete blocks, where they kept two young horses when they were young. The owner Laura did not have to look far when she decided to turn it into a home; she worked with her architect husband

Alfredo Vanotti, founder of EV+A Lab, on the project. The brief was to try and replicate Laura's childhood memories in the peaceful area for the couple's young daughter, Eva Virginia. Nostalgia was very much part of the process: "My wife asked me to renovate this ruin because she spent her childhood there, living in the house now owned by her sister close to our Casa Vi," Vanotti shares. "She would play in the wood with friends. They didn't have a TV or PC but they didn't need them: they were happy simply playing in nature. She wanted to relive those magic moments once again with me and our child." >

right. Windows were added to bring in as much light as possible.
top. The interior is open plan and decked out simply, while a fireplace adds to the atmosphere.

