

## Secret gardens and olive groves

When we purchased our house and olive groves in 2002, we gradually discovered the old farmhouse secret gardens. We were fortunate to be visited by 'Nonna' who as a young girl lived in our house during the second world war and early 1950's. She remembered with fondness the gardens and olive groves and recalled her mother cutting hay with oxen whilst her father was away fighting. Part of the original herb garden remains today where once wild asparagus grew and would provide us with one asparagus spear daily. Wild garlic have spread and produce a sea of white flowers, other plants are rare irises, wild red roses, tulips, snowdrops, daffodils, hyacinths and peone roses. People who once lived in our house on St George's Hill adored red and white flowers the colours of St George which remain in prominence today. Our ancient olive groves contain predominantly 'Mignola' trees which produce a fine extra virgin olive oil. During the spring wild flowers blossom and the groves are covered in pink flowers.

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Our olive trees produce olives for the production of fine extra virgin olive oil. During this time, we have had our oil endorsed by several Michelin starred chefs and have exported our oil throughout the world. The olives are harvested in November and pressed at a local frantoio (olive press).