

Villa De Magistris

Villa Bono Lamberti - Staurenghi - De Magistris - Omarini

he house is located on the hill above Stresa, in an exceptional and intimate position, on the border with the Selvalunga woods and the parks of other properties. At the beginning of the nineteenth century in the place called 'il Ronco' or 'Roccolo', surrounded by woods, there were a stable and a small farmhouse , a property purchased by the notary cav. Giuseppe Bono Lamberti to give it to his wife Ernesta.

So in 1867 the construction of a villa began, completed in the early twentieth century: this explains why, next to a clearly nineteenth-century architectural layout, Art Nouveau decorations and friezes appear. For the construction of the park, built on a rocky and rugged high place, huge quantities of carry-over land were used; the name of Michele Cantamessa, gardener and creator of countless parks on Lake Maggiore, is linked to this difficult undertaking.





## On April 6, 1903 Giuseppe Bono Lamberti died in his villa.

He was a highly esteemed and influential person well known in the local public life, founder in 1897 of a committee for the railway line connecting the Arona-Gravellona Toce section, on the Simplon line.

In 1908 the villa passed to Amalia Fossati Staurenghi, then in 1917 to the industrial cav. Emilio De Magistris, then in 1956 to the Stresian Luigi Maria Galli and finally, in the 2000s, to Lucio Augusto Casaroli and Daniela Omarini, who began a conservative renovation to restore the prestigious residence to its former glory.

The villa has a central body with a refined and elaborate decorative apparatus; under the elegant and pronounced eaves there is an exquisite decorative frieze that is repeated on the first floor at the height of the windows.

The three floor building was built with granites, marbles and first choice materials.

From the panoramic tower you have an incredible view of Stresa and the lake as far as the Swiss border.

The house is surrounded by a vast park, with centuries-old trees.

There are also some sources on the park, two fountains and a small pond, where the wild ducks stop to rest in the spring. Recently the interior of the villa has been renovated by the

new owners.













