

# Our story

Our story is like that of many couples who throw themselves enthusiastically and naïvely into a vaguely defined adventure, equipped only with a solid work ethic and a desire to share with others.

Thus Thierry, a skipper and Valérie, a HR consultant, became self-taught hotel managers...

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## *In the beginning : our love for an inhospitable maquis shrubland*

The locals considered that the maquis shrubland where the hotel would materialise was on the wrong side of the village : too steep to be cultivated and too rocky to serve as a pastureland. The ancients named it « A Petricaghju », which means « the scree ».

For many years it was relegated to use a a quarry, and its granite blocks were used to build the first houses of the village of Monticello. Within seconds of arriving here, we fell in love with this forsaken parcel of land. As newlyweds, we were convinced that the place was pure magic: a breath-taking view, centuries-old trees, dry stone walls, nooks and crannies...

After having built our house here, we could no longer resist the compelling desire to share the tranquillity of this land and bring it to its full potential.

Today we are delighted to welcome you to our little Shangri-la.

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## *Key dates in our history*

- . 1995 : The two of us met for the first time in the Antilles
- . 1998 : We crossed the Atlantic (from Martinique to Corsica) at the helm of our sailboat.
- . 1998 : We settled down in Corsica, where Valerie's family resides.
- . 2010 : We designed the hotel project, which only included 5 rooms at the time.
- . 2011 : The hotel officially opened with 5 employees.
- . 2012 : We developed the « well-being » equipment (spa, fitness...)
- . 2013 : We established the restaurant, creating a new kitchen, menu and terrace
- . 2015 : We added 4 new rooms and a second swimming-pool in the midst of the maquis shrubland to emphasise the hotel's « hideaway » spirit. The team now includes 15 people.
- . 2016 : A new cozy bar and a complete redevelopment of the backstage to accomodate our new challenges and services.

*Thank you to all those who supported us and who support us again...*