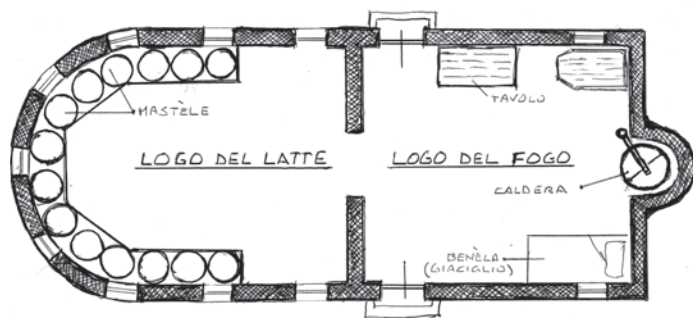


Man and the mountain

Alpine Hut Colonei di Pesina



This ancient property (*colonei*) of the rural community of Pesina, which is currently owned by the Municipality of Caprino, covers an area characterized by dome-shaped hillocks, basins and karst sinkholes. The hut presents all the features characterizing the spatial organization of the territory in the 18th century, when the local nobility turned vast mid-mountain areas into pasturelands for grazing cattle during the summer.



The alpine hut or “*baito*”, surrounded by extensive pasture areas reclaimed from the forest, is typically composed of two rooms: the “*logo del latte*” (the milk room) and the “*logo del fogo*” (the fire room) that was used for the processing of milk and as living quarters for herdsmen during the alpine pasturing season. The adjoining buildings are the “*casàra*”, for the storage and maturation of cheese, and the “*porsil*”, the pigsty where herdsmen raised pigs that were fed on “*scòta*”, residue from the processing of milk (*whhey*).

Close to the buildings were small plots of land bordered by dry-stone walls for the cultivation of vegetables, and the “*riserve*”(reserves), small fir or pine woods that served as shelters for animals on very sunny days or during the night. Finally, on the grazing land of the hut there are always some “*pozze*” (puddles) derived from natural sinkholes, sealed with clay to collect rainwater for watering livestock.

