



Forno Bravo

Authentic Italian Wood-Fired Ovens

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About Your Primavera Wood Oven

Your Forno Bravo Primavera Wood Oven is made by hand, with care, in the U.S., using traditional methods and the highest quality modern refractories and insulators. Because your oven is handmade, you will see variations in the exterior finish and paint, and in the cooking tiles -- which are hand cut to fit your oven. These variations are normal. We think these ovens offer authentic handmade charm, and we hope that you agree with us.

Always follow the Curing Schedule provided with your Primavera oven. It is vital that you bring your oven up to heat slowly in order to not damage the oven dome and vent material. In the event that the inside of your oven gets wet, follow the Curing Schedule to slowly dry it out. You should also bring your oven up to heat slowly after any period of rain and/or the oven not being used -- such as the first firing in the spring (primavera).

Over time, as is the case with any wood oven, the top of the opening to your Primavera oven will become black with soot. While your Primavera oven's vent and terracotta chimney system does an excellent job of drawing smoke and hot air out of the oven chamber, soot is an unavoidable part of any wood oven. You can occasionally clean the oven opening with soap and water, or you can allow the opening to naturally become black. You may also choose to occasionally re-paint the oven opening. For a touch up kit, please contact Forno Bravo. Each strategy works equally well.

Your Primavera oven enclosure is sealed and painted to withstand outdoor weather conditions, including rain and snow. But you must take care to ensure that water does not enter the oven cooking area. If you choose to leave your oven outside permanently, always place the oven door tightly across the oven opening, and place the terracotta cap on top of the chimney.

Small hairline cracks in your Primavera oven dome or vent are a normal part of the heat up/cool down (expansion/contraction) cycle that all wood ovens experience. These small cracks will not impact how well your Primavera oven cooks or how long it will last, and a majority of cracks can be ignored. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Forno Bravo.

Warnings

HOT WHILE IN OPERATION. KEEP CHILDREN, CLOTHING AND FURNITURE AWAY. CONTACT MAY CAUSE SKIN BURNS. DO NOT BURN GARBAGE OR FLAMMABLE FLUIDS. DO NOT USE THIS APPLIANCE INDOORS.

Keep children and pets away from hot oven.

Use firewood for burning only. DO NOT use charcoal, pressure treated lumber, chipped wood products, sappy wood such as pine, laminated wood or any material other than dry medium or hard firewood.

DO NOT USE liquid fuel (firelighter fluid, gasoline, lantern oil, kerosene or similar liquids) to start or maintain a fire.

BEWARE of very high temperatures in the oven and use long oven gloves and mitts to handle pots and tools. DO NOT put unprotected hands or arms inside oven while it is lit.

Dispose of ashes using a metal shovel and place in a metal bin with a tightly fitting lid. The container should be stored on a non-combustible surface, away from all combustible materials. Ensure ashes are completely cold before disposing of them appropriately.

BEWARE of flying sparks from mouth of oven. Ensure that no combustible materials are within range of oven at any time.

DO NOT close the oven door fully while a fire is in the oven. Closing the door fully will cut off oxygen to the fire, causing the fire to erupt suddenly when the door is removed. Always keep door tilted to allow air to circulate in the oven.

DO NOT use water to dampen or extinguish fire in the oven.