

Quaderni Cinelli

Road Bikes 2023 Genova, December Vito and Daniele

Cinelli Quaderni is an editorial format dedicated to exploring some of the world's most interesting riding spots, be they urban, rural, Alpine or otherwise, together with cyclists whose way of riding intertwines the landscape with a mosaic of other cultural attitudes. The way these riders express themselves when cycling reflects many of the design objectives of Cinelli products.

Meet Vito. Vito, 34 years old, is a professional skipper. Born and raised in the nearby seaside town of Rapallo, he lives and rides (when he's on land) in Genova. In certain cycling circles he is famous for creating Italy's most prestigious fixed gear race, Respublica. Held between 2016 - 2019 (and perhaps returning this year), Respvublica is a fixed gear only race in around the labyrinth that is the city of Genova. Designed to mix velocity with climbs with traffic jams it was a race with what in wine-making they call terroir, an entirely unique perfume or flavour that reflected the extraordinary geography and culture of Genova and its surrounding landscape.

We met up with him near his house very early on a crisp early December morning to document a ride in and around his favourite Genova riding spots together with his friend and mentor, Daniele.

For Vito, as he explained to us that morning in his own words

as we set up the bikes, "for five years, between 2011 and 2016 me and friends rode only track bikes with no brakes. We were fundamentalists of fixed gear cycling. For us no other bike existed. People who rode bikes with brakes were...
[LAUGHTER]. Better not to say what we thought!"

"But," he continues "little by little I realized that what I liked about cycling was **SPEED**. I liked being the fastest thing in the city. Realizing this was a turning point... I acquired a road bike, I began frequenting roadies amongst whom Daniele..."

Daniele, who is an extremely graceful highly rated local rider with victories last season in important hill climbs, is also a student of the sport and its equipment. As Vito explains to us "Daniele is somebody with whom I share a lot of obsessions. And it was him that taught me about road cycling, who gave me advice on how to nurture my ability,

my 'fibers' as they say in Italian cycling slang. Daniele found a way to spur me on, but to do without **machismo**.

With him there's never competition, or if there is competition it is the kind that feels healthy. Because in road cycling there tends to be an obsession I did this in this specific time with these watts etc. etc. Daniele never made a big deal of being faster than me at climbing or anything else... so I've learned a lot from him."

At a café stop in the picturesque suburb of **Pegli**, before climbing the mythical (at least for Genovese riders) **Monte Faiallo**, Vito further elucidates: "Road cycling and road bikes have changed me. They've allowed me to overcome a lot of limits, above all mental but also physical. It's like a mantra or a therapy. More than the results I might achieve, what I love is the process."

After climbing to the highest point of the lunar-esque landscapes of the Faiallo, where it is possible to ride through snow whilst staring down at the Mediterranean. we descend again, stop for focaccia before racing back across the length of sprawling, chaotic Genova to Quarto from which we ride up through the last rural houses and into winding slopes of olive trees and Mediterranean scrubland, before the landscapes opens up onto the extraordinary vision of the sun setting across the sea, France and the entire Italian Riviera's coastlines visible as a thick black line on the horizon. Monte Fasce offers the quintessential Liqurian aesthetic experience in 8 very brief and intense kilometres of climbing only twenty minutes from the city center. We stop to switch on our lights then swoop back down into the city, skitching rides here and there through traffic back to the center...





































Pressure

Born to race, the Pressure is the pinnacle of Cinelli's road bike design language. Made from a high modulus T800 carbon fiber with proprietary lay-up, the Pressure synthesizes into a contemporary Milanese design language the performance cyclist's need for aerodynamic tube profiles, integrated wiring and an aggressive road feel that pays homage to our historical Italian racing DNA.

Frame weight: 990g Fork weight: 390g

Bottom Bracket: Pressfit 86,5x41mm

Max Clearance: 700x30c

Fork: COLUMBUS Disc 1-1/8" - 1-1/2" Tapered Carbon Monocoque

Seatpost: Integrated Ft. Derailleur: Braze-on

Cable Routing: Full internal - Di2/EPS compatible

Brake Standard: Flat mount disc brake, Rotor size up to 160mm Available Builds: Super Record EPS / Red eTap AXS / Ultegra /

Ultegra DI2 / Dura Ace DI2

Available Colours: Triple white / Triple grey / Rock the white / Team Limited



WYSIWYG

The WYSIWIG (what you see is what you get) is Cinelli's classic carbon fiber time trial and triathlon frame, available exclusively in team colours.

WYSIWIG is characterized above all by it's ultra-aggressive geometry (395mm chain stays in all sizes) as well aerodynamic shapes and integrated design.

Available as a frame kit (complete with handlebar, extensions, seatpost, stem and front brake) or as a complete bicycle fitted with Ultegra Di2.

Frame weight: 1450g Fork weight: 430g

Bottom Bracket: Pressfit 86,5x41mm

Max Clearance: 700x25c

Fork: COLUMBUS Disc 1-1/8" Carbon Monocoque

Seatpost: Cinelli Carbon Aero Ft. Derailleur: Braze-on

Cable Routing: Internal - Di2/EPS compatible Brake Standard: Direct mount rim brake

Available Builds: Ultegra Di2 Available Colours: Team Limited



Superstar

The Superstar is Cinelli's carbon fiber re-interpretation of the Italian stage-racing bicycle that is the brand's heritage and DNA. When developing the Superstar, Cinelli engineers studied how the inherent qualities of carbon fiber and its manufacturing processes could be employed to produce a contemporary iteration of the legendary versatility of the Italian Grand Tour ride quality i.e. the intelligent balance of low-weight, aggressive handling over highly varied terrain and long-distance riding comfort.

Frame weight: 1140g Fork weight: 440g

Bottom Bracket: Pressfit 86,5x41mm

Max Clearance: 700x28c

Fork: Columbus Futura Disc 1-1/8" - 1-1/2" Monocoque

Seatpost: Ø27,2mm Ft. Derailleur: Braze-on

Cable Routing: Internal - Di2/EPS compatible

Brake Standard: F&R Flat mount disc brake - Rotor size up to 160mm Available Builds: Red eTap AXS / Dura Ace / Ultegra Di2 / Ultegra

Available Colours: Dark Night



Veltrix

Veltrix is a carbon monocoque frame born from our competition experience but designed for riders looking for easier handling and greater versatility than a pure competition vehicle can offer. Minimal, rational design and intricate paintwork make this frame an everyday Italian classic.

Frame Weight: 1250g Fork weight: 500g Bottom Bracket: BSA 68mm Max Clearance: 700x28c

Fork: Columbus Futura Disc 1-1/8" - 1-1/2" Monocoque

Seatpost: Ø31,6mm Ft. Derailleur: Braze-on

Cable Routing: Internal - Di2/EPS compatible

Brake Standard: F&R Flat mount disc brake - Rotor size up to 160mm

Available Builds: 105 Available Colours: Baby Blue



XCr

The XCR represent Cinelli's interpretation of the most important technological steel bicycle manufacturing technology of the last 25 years: Columbus' XCR bi-phasic stainless steel tubeset. This a frame with a soul: Italian Grand Tour geometry, round oversized tubes (38.4mm downtube with oriented ellipses, disc brakes, titanium headbadge, ultralight fastback seat stays, 1700g true frame weight (size M) and many, many, other details.

Frame weight: 1700g Fork weight: 440g Bottom Bracket: T47 68mm Max Clearance: 700x28c

Fork: COLUMBUS Futura Disc 1-1/8" - 1-1/2"

Seatpost: Ø31,6mm

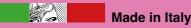
Ft. Derailleur: Clamp Ø33mm

Cable Routing: Internal - Electromechanical shifting only

Brake Standard: Flat mount disc brake

Available Builds: Super Record EPS / Red eTap AXS / Dura Ace Di2 / Ultegra Di2

Available Colours: Magic Mirror





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> Frame weight: 1650g Fork weight: 350g

Bottom Bracket: BSA 68mm Max Clearance: 700x28c

Fork: COLUMBUS Futura Caliper 1-1/8" - 1-1/2"

Seatpost: Ø31,6mm

Ft. Derailleur: Clamp Ø33mm Cable Routing: External

Brake Standard: Standard rim brake Available Builds: Frameset Only Available Colours: Magic Mirror



Nemo TIG

The Nemo TIG is Cinelli's "classic-contemporary" Made in Italy high-performance steel road frame. It looks and rides the way in which our Supercorsa might have looked had it been designed for racing today rather than in the 1950s.

Accordingly it has been designed for riders used to riding high-end carbon fiber racing frames, unwilling to sacrifice "race feeling", but looking for something incomparably pleasurable to ride in the way only a steel frame can be. Technical features include: custom Columbus Spirit triple-butted tubes, 44mm mega-oversized downtube, conical CNC'd head tube and Columbus Futura straight blade monocoque carbon fiber fork.

Available in 69 different colour options.

Frame weight: 1850g Fork weight: 440g

Bottom Bracket: BSA 68mm / Press Fit 86,5 x 41 (custom)

Max Clearance: 700x28c

Fork: COLUMBUS FUTURA Disc 1-1/8" - 1-1/2"

Seatpost: Ø27,2mm

Ft. Derailleur: Clamp Ø31,7mm

Cable Routing: External / Internal Hydraulic Disc brake housing Brake Standard: Flat mount disc brake - Rotor size up to 160mm

Available Builds: Super Record EPS / Red eTap AXS / Dura Ace Di2 / Ultegra Di2 /

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Available Colours: 33 Factory Colours (Matte or Glossy finish) + 3 Special Colours



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Seatpost: Ø27,2mm

Ft. Derailleur: Clamp Ø31,7mm Cable Routing: External

Brake Standard:Standard rim brake

Available Builds: Ultegra

Available Colours: 33 Factory Colours (Matte or Glossy finish) + 3 Special Colours

































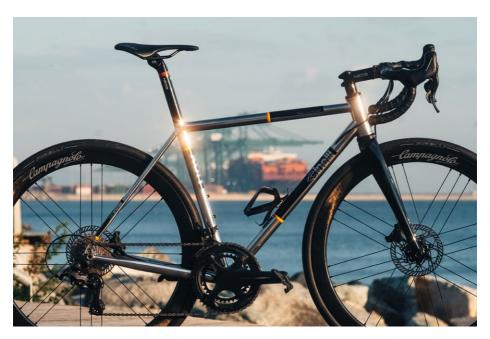








Vito rides the Pressure "Triple White"



Daniele rides the XCR "Disc Mirror"

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