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## Visions at Villa d'Este - Concorso Concepts

### **Lead**

Since 2005, prototypes and concept cars have been given their own class at Villa d'Este. We look at the highlights of this year's group of future classics.

### **BMW Pininfarina Gran Lusso Concept**





Following last year's [partnership with Zagato](#), BMW has once again used Villa d'Este to display a collaboration with a tradition-steeped design studio. This time round it's Pininfarina, and the result is the one-off, V12-powered Gran Lusso Coupé. It blends modern luxury with traditional BMW cues (long bonnet, short overhangs), plus an added dash of Italian flair. Could it be time to resurrect the 8 Series nameplate?

## Alfa Romeo TZ3 Stradale by Zagato





At 2010's Villa d'Este spectacular, Zagato showcased its modern interpretation of the [iconic Kamm-tailed TZ racing cars of the 60s](#). That was the 'Corsa' version, though; this year sees the inclusion of the road-going 'Stradale' iteration, of which nine were made.

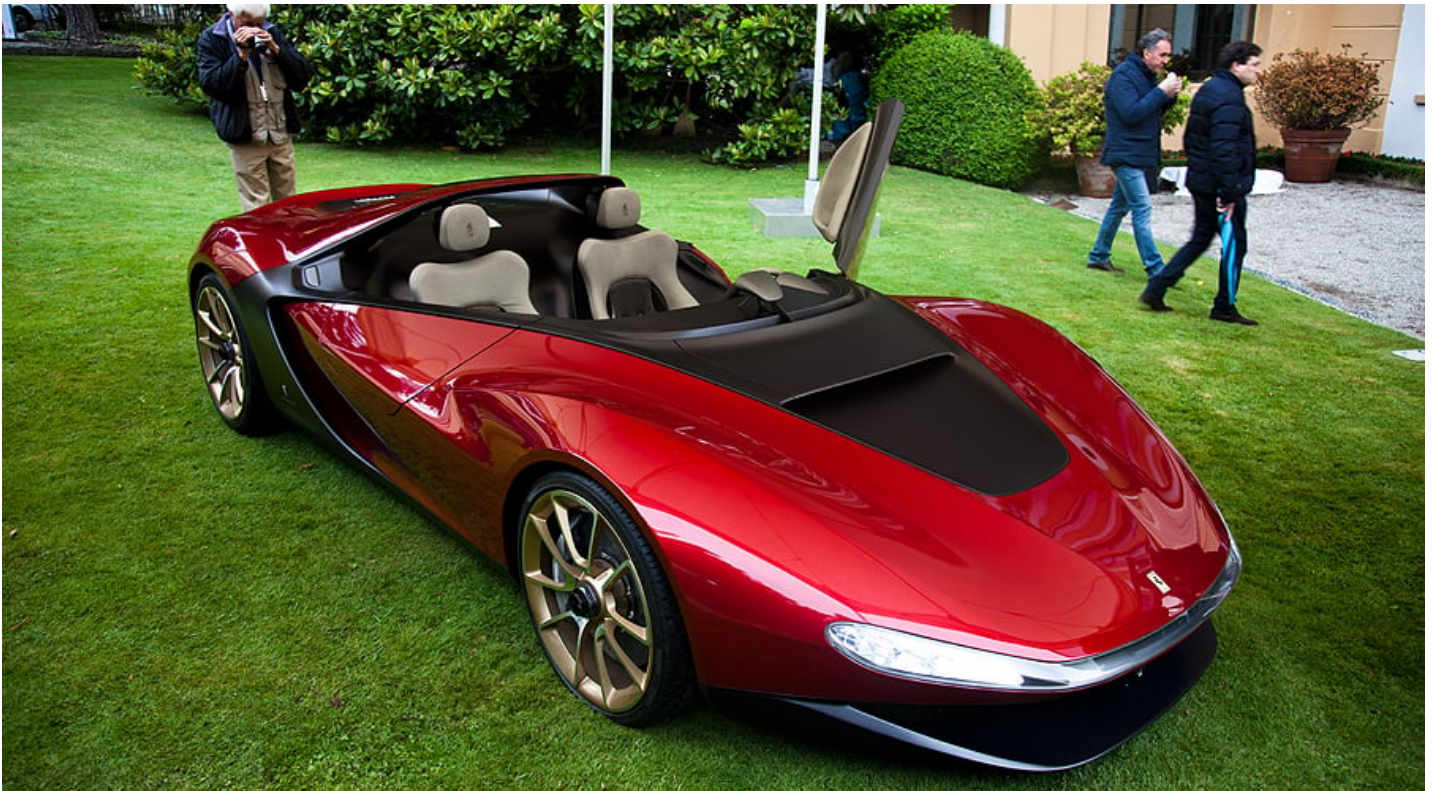
## Aston Martin CC100





Having been introduced at last weekend's Nurburgring 24 Hours by leading a parade lap alongside a DBR1 piloted by Sir Stirling Moss, the [CC100 concept](#) has made the cross-continent journey to Italy. Based on V12 Vantage underpinnings, it previews a possible styling direction for the marque, all the while honouring the legendary 1959 Le Mans-winning car.

## Pininfarina Sergio





With the [LaFerrari](#)'s styling being taken care of in-house, the Italian design house had some capacity to create a [new interpretation of the Ferrari-Pininfarina alliance](#) for Geneva. It was dedicated to late Chairman Sergio Pininfarina, and used 458 running gear cloaked in an aerodynamic-focused barchetta body – the latter looks even more impressive in the stunning setting of its homeland.

## McLaren P1





It's not long now before the first lucky owners take delivery of their P1 hypercars, so Villa d'Este is the perfect opportunity for [the concept](#) to enjoy its last public hurrah. Given the type of visitors the event attracts, it might also act as an open-air showroom for the remaining one-third of the production run (of 375 units) that are apparently unspoken for, as yet.

## Alfa Romeo Disco Volante by Touring



Before the road-going version's launch at Geneva earlier this year, Classic Driver was the first publication in the world to [get behind the wheel](#) of the arresting 'DV', having [followed its development](#) since the previous year's show. A few months on, and the apt setting has only served to extend our appreciation of the Alfa 8C-

based extraterrestrial.

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