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2007 Tenuta di Trinoro Tenuta di
Trinoro Vino da Tavola

RATING: 95 points
PRODUCER: Tenuta di Trinoro
FROM: Tuscany, Italy
VARIETY: Proprietary Blend
DRINK: 2010 - 2027
ESTIMATED \$247-\$301
COST:
SOURCE: WA, #184
Aug 2009



The estate's Grand Vin, the 2007 Tenuta di Trinoro, is shaping up to be one of the vintage's finest successes. A dark, richly-textured wine, the 2007 Tenuta boasts a seamless core of ripe fruit that flows onto the palate in a stunning expression of sheer elegance. This super-ripe, explosive wine offers spectacular density and richness in a full-bodied, immensely rewarding style. Hints of new leather, spices, grilled herbs and minerals linger on the sublime close. In 2007 Tenuta di Trinoro is 35% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Franc, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Petit Verdot. The wine underwent malolactic fermentation in oak (which was long that year), where it spent 8 months prior to finishing its aging in cement. The shorter oak-aging regime Franchetti has employed over the last few years seems to be resulting in more elegant and deeply expressive wines than was the case in the past. The 2007 Tenuta was lightly fined but not filtered prior to being bottled. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2027.

Andrea Franchetti's Tenuta di Trinoro is located in Sarteano, one of the most remote corners of Tuscany. Franchetti crafts his top wine, also called Tenuta di Trinoro, from densely planted vineyards cropped to minuscule yields. In the cellar, the selection is equally stringent, with only the finest barrels making it into the 'Grand Vin.' Tenuta di Trinoro remains one of the most iconic wines being made in Tuscany today. Unfortunately I don't get a chance to taste the Tenuta as much as I used to as its price has become prohibitive. I can't argue with what Franchetti puts in the bottle, however, as these are spectacular wines. Fortunately, in recent years Franchetti has introduced a second wine, Le Cupole di Trinoro, which in its finest vintages delivers incredible quality for the money.

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2007 Tenuta di Trinoro Cupole di
Trinoro IGT

RATING: 92 points
PRODUCER: Tenuta di Trinoro
FROM: Tuscany, Italy
VARIETY: Proprietary Blend
DRINK: 2009 - 2015
ESTIMATED \$33
COST:
SOURCE: WA, #184
Aug 2009

The 2007 Le Cupole di Trinoro is superb. This impeccable, pedigreed Tuscan red flows seamlessly onto the palate with layers of perfumed, silky fruit that carry through all the way to the long, polished close. The 2007 is an incredibly harmonious and well-balanced Le Cupole that is sure to deliver much pleasure. At around \$30 retail, it is also one of the very finest relative values in Tuscan wine. Simply put, the 2007 Le Cupole di Trinoro is not to be missed! In 2007 Le Cupole di Trinoro is 40% Cabernet Franc, 22% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot and 8% Petit Verdot. Anticipated maturity: 2009-2015.

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