

2011 Tenuta di Trinoro Magnacosta

Aged eight months in French barrique and ten months in cement, the 2011 Magnacosta is a pure and unforgiving expression of Cabernet Franc. The density is startling and the wine peels back in thick layers to reveal a dark heart of black fruit, black pepper and tobacco. You can taste its chewy ripeness down to the last delicious drop. Anticipated maturity: 2016-2028.

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2011 Tenuta di Trinoro Cupole di Trinoro IGT

The 2011 Le Cupole is a massive undertaking. It counts 36 separate harvests and vinifications before its components (Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Sauvignon) are assembled. Harvest commenced on October 5. The wine is hugely intense and generous. There are infinite notes of black fruit, leather and dark coffee bean. It rolls heavy over the palate. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2025.

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2011 Tenuta di Trinoro Palazzi IGT

A pure expression of Merlot, the 2011 Palazzi is loaded tight with soft notes of overripe fruit and strawberry. This wine doesn't deliver the same focused intensity as the others and the jammy fruit will prove over-the-top for most. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2024.

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2011 Tenuta di Trinoro Tenuta di Trinoro Vino da Tavola

If you love Franchetti's signature style, the 2011 Tenuta di Trinoro is especially massive. The 2011 heat and drought contributed to further intensify the sweet fruit used to make this wine. The wine is 90% Cabernet Franc with small parts Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot, aged in new oak and cement vats. Only 500 cases were made. This wine shows high-voltage intensity and elegance with big, brooding blackness that moves slowly on the inside of the glass. The finish is soft, supple and highlighted by pretty mineral shadings. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2030.

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