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Andrea Franchetti (Tenuta di Trinoro, Tuscany) – A wealthy aristocrat and self-trained winemaker as well as good friends with some of Europe's cutting edge producers (Jean-Luc Thunevin of Château Valandraud and Peter Sisseck of Pingus), Franchetti is fashioning remarkable wines that offer complexity and compelling richness. His 1999s are superb, and barrel samples of the 2000s were even more remarkable. If Bordeaux's famous Cheval Blanc were produced in Tuscany, it might be here. Highly recommended wines: see issue #137, page 20. Importer: Rare Wine Co., Sonoma, CA; tel. (707) 996-4484