



TENUTA DI TRINORO

2006 VINTAGE

After 2005, where a perfect vintage was almost destroyed under a mass of rain, 2006 showed a coolish August, but then there was endless good weather in the fall and all the way to the edge of winter. So we lazily delayed our pickings, tasting the grapes up and down the mountain flank, tasting all the moon changes in them until we would bring in the fruit with all the ripeness we could possibly hope for (at the end we were fermenting 35 different pickings). Many tanks were opened at the bottom to spill the more sugary juice and concentrate must against the possible diluting effects of that cool August. When the wines ran into barrel they were black and perfumed and full of tannins, which now seem to have gone into hiding, ready to support the aging of the wines later.

BLENDS:

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51.5% Merlot, 30.5% Cabernet Franc, 9% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Petit Verdot

LE CUPOLE

47% Cabernet Franc, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13.5% Merlot, 9.5% Petit Verdot

REVIEWS:

Antonio Galloni, The Wine Advocate: “Proprietor Andrea Franchetti continues to turn out some of the most inspired wines in Italy. Franchetti pushes ripeness to the extreme, letting his fruit hang far longer than is the norm, which can cause problems as the growing season moves into the fall and the risk of inclement weather increases. To be sure, his is a high-risk, high-reward approach few winemakers would have the stomach for. From year to year the blend in his top bottling, Tenuta di Trinoro, varies considerably, but one thing is a constant; the wines are almost always outstanding and often profound expressions of these terroirs as interpreted by Franchetti. In recent years the second wine, Le Cupole di Trinoro, has established as a terrific wine that won't break the bank. For those who are curious, the cellar itself is as bare-bones as they come. The wines are fermented in smallish stainless steel tanks which allow Franchetti to vinify separate lots of fruit individually. The wines are aged in French barrels.”