



TENUTA DI TRINORO

2010 VINTAGE

2010 at Trinoro has been a year of heavy rains and lots of snow during the winter; spring was late, with rains covering a large part of May; the vineyards immediately showed tiredness and flowered unevenly in the middle of June. This process they continued with late settings and with irregular, slow turning of color in the berries during the month of August.

The year-in, year-out performance by vines during these more tropical years is well represented in their racing speed in 2009, their tiredness in 2010, and again their speed, as it seems, in 2011. Vines have joined the behavior of other fruit trees now that it is harder in viticulture to simulate drought and every year force their grapes into ripeness. We couldn't totally ripen the later-harvest grapes of cabernet sauvignon and petit verdot, but the fair weather after long waiting let us pick good merlots in the middle of October and very good cabernet francs from October 25-30; both are showing an unusual freshness, clarity, and fruit, which is becoming a constant feature of the wines of Trinoro.

We did some bleeding on some of the vats; otherwise simple winemaking was conducted by transferring wines off the skins as soon as fermentations were complete into new barriques chosen from those made with well-aged and lightly toasted wood. The wine has been there for 7 months and we will now rack it to vats of concrete. 2010 is a bright, profound vintage with intriguing, complex red fruit. These wines should age beautifully.

BLENDS:

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60% Cabernet Franc, 35% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Petit Verdot

PALAZZI 100% Merlot

LE CUPOLE

45% Cabernet Franc, 35% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Verdot



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REVIEWS:

Antonio Galloni, Vinous Media: “Vintage 2010 was not easy for Andrea Franchetti's Tenuta di Trinoro. The cold weather was especially tough on the later-ripening Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot. When all was said and done, Franchetti left quite a bit of unripened fruit on the vine. The 2010s are pretty, medium- bodied wines that are best enjoyed sooner rather than later.”