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As we (hopefully) are beginning to enter the final stages of this lockdown, many of us will be nearing our limits. There was a time where we visited restaurants or wine bars for our weekly fix, but our attention is now focused on enhancing what we do in the home. In this issue's drinks guide, I've put together a selection of some of my favourite luxury reds from Europe and the USA for those cool evening nights. Also, don't forget that you don't have to down the whole bottle in one go. If you're getting your hands on some pretty nice wines, seriously consider investing in a Coravin which will allow you to have a glass of each over a very long period of time. It's nice to switch things up and I truly believe a few glasses of something different will allow you to appreciate the wine a lot more than 6 of the same.

Right let's get to it!

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TENUTA DI TRINORO, IGT, 2010



When Andrea Franchetti discovered this site in the deep south of Tuscany, he knew the terroir was like nothing he'd seen before. As a Bordeaux man, terroir is everything and so removing acres of scrubs and deserted woodland he planted his vines, did his thing and naturally word spread. 9,700 vines are hand-picked bunch by bunch with several passages through the vines to ensure optimum ripeness. The wine itself is created from 60% Cabernet Franc, 35% Merlot 4% Cabernet Sauvignon and 1% Petit Verdot. The result? Stunning juicy red fruits with tobacco, spice a savoury smoke and a kiss of minerality binding it all together.

£137 from Corney & Barrow

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