



Italy, Tuscany: The Tuscan Ten - A Spotlight on Tenuta di Trinoro

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This spotlight focuses on new releases from Tenuta di Trinoro in Sarteano, southern Tuscany. All the wines are from the 2018 vintage, which proprietor and winemaker Andrea Franchetti calls a welcome change after the sweltering 2017 growing season.

“Abundant rainfall in the late spring helped the vines recover from the preceding year’s fatigue and prepared them for the hotter summer months ahead,” says Andrea Franchetti in his annual harvest report. “Showing healthy signs of abundance, we spent many hours in the vineyard de-budding with an eye toward achieving concentration later in the growing season. Summer came and went, bringing with it a mix of rainy and dry summer days as well as cool, breezy nights.”

For more context and background on Tenuta di Trinoro and Andrea Franchetti’s winemaking philosophy, you can refer to my more in-depth article published in 2015—[Italy, Tuscany: Tenuta di Trinoro - Harvesting the Singular Advantages of Oneness](#).



Tenuta di Trinoro proprietor Andrea Franchetti

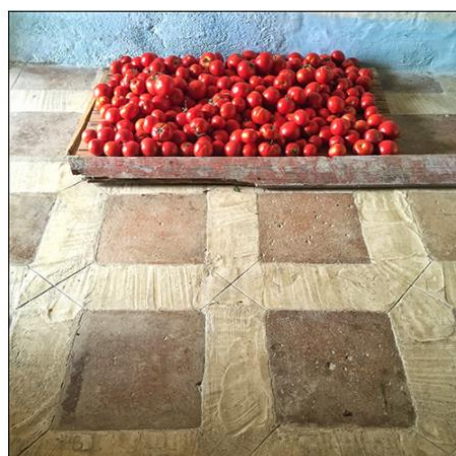
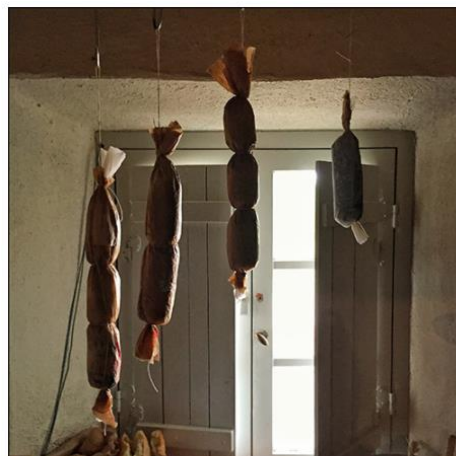
This group of reviews includes the namesake 2018 Tenuta di Trinoro (a blend of Cabernet Franc and Merlot), the 2018 Palazzi (a pure expression of Merlot), the entry-level 2018 Le Cupole (a terrific value blend of Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot), as well as three single-vineyard expressions of Cabernet Franc from the Campo di Tenaglia, Campo di Camagi and Campo di Magnacosta, respectively.



In his vintage notes, Andrea Franchetti goes on to say, "Everything again became profound and ripe, and we brought in an unexpected record crop. The 2018 vintage brought ripeness and complexity because of the long, dry autumn and the long hanging time. Beautiful, intense Merlot and rich, fragrant Cabernet Franc are at the core of the vintage, which will produce wines of great beauty, balance and complexity."

In other news, we will soon have the inaugural 2018 Bianco di Trinoro. That wine was not ready to taste at this time, but I'll get my hands on a sample after the summer.

I'll leave you with this little photo essay that depicts the shabby chic country aesthetic of Tenuta di Trinoro, located in one of the most remote and beautiful corners of the province of Siena.





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98+

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\$220

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Andrea Franchetti's 2018 Tenuta di Trinoro reminds me of the wines he made a decade ago or more. This dark, full and concentrated red blend shows a good amount of the power and the ripe, fruit-forward appeal that I associate with the wines made from those golden years from 2001 to 2007. There is a beautiful fullness and opulence here that wraps thickly over the palate with blackberry, rum cake, charred meat and black licorice. This blend of 59% Cabernet Franc and 41% Merlot offers up aromas of spice, mahogany and some of the grilled herbs or rosemary that you would associate with the Cabernet. The finish is super long and rich, with elegant tannins and lasting fruit momentum. Despite that slightly retro or nostalgic full-throttle bouquet that I described above, the mouthfeel is more tapered, fine and ethereal that you might expect. Some 7,000 bottles were made. You get all sorts of surprises from this beautiful, soulful wine.



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The Tenuta di Trinoro 2018 Campo di Camagi is a pure expression of Cabernet Franc from a two-hectare vineyard site that is farmed to very low yields at no more than six clusters per vine. Only 1,950 bottles were released. Like the others in this three-wine series of single-vineyard expressions, the Campo di Camagi sees a relatively short fermentation at up to 15 days in stainless steel, followed by eight months in new barrique and 10 months in cement. This vintage produces a beautifully lush and sweet bouquet with black cherry and blackberry as the undisputed protagonists. At 16%, you do feel the alcohol content. These sweet fruit aromas cede to pipe tobacco, spice and campfire ash. This wine steps forward in this vintage.



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This is one of three single-vineyard expressions made by the talented Mr. Franchetti. The Tenuta di Trinoro 2018 Campo di Magnacosta (with only 1,950 bottles released) is powerful and complex. Campo di Magnacosta is also very elegant, showing a slow and careful approach that takes on volume and latitude as the wine opens aromatically. Give it time. Black fruit, Spanish cedar, charred meat, crushed river stone and exotic spice take center stage. The mouthfeel offers a lot of texture and succulence, but the finish is linear and structured. The wine's length ultimately translates into elegance.



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2018 Tenuta di Trinoro • Campo di Tenaglia

2018



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Andrea Franchetti's Tenuta di Trinoro 2018 Campo di Tenaglia offers a classic interpretation of variety, vintage and territory. The wine shows the ample abundance and generosity of sunny Tuscany (with a powerful 16% alcohol content), contrasted against the linearity and sharpness of this mighty grape. Some cool spots during the growing season have contributed to the phenolic power of the wine, its lasting structure and the vivid freshness of the aromas. To the palate, this wine is enormously rich and generous with layers of black fruit, smoke, spice and barbecued meat. Among these three wines in the series, the Campo di Tenaglia delivers extra density and concentration.



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2018 Tenuta di Trinoro • Le Cupole

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This is a terrific wine that hits that proverbial sweet spot between excellence and value. The Tenuta di Trinoro 2018 Le Cupole is a blend of 40% Cabernet Franc, 37% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Petit Verdot that sees a brief eight months in second and third-passage barrique followed by some additional resting time in cement. Production is an ample 70,000 bottles. This lovely vintage shows dark fruit intensity and richness with cherry, blackberry and plum. There is a touch of sweetness, but the mouthfeel is well constructed and layered with phenolic tightness and tight natural structure that will help it age 10 years or more. Le Cupole is one of the best values found in Tuscany.



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The Tenuta di Trinoro 2018 Palazzi is a pure expression of Merlot that boasts seamless power, intensity and concentration. With a precious 1,660 bottles produced, you are treated to a full-throttle expression from Tuscany that exudes generous black fruit, spice and sweet tobacco. Black cherry and plum give the wine soft contours and sweetness. Palazzi sees 15 days of fermentation on the skins and is racked into new barrels for eight months of aging. It is then put into cement for a final 10 months of rest. To the palate, the wine is structured and concentrated, suggesting a pairing with a succulent cut of red meat marinated in rosemary and olive oil. What a beautiful treat.