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Tenuta di Trinoro

Producer Spotlight

A Tuscan Tour of Cabernet Franc

It was a miserable and rainy April day in Italy, with bone-chilling winds as I drove out of Sarteano into the Orcia Valley, where Tuscany intersects with Umbria and Lazio.

Fortunately, vintner Andrea Franchetti had given me good directions. And as I reached his vineyards at Tenuta di Trinoro, he was waiting for me at the side of the road with a pair of rubber boots.

They were vital as we journeyed the estate, which encompasses nearly 500 acres, 57 planted to Bordeaux grapes Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot. Planted in the early 1990s, these high-density vineyards are farmed organically, and their elevations range from 1,320 to more than 2,000 feet. The winery also added a small parcel of Sémillon in the early 2000s.



Tenuta di Trinoro's super Tuscans have an outstanding track record. (Jarek Pawlak)

Tenuta di Trinoro's flagship wine, Trinoro Rosso, is mostly Cabernet Franc and Merlot. Depending on the vintage, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot are sometimes added. Le Cupole is a blend of all four varieties, and the Palazzi red is all Merlot. The winery also offers three exciting single-vineyard wines made from Cabernet Franc: Campo Magnacosta is the most muscular and savory of the three, while Campo Tenaglia displays reserve and structure. Campo Camagi uses grapes from the winery's highest vineyard site, resulting in a racy, pure expression. It should be noted that Tenuta di Trinoro's reds are never oaky. After five to six months in *barriques*, Franchetti moves them to cement vats for a year, ensuring his wines' distinctive profiles.—*Bruce Sanderson*

TENUTA DI TRINORO

Toscana 2019

95 points | \$250 | 125 cases imported | Red

This pure red is defined by its lively structure, marshaling the black cherry, black currant, violet and mineral flavors to a lingering aftertaste. Thyme, sage and oak spice accents add detail as this reveals harmony and superb length. Merlot and Cabernet Franc. Best from 2024 through 2043. —B.S.



TENUTA DI TRINORO

Toscana Campo di Camagi 2019

95 points | \$110 | 55 cases imported | Red

Fresh and focused, this red features a line of pure cherry flavors, along with black currant, tobacco, iron and olive notes, all supported by a deft use of oak, firm yet pliable tannins and a long, detailed finish. Shows fine overall harmony and potential. Cabernet Franc. Best from 2024 through 2045. —B.S.



TENUTA DI TRINORO

Toscana Campo di Tenaglia 2019

95 points | \$110 | 55 cases imported | Red

Dense and tightly wound with a matrix of tannins, this rich red is also lively and harmonious, laced with cherry, blackberry, iron and tobacco flavors. Stays fresh and balanced on the lingering, savory finish. Cabernet Franc. Best from 2024 through 2043. —B.S.



TENUTA DI TRINORO

Toscana Campo di Magnacosta 2019

94 points | \$110 | 55 cases imported | Red

Bay leaf, tomato leaf and thyme aromas add a savory element to the black currant and black cherry fruit, with lively acidity and compact tannins providing support as this winds down on the lingering finish. Cabernet Franc. Best from 2024 through 2042. —B.S.



TENUTA DI TRINORO

Toscana Palazzi 2019

94 points | \$220 | 30 cases imported | Red

This vibrant red is pure and well-defined, with cherry, raspberry and floral aromas and flavors detailed by iron and wild thyme, supported from dense yet refined tannins. Excellent length. Merlot. Drink now through 2032. —B.S.



TENUTA DI TRINORO

Toscana Le Cupole 2019

90 points | \$37 | 2,500 cases imported | Red

Appealing aromas of black cherry, raspberry jam and plum pick up accent notes of earth and bitter almond in this solid red, which is balanced and shows fine length on the finish. Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot. Drink now through 2025. —B.S.

