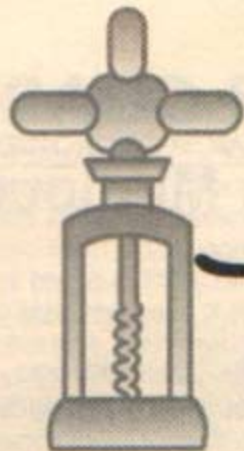


Closing Date: 10-31-10
Issue 191



Robert Parker Jr.

Wine Advocate

TENUTA DI TRINORO	2008	LE CUPOLE	SARTEANO	(\$33.00)	RED	91
TENUTA DI TRINORO	2008	TENUTA DI TRINORO	SARTEANO	(\$250.00)	RED	96+

Andrea Franchetti is one of Italy's most fascinating wine personalities. Year after year Franchetti puts compelling juice in the bottle. His wines from Trinoro, in one of the most remote corners of Tuscany, remain some of my favorite reds on the planet. Franchetti describes 2008 as "tropical" in terms of the amount of rain that fell in his vineyards. This was a very late harvest, even by Franchetti's typically relaxed standards, as the vines struggled to recover from the stress they experienced in 2007. The entry-level **2008 Le Cupole** is beautiful and expressive in its dark red fruit. The 2008 is a mid-weight Cupole, with just a touch less exuberance than the superb 2007, but with just as much personality and sheer character. Silky tannins frame the mineral-laced fruit through to the finish, where the wine's inner sweetness lingers on the close. The Cupole is one of the finest relative values in Tuscan wine, and is a one

of my go to choices on restaurant wine lists. This is another fabulous effort from Andrea Franchetti. In 2008 Le Cupole is approximately 35% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Franc, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Petit Verdot. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2016. The **2008 Tenuta di Trinoro** sweeps across the palate with layers of beautifully articulated fruit, violets, spices and minerals, while avoiding the heaviness and overripeness that characterized some of the wines of the past. The tannins and the oak both need several years to fully harmonize, but this is a soft, impeccably refined Tenuta to treasure over the next two decades, perhaps longer. The 2008 Tenuta is approximately 40% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Franc, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Petit Verdot. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2028. Importer: Tom Edward Wine, New York, NY; tel. (212) 233-1504