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Tenuta di Trinoro

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2006 Tenuta di Trinoro Le Cupole Toscana Rosso

91

(14.5% alcohol) Bright red. Captivating aromas of red cherry, white pepper, flowers and flint, nicely lifted by a hint of citrus. Intensely flavored but not weighty, with excellent energy to the red fruit, herb and tar flavors. Finishes quite dry, with smooth tannins and lingering floral and flinty nuances. A lovely wine of noteworthy complexity and precision.

2008 Tenuta di Trinoro Tenuta di Trinoro Toscana Rosso

95

(14% alcohol) Deep full ruby. Plum, blueberry, black pepper and sweet spices on the nose, complemented by hints of milk chocolate and cedar. Very pure, rich and dense on entry, with seamless flavors of spicy black fruits, bay leaf and vanilla. Finishes impressively long and suave, with a note of chocolate mint. (Incidentally, the '09, which has not yet been bottled, looks like another star in the making but in an altogether different style: bigger and more tannic, with considerable power and weight.) (USA Wine West, Sausalito, CA)