



Tenuta di Trinoro is very consciously located far away from the Chianti Classico appellation. Because this estate exists in a location that is absolutely void of neighboring wine estates, I have decided to add these notes to this report. Honestly, there is nowhere else to put them until Trinoro gets its own appellation (something I hope is in the works). These are outlier wines in terms of style and substance. Solitary and introspective, Andrea Franchetti is one of Italy's most focused and talented winemakers. This is a beautiful set of new releases, and I'd like to draw your attention to the three single-vineyard expressions of Cabernet Franc now in production. Each is exciting in its own distinct manner.

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**2015 Tenuta di Trinoro
Campo di Magnacosta**

The 2015 Campo di Magnacosta is more subdued in terms of its aromatic intensity compared to the other two wines in this series of single-vineyard Cabernet Francs. The wine shows an elegant finish that is measured more in terms of length and persistence than power and bulk. There is grace here and you taste it in the subtle way those black fruit flavors are folded within darker tones of spice, tar and cured leather. The texture is already silky to touch, and I would image that it will become even more so with time.



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**2015 Tenuta di Trinoro
Campo di Tenaglia**

Here is a dark, moody and penetrating wine. The 2015 Campo di Tenaglia is one of three wines in Andrea Franchetti's new line of single-vineyard Cabernet Francs. Although the texture here is enormously rich and opulent, this is perhaps the softest and most supple of the three expressions. It is also the most defined by its mineral identity. The bouquet reveals distinctive characteristics of flint, crushed mineral and dry chalk. This adds to the dryness and the overall intensity of the wine. In the mouth, however, it shows savory and rich succulence. This wine really speaks to my tastes.



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**2015 Tenuta di Trinoro
Le Cupole**

The 2015 Le Cupole feels downplayed next to the other new releases from Tenuta di Trinoro in this exuberant and opulent 2015 vintage. This blend of Bordeaux grapes is slightly more immediate and accessible in approach. That said, it is far more sophisticated and richly textured compared to the great majority of wines from the surrounding hillsides of Tuscany. Black cherry, sweet spice and tarry earth converge on the bouquet. The mouthfeel is slightly sweet and rich in texture.



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**2015 Tenuta di Trinoro
Palazzi**

The 2015 Palazzi is a spectacular wine, truly spectacular. This pure expression of Merlot just pushes all the right gustatory buttons in this warm and exuberant vintage. The bouquet is seamless and generous, yet it is also built tight and heavy like a tank. It exerts power and elegance with effortless abandon. The bouquet peels back to reveal deep layers of black fruit, prune, spice, leather and cured tobacco. The mouthfeel is still a bit raw and astringent, but the quality of the tannins is evident nonetheless. The wine really requires another 5 years or so of bottle aging.



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**2015 Tenuta di Trinoro
Campo di Camagi**

This is one of three single-vineyard selections of Cabernet Franc made by Andrea Franchetti. The 2015 Campo di Camagi is a super precise and elegantly delineated wine. You really feel that sharp and etched quality that you get with this mighty French grape. Black fruit and spice find unity and fuel the great power and determination that is displayed here. This wine is just begging for more bottle age. The young tannins are far from reaching their full integration. Put this bottle at the back of your cellar for now.



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2015 Tenuta di Trinoro

The gorgeous 2015 Tenuta di Trinoro pours into the glass with inky dark richness that is beautiful to behold. This wine is made primarily with Cabernet Franc but has some Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot mixed in as well. Although Andrea Franchetti had retreated from his trademark overripe style in recent years, you get a nostalgic glimpse of it here. The warm growing season has conspired to create a rich and textured red wine with aromas of blackberry preserves, cherry confit and subtle baking spice. This is a charming and exuberant creation that is open and loud even at this very young stage in its long and promising lifespan.