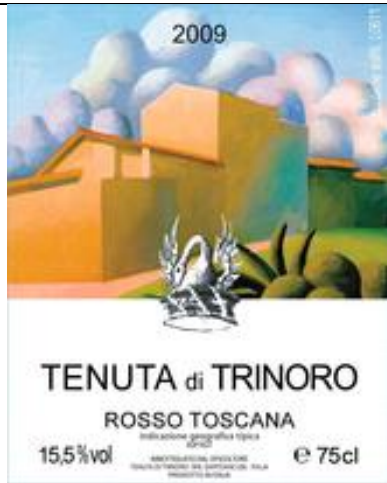




TENUTA DI TRINORO

## Tenuta di Trinoro, Tenuta di Trinoro 2009



Blend: 42% Merlot, 42% Cabernet Franc, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot

Vineyard age: 20 years

Vineyard density: 10,000 vines/Ha

Vineyard altitude: 450-600 m asl

Yield per hectare: 18 Hl/Ha

Fertilization: None

Spraying: Clay, propolis, grapefruit seed extract

Vinification: Pickings of Merlot where on September 27th, 28th, 30th and October 1st; of Cabernet Franc on October 5th, 9th, 13th and 20th; of Petit Verdot on October 27th; of Cabernet Sauvignon on October 21st and November 1st

Aging: 8 months in new French oak barriques, 10 months in cement

Bottling: March 2011

Production: 8,400 bottles

Our flagship wine, Tenuta di Trinoro is remarkably direct and appetizing, and yet it's made to last for decades. It is immediately riper and richer than red Bordeaux, benefitting as it does from the bright Tuscan sun, but is much more complex than other Italian Bordeaux blends. Like them, it is sold as a Rosso IGT, a wine with an Indicazione Geografica Tipica of Toscana, but there is nothing remotely typical about this wine.

### 2009 VINTAGE

Merlots picked in October instead of September, Cabernets at the end, instead of the middle, of the month; rainless storms rumbling over the unyielding green of the vines; rich wines, packed with salts: this is the second vintage that has passed leaving us at Trinoro with a feeling of the tropics.

In 2009, though very nourished, each of our varieties was slow to ripen. The rains waited long enough to let us pick them: that always makes a great vintage. Afterwards I found that I had an impressive spectrum of great, ripe wines of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot, each one replicated in several different pickings, to choose from. It took longer than usual to select and discard the barrels because so many of them were good. This is one of the best wines ever made at Trinoro.

*Antonio Galloni, Vinous Media, 96 points*

*Monica Larner, Robert Parker, 99 points*