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Terre di Toscana 2023

This year, once again, I was pleased to attend the amazing Terre di Toscana wine event organised by L'Acquabuona wine magazine. It was held at the same perfect venue: the Una Esperienze Hotel in Lido di Camaiore, on the Tuscany coast.



Always oversubscribed, this is one of my favourite wine tasting events of the year. The 2023 edition showcased 130 wineries, including many of the most prestigious names in the Italian wine industry. Searching out wineries that are new to me and getting to know their winemakers is the real joy for me. Often this leads to some extraordinary finds... The winemakers seem to be more relaxed at this stage of the year and appear to have time to engage in conversation and description of their products. The variety of wineries represented is really interesting, rather than a collection from a single consorzio or from only one denomination. Terre di Toscana is also open to the general public so consumers and trade representatives are able to mingle while tasting and exchange valuable opinions...

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Tenuta di Trinoro

Rosso Toscana IGT 2013

Cabernet Franc 50% Merlot 33% Cabernet Sauvignon 13% Petit Verdot 4%

Blackberry, blackcurrant, dried dark cherry, leather, mild dark spice. Dusty tannins. Difficult vintage, very cool summer, the plants' natural growing effort ripened the grapes...eventually. Not the Sun! I recall tasting this wine on release and it was very inward looking, not giving out anything. Incredible structure and depth. Today it has cast off its cloak of mystery and is showing poise, elegance and balance. The acidity is still forward even ten years on, but now brings a freshness that is unique in the style of this revered wine. Testimony to the winemaking skill of the late Andrea Franchetti.

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