



## TENUTA DI TRINORO 2014 & 2015 VINTAGE, EN PRIMEUR

*Life moves pretty fast. You don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."*

*"The question isn't 'what are we going to do', the question is 'what aren't we going to do' "*

**Ferris Bueller**

I have to say I love writing offers, particularly the Italian ones, but I appear to have been slightly "stitched-up" in following a very amusing Joh. Jos. Prüm 2015 offer from Mr Hartley, not only amusing but rather effective. He was writing about a German producer and I have taken a slightly Germanic approach to this offer with the introduction of a few lists, but then who doesn't love a list?! Anyway, back to the point and the point is Andrea Franchetti. There are many individuals in the world of wine who do things a little differently but few who thrive on going against the grain. When people have questioned what he has done, his reply has almost always been "*why can't I make the wines I want to make?*" It's a fair point. Rather than regurgitate the same adjectives people often use I thought I would ask a few of the team for one word they would use to describe Andrea, the answers are below.

**Focussed** – "Pay particular attention to"

**Uncompromising** – "Showing an unwillingness to make concessions to others, especially by changing one's ways or opinions"

**Radical** – "Characterized by departure from tradition; innovative or progressive"

**Exceptional** – "Unusual; not typical"

**Iconoclast** – "A person who attacks or criticises cherished beliefs or institutions"

**Dissident** – "In opposition to official policy"

**Mad** (with the caveat "in the nicest possible sense") – "Mentally ill; insane or very enthusiastic about someone or something"

I think you get the picture. There is real energy and drive about Andrea and the wines he produces beg you to do exactly what Ferris Bueller is talking about in the opening quote. To follow that, Andrea's attitude to what he grows, where and why is certainly well captured in the second quote.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Will Hargrove'.

**Will Hargrove**

October, 2016

## TENUTA DI TRINORO

Alison has detailed the history of Trinoro in full many times in our offers which you can see [here](#) so I have chosen instead to give you - 10 things you need to know about Trinoro:

- 1) The estate lies in the Val D'Orcia in the south of Tuscany.
- 2) When Andrea first bought the property, a centuries-old ruin of a farmhouse, there were no vines planted at all.
- 3) Planting is between 500 and 700 metres above sea level and very dense at 10,000 vines per hectare.
- 4) The estate is worked organically but as Andrea says this is not an ideological stance: "I'm not particularly green-minded or ideological – I just don't like chemicals".
- 5) The estate's first release was Cupole di Trinoro 1995.
- 6) From 1997 Cupole, meaning "dome", became the name of the estate's second wine.
- 7) Tenuta di Trinoro itself was first made and released from the 1997 vintage alongside Palazzi.
- 8) Palazzi is 100% Merlot and was made in both 1997 and 1999 before Andrea decided it was "too easy" and abandoned making it for a decade. Who else makes this type of decision?
- 9) Campo di Magnacosta, a single vineyard wine from 100% Cabernet Franc was first made in the 2011 vintage.
- 10) Two further 100% Cabernet Franc wines - Campo di Tenaglia & Campo di Camagi - were first made in the 2014 vintage.

## 2015 TASTING NOTES

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### TENUTA DI TRINORO 2015

50% Cabernet Franc, 36% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon and 4% Petit Verdot. 8400 bottles were made. "2015 is one of the great vintages of Tenuta di Trinoro" says Andrea Franchetti. I find it hard not to agree. Richness and slightly degraded fruit character, opulent. Bold yet fresh, rich, moreish but with a saline and savoury side. I have been lucky to experience several vertical tastings of this wine and can see parallels to the 1997, 2001 and 2009. SUPERB.

**CORNEY & BARROW SCORE**  
**(RECOMMENDED DRINKING FROM 2021 – 2030+)**  
**£625/CASE OF 6 BOTTLES, IN BOND UK**  
**£635/CASE OF 3 MAGNUMS, IN BOND UK**

**18 - 19**

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### PALAZZI, TENUTA DI TRINORO 2015

100% Merlot as ever. Only 3700 bottles were made. So bright and vibrant, very well fruited not over the top. Extravagant. Crimson red fruits but with creamy strawberries as well. Very good.

**CORNEY & BARROW SCORE**  
**(RECOMMENDED DRINKING FROM 2019 – 2029+)**  
**£550/CASE OF 6 BOTTLES, IN BOND UK**  
**£560/CASE OF 3 MAGNUMS, IN BOND UK**

**18 - 18.5**

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### CAMPO TENAGLIA 2015

100% Cabernet Franc. Only 1800 bottles were made. The youngest vines at 18 years, creamier and a shade darker in fruit character, some tar and more seriousness, delicious savoury palate, big ripe tannins, spice and briary character too.

**CORNEY & BARROW SCORE**  
**(RECOMMENDED DRINKING FROM 2020 – 2028+)**  
**£225/CASE OF 6 BOTTLES, IN BOND UK**

**17.5 - 18+**

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## **CAMPO CAMAGI 2015**

100% Cabernet Franc. Only 2600 bottles were made. Camagi means the "old creek", 25 year old vines here. More muted on the nose than a little sweeter on the palate, slightly less precise, herbal but then drier and tighter. Andrea is excited about a long future for this wine.

**CORNEY & BARROW SCORE**  
**(RECOMMENDED DRINKING FROM 2021 – 2028+)**  
**£250 /CASE OF 6 BOTTLES, IN BOND UK**

**16.5 - 18+**

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## **CAMPO MAGNACOSTA 2015**

100% Cabernet Franc. Only 2500 bottles were made. 20 year old vines here. Subdued class then an explosion of red fruits and real purity. Vibrant, rich? Yes but with good chalky tannins, a very moreish finish, some ferrous character on the palate. Fascinating and very fine.

**CORNEY & BARROW SCORE**  
**(RECOMMENDED DRINKING FROM 2019 – 2028+)**  
**£275/CASE OF 6 BOTTLES, IN BOND UK**

**17.5 - 18**

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## **EARLIER DRINKING - LE CUPOLE, TENUTA DI TRINORO 2014**

We always offer the previous vintage, 2014 in this case, of Cupole as it drinks earlier. Looking back at last year's offer Andrea summed up the vintage well. "Fast colouring of the berries in all vineyards during the last days of July confirmed how the plants were full of energy...the fruit remained firm and healthy to the end".

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## **LE CUPOLE, TENUTA DI TRINORO 2014**

Like raspberry coulis, lovely freshness and a bit of good "drive", I am very impressed by this and think it is the best Cupole of the last 5-6 years, and there have been many crackers in that range. Thoroughly recommended especially for those wanting to get a handle of this estate.

**CORNEY & BARROW SCORE**  
**(RECOMMENDED DRINKING FROM 2018 – 2026+)**  
**£115/CASE OF 6 BOTTLES, IN BOND UK**  
**£120/CASE OF 3 MAGNUMS, IN BOND UK**  
**£85/CASE OF 1 DOUBLE MAGNUM, IN BOND UK**

**17 - 18**

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## **TASTING GUIDE**

Our tasting notes provide full details but, at your request, we have also introduced a clear and simple marking system. We hope these guidelines assist you in your selection.

Wines are scored out of 20. It has the benefit of simplicity. We will often use a range of scores (e.g. 16.5 to 17) to indicate the potential to achieve a higher mark. When a '+' is shown it adds further to that potential. Wines from lesser vintages will, inevitably, show a lower overall score.

Wines are judged, in a very broad sense, against their peers. Why? Well, you cannot easily compare a Ford with an Aston Martin, other than they are both cars and have wheels. It is not that different with wine.

A score is a summary only. The devil is in the detail, so please focus on the tasting notes and, as always, speak to our sales team.

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