



## STEVEN SPURRIER'S fine wine world

*Decanter's* long-standing consultant editor and 2017 Man of the Year begins a new column in which he hand-picks fine wines for drinking and laying down, all priced from £25

### For the cellar

## Tenuta di Trinoro

Andrea Franchetti is a Roman aristocrat of long lineage who makes wines in southern Tuscany and on the slopes of Etna in Sicily.

The team of his UK importers, Corney & Barrow, were asked to describe him and came up with: 'radical, focused, uncompromising, exceptional, iconoclast, dissident and mad'.

A recent tasting of a dozen of his wines at Hedonism confirmed they were positively out of the ordinary. At Trinoro in Val d'Orcia he has made **Palazzo**, a 100% Merlot, since 2009, but more interesting for me were his three 2014 100% Cabernet Francs from single-vineyards:



**Magnacosta** – fragrant, deeply briary fruit, rich texture, starting to open up, 92 points, drink 2017-2027, £45.83 (in bond); **Camagi** – robustly rich, yet the Cabernet Franc shines through in a late-harvest style 93, 2017-2030, £41.67 (ib);

**Tenaglia** – fragrant and precise, shows southern Tuscan heat but still elegant, 93, 2017-2028, £37.50 (ib).

The **2000, 2005** and **2009** Tenuta di Trinoros, all superb, preceded the **2015** which stole the show: 50% Cabernet Franc, 36% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot – a triumph of Tuscan depth, elegance and class, 97, 2019-2035, £104.17 (ib).