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TRINCHERO
NAPA VALLEY

Est. 1948

2007 TRINCHERO CABERNET SAUVIGNON
HAYSTACK VINEYARD

Rating: 93

Drink 2011 – 2036

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2007 TRINCHERO CABERNET SAUVIGNON
CLOUD'S NEST VINEYARD

Rating: 90+

Drink 2013 – 2038

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2007 TRINCHERO CABERNET SAUVIGNON
MARIO'S VINEYARD

Rating: 90+

Drink 2012 – 2037

"Full-bodied, rich, and impressive, it needs 3–4 years of cellaring and should drink well for 20–25 years. It is a sleeper of the vintage."*

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2007 TRINCHERO CABERNET SAUVIGNON HAYSTACK VINEYARD

A Cabernet Sauvignon Dry Red Table wine from Atlas Peak District, Napa, North Coast, California, USA

Rating: 93

Drink 2011 – 2036

Cost: \$50

The 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Haystack Vineyard from Atlas Peak gets my top points. Made of 96% Cabernet Sauvignon and 4% Petit Verdot, this is a dense purple-colored wine with a serious aromatic expression filled with espresso roast, black chocolate, creme de cassis, and rose petals. Full-bodied, with beautiful texture, sweet tannin, and stunning concentration, this is a dense, opulent, blockbuster style of Cabernet Sauvignon that will benefit from 2-3 years of cellaring and last for 20-25 years. My first look at the Trinchero wines was certainly an impressive one. Tel. (707) 963-3104

2007 TRINCHERO CABERNET SAUVIGNON CLOUD'S NEST VINEYARD

A Cabernet Sauvignon Dry Red Table wine from Mount Veeder, Napa, North Coast, California, USA

Rating: 90+

Drink 2013 – 2038

Cost: \$50

The 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Cloud's Nest, which comes from a parcel on Mt. Veeder, displays a dense ruby/purple color, like most of the other wines, and plenty of truffle, mineral, and earthy notes intermixed with blackberry and cassis fruit as well as some Chinese black tea. The wine is dense, full-bodied, but again, relatively tannic and backward. This is a fascinating wine that needs 4-5 years of cellaring and should drink 20-25 more years. Impressive. My first look at the Trinchero wines was certainly an impressive one. Tel. (707) 963-3104

2007 TRINCHERO CABERNET SAUVIGNON MARIO'S VINEYARD

A Cabernet Sauvignon Dry Red Table wine from St Helena, Napa, North Coast, California, USA

Rating: 90+

Drink 2012 – 2037

Cost: \$50

The 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Mario's Vineyard (from a 13-acre parcel on St. Helena near their new winery) is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. This densely purple wine is youthful, but displays a big, sweet kiss of spring flowers and forest floor intermixed with creme de cassis, black cherry, spice box and tobacco leaf. Full-bodied, rich, and impressive, it needs 3-4 years of cellaring and should drink well for 20-25 years. It is a sleeper of the vintage. My first look at the Trinchero wines was certainly an impressive one. Tel. (707) 963-3104

2007 TRINCHERO CABERNET SAUVIGNON CENTRAL PARK WEST

A Cabernet Sauvignon Dry Red Table wine from St Helena, Napa, North Coast, California, USA

Rating: 88+

Drink 2011 – 2026

Cost: \$35

The other wine that showed a serious level of tannin was the 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Central Park West. This wine has the grittiest and most astringent tannins of all the wines from Trinchero, but at the same time displayed an impressive level of black currant fruit intermixed with cocoa, crushed rock, blueberry, and espresso. The wine is elegant and medium-bodied, but although the tannins do present some future concerns, there is a lot going on here. Give this wine 2-3 years of cellaring and drink it over the next 14-15 years. My first look at the Trinchero wines was certainly an impressive one. Tel. (707) 963-3104

2007 TRINCHERO MERITAGE PROPRIETARY RED

A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table wine from Napa, North Coast, California, USA

Rating: 86

Drink 2009 – 2019

Cost: \$50

The only wine from Trinchero with some tannin issues, and perhaps questionable balance among all of its elements, is the 2007 Meritage, a blend of 81% Cabernet Sauvignon and the rest Merlot, Petit Verdot, and Cabernet Franc. This wine is austere, but does exhibit some Medoc-like lead pencil notes intermixed with licorice, herbs, lavender, and red and black currants. The finish is pinched, but has good up-front complexity and the attack is sufficient. Drink it over the next decade. My first look at the Trinchero wines was certainly an impressive one. Tel. (707) 963-3104