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Best of 2012

With one mouthful of an estate name: **Cantina Kopp von der Crone Visini**; a location on few wine lovers' radar screens (the breathtakingly beautiful mountains and lakes of Ticino); and a plethora of site-specific Merlot-dominated reds understated in style, it's small wonder if you're unaware – as I was – of what Anna Barbara von der Crone Kopp und Paolo Visini are rendering in their scrupulously-tended vineyards and sophisticated facility, results of a 2006 merger of two estates that led to them marrying. I'll save their story for later and simply suggest that you audition one of their wonderful wines, particularly **2010 Tinello**. Fruit intensity without the least bit of superficial sweetness; carnal depth; myriad floral and mineral nuances; and sheer mouthwatering savor make this lean, downright refreshing (11.5% alcohol!) 100% Merlot from glacial moraine in Switzerland's southernmost village, Pedrinete, a wine that can change your mind about many things! (While tasting, I likened it to gnawing on a marrow-rich bone, and now that I have an eight month old, already 50 pound poodle at my feet determinedly demonstrating, I'm quite convinced that was the right metaphor.)

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