

IL ♥ CUORE®

“The Heart” Barbera ♥ 2009

Mendocino County
“Outstanding Quality Cal-Ital Style Wines”

IL CUORE (eel quarry) Barbera presents this robust red wine styled after wines of the fabled Piedmont region of northern Italy. Known as a rich, dry red wine it has been consumed at Italian tables throughout this region on an everyday basis for decades.

The grapes for the IL CUORE 2009 Barbera were harvested from three vineyards in northern Mendocino County. All three vineyards are located on well-drained gravelly soil terraces above valley floors. Grape production is low from old vine plantings, resulting in concentrated flavors in the mature grapes.

This vintage is a blend of 78% Barbera, 10% Zinfandel, 7% Merlot and 5% Syrah. The bright ripe raspberry aromas and rich cane fruit flavors offer attractive complexity. Barrel aging was completed in seasoned sixty-gallon oak cooperage to sculpt tannins and mature the wine, similar to the celebrated *Barbera d'Alba* of northern Italy. The wine has dark garnet color, is smooth drinking now with mouth-filling soft ripe fruit flavors. It drinks as a supple well-aged wine in its youth yet has aging potential for another 5 years.

IL CUORE Barbera is recommended with lamb dishes, broiled salmon, smoked or slow grilled meat including ribs and creamy risotto. The natural acidity makes it a fine complement to aged cheeses.

The original art for IL CUORE “*The Heart*” was created by Dan Rizzie, whose bold cubistic paintings are in the permanent collections of both *The Metropolitan Museum of Art* and *The Museum of Modern Art* in New York. The label design celebrates the moderate daily consumption of wine as part of a healthy and passionate lifestyle.



Winemaker: Dennis Patton

Release Date: November 2010

Production: 560 cases

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*“All these things shall love do unto you that
you may know the secrets of your heart.”*
Kablil Gibran

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