

IL ♥ CUORE®

“The Heart” Chardonnay ♥ 2009

95% Chardonnay, 5% Viognier

Mendocino County
“More Fruit, Less Oak”



IL CUORE (eel quarry) translates to *“The Heart”* from Italian, the language of romance. The name is also the title of the original watercolor by Dan Rizzie featured on our label. IL CUORE is a fitting tribute to the Italian immigrants who first planted the North Coast of California to vines in the nineteenth century.

IL CUORE Chardonnay is produced from grapes grown exclusively in the cool coastal region of **Mendocino County**, the viticultural “heart” of California. Vineyards in this region invoke Chardonnays that are fresh with apple and pear flavors, complemented by floral nuances in the bouquet. This vintage blend includes five percent **Viognier** to enhance tropical fruit aromas and add flavor complexity on the palate.

The fresh, graceful style of IL CUORE Chardonnay results from cold fermentation in small stainless steel vessels and small components of barrel fermentation in mostly neutral small oak cooperage. The gentle use of oak in our winemaking offers versatility with a wide range of foods.

IL CUORE Chardonnay is recommended with fish, shellfish, crab cakes, game birds, light pasta, vegetarian casserole and mildly spicy Asian cuisine.

The original art for IL CUORE 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.



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CHARDONNAY
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ALC. 13.9% BY VOL.

Winemaker: Dennis Patton

Release Date: December 2010

Production: 2,188 cases

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UPC: 0 83663 53222 4

*“A heart can only be held by a heart
the fairest setting of the loveliest jewel.”
Johann Paul F. Richter*

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