

# IL ♥ CUORE®

## “The Heart” Zinfandel ♥ 2009

### Mendocino County

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IL CUORE (eel quarry) “*The Heart*” wines are produced from premium wine grapes grown in the North Coast, the viticultural *heart* of California. **Zinfandel** from this region is legendary and has long been attributed to complex soils, warm daytime temperatures, and foggy nights. This climate provides ideal ripening and flavor maturation while protecting the vital natural acidity required to produce wines that taste great with a wide variety of foods. Considered by many as a “native California” grape, DNA analysis has determined **Zinfandel** originates from Croatia but has thrived in the Golden State’s sunshine.

IL CUORE **Zinfandel** and **Petite Sirah** grapes are harvested from three vineyards in historic Redwood Valley and on the Ukiah bench, all premium wine grape growing regions of Mendocino County. Premium **Zinfandel** wine has bountiful fruit aroma and flavors leading to some of California’s finest red wines. Old-school winemaking techniques and gentle use of oak barrel aging are used to make a ready-to-drink **Zinfandel** in its youth, yet with cellar-aging potential for another 5 years.

This wine has a mild aroma suggesting dark cherries with a woody and peppery note. The wine is medium-bodied and is supple on the palate, with pleasing flavors of ripe berries, plums and black pepper. It is a classically styled elegant wine.

IL CUORE **Zinfandel** will enhance a diverse range of cuisine, including comfort foods such as braised lamb shanks, roasted herbed chicken, salmon, hearty pasta dishes, burgers, pizza, and grilled meats. This is an ideal wine with flavors and natural acidity to complement “typical American” and spicy cuisine.



The original artwork for **IL CUORE** translated from Italian as “*The Heart*” was created by acclaimed contemporary artist 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, and adorns all **IL CUORE** wine labels.

**Winemaker:** Dennis Patton

**Production:** 1,958 cases

**Blend:** 85% Zinfandel

15% Petite Sirah

**UPC:** 0 83663 53277 4

*“Love is of all passions the strongest, for it attacks simultaneously the head, the heart, and the senses.”*  
**Voltaire**

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