

# IL CUORE 2006 Barbera



## VINEYARDS

**IL CUORE** (pronounced "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 the 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. The grapes for the 2006 Barbera were harvested from two vineyards in Lake and Mendocino Counties. Both 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.

## ARTWORK:

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.

## DESCRIPTION:

This vintage represents the fourth release of Barbera, the robust red wine of the fabled Piedmont region of northern Italy. Long known as a rich, dry red wine it has been consumed at Italian tables throughout this region on an everyday basis. The bright ripe raspberry aromas and rich cane fruit flavors offer attractive complexity. The wine has dark garnet color with mouth-filling smooth ripe fruit flavors. **IL CUORE** Barbera is recommended with lamb dishes, fresh pork sausages, smoked or slow grilled meat including ribs and creamy risotto. The firm acidity makes it a fine complement to aged cheeses. Or try sipping as an accompaniment to your next Bocce match!

## WINEMAKING:

Renowned winemaker Dennis Patton ages the wine seasoned sixty-gallon oak barrels to sculpt tannins and mature the wine, similar to the celebrated *Barbera d'Alba* of northern Italy.

## PRODUCTION:

1,018 cases - 750 ml

## BLEND:

100% Barbera

## ANALYSIS:

14.7% alcohol by volume

## RELEASE:

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