

IL CUORE 2007 Rosso Classico



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.

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 is the ninth release of Rosso Classico, a unique blend of Syrah, Zinfandel, Carignane, and Sangiovese varieties. Rosso Classico is a medium bodied yet expressive wine, produced with modest oak cooperage to emphasize supple tannins and rich fruit flavors on the palate. Rosso Classico creates a rich and exuberant expression of berries, plums and ripe cherries. Syrah is the principle grape variety for this vintage, and contributes effusive ripe cherry flavors and good acidity to cut through spicy cuisine. Zinfandel offers bold fruit flavor and black pepper with dark color, while Carignane from this region provides jammy complexity and spicy character. Sangiovese from old plantings adds succulent plum nuances, pleasant spice and great color. The fruity, spicy flavor will enhance a diverse range of cuisine, including comfort foods such as braised lamb shanks, roasted herbed chicken, classic Italian dishes and especially Mediterranean style grilled meats. Rosso Classico is excellent served with oven-roasted salmon, grilled eggplant, and has the fresh acidity to marry with spicy cuisine and dishes with tons of garlic!

WINEMAKING:

Renowned winemaker Dennis Patton produces this medium bodied yet expressive wine by using modest oak cooperage to emphasize supple tannins and rich fruit flavors on the palate.

BLEND:

51% Syrah, 26% Zinfandel, 12% Sangiovese, 6% Carignane, 5% Merlot

ANALYSIS:

14.1% alcohol by volume

RELEASE:

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