



## Atrea The Choir 2009

### Vintage and Release Information

Mendocino County White Wine 2009  
Bottled August 26, 2010  
Release Date: September 15, 2010  
Production of 634 cases

### Blend Composition/Technical Data

62% roussanne, 38% viognier  
14.1% alcohol by volume  
0.60 titratable acidity  
pH 3.54

### Vineyards and Harvest

The grapes were sourced both from our organically certified, estate vineyard and from the low-yield, organically certified Lakeview Vineyards in the Sanel Valley of Mendocino County. The roussanne and viognier blocks were harvested by hand from September 18 to October 7 following a “textbook ideal” growing season. The fruit was intensely perfumed, and the sugar/acid balance was ideal.

### Winemaking and Cooperage

The grapes were whole-cluster pressed. We used native yeast barrel fermentation with 60% in small stainless barrels and 40% in neutral French oak. (No malolactic fermentation.) The wine remained *sur lie* for eight months with bi-monthly *batonnage*.

**Winemaker Alex MacGregor**  
**Consulting Winemaker David Ramey**

### Winemaker's Comments

The hugely aromatic nose, with complex notes of orange blossoms, Asian pear, ginger and jasmine, has become the hallmark of The Choir. The palate carries similar flavors with emphasis on stone fruits. It sports richness and bright acidity without excess weight or alcohol. Wine can be powerful **and** vibrant simultaneously when made well, as The Choir demonstrates. This balance makes this wine very versatile at the table.