

2013 GIANOLI ZINFANDEL**PHILOSOPHY**

Using grapes grown in Mendocino County's rugged coastal mountains, Edmeades crafts bold, intense Zinfandels of distinctive character and personality. We work side by side with a small group of farmers, who year after year produce some of Mendocino County's most highly prized grapes. We prefer a delicate touch in our cellar, allowing each vineyard to be fully expressed in the wines we make.

HISTORY

Edmeades is famous for its limited bottlings of iconoclastic Zinfandels from the coastal mountain vineyards of Mendocino County. Dr. Edmeades planted his first 11 acres of vineyards in 1963. He founded his winery and launched his own brand in 1972. The Jackson Family purchased Edmeades in 1988 and brought current winemaker Ben Salazar on board in 2012.

VINEYARD

The Gianoli Ranch Vineyard is located in the Mendocino Ridge viticultural area. Because the mountain peaks cut through the fog cover, many locals refer to this region as 'Islands in the Clouds'. The Mendocino Ridge covers more than a quarter-million acres, but only 75 acres of the entire viticultural area is planted. The Gianoli Family, who immigrated from Prata, Italy, homesteaded the ranch and planted about 20 acres of Zinfandel grapes around 1882. Approximately 8-9 acres were replaced in 1997 with 100 year old Pronsolino root stock.

NOTES

Intense fruit aromas of cherry preserves, framboise, and cinnamon, with more subtle background hints of wild sage, pine needles, and mushrooms. Ripe cherry and raspberry flavors are accentuated by warm spices and cracked black pepper notes. Soft tannins and balanced acidity elevate the fruit intensity. Dark chocolate, vanilla, and caramelized sugar tones linger on the finish.

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STATISTICS		2013 GIANOLI VINEYARD ZINFANDEL	
APPELLATION	COMPOSITION	OAK	ALCOHOL
Mendocino Ridge	100% Zinfandel	30% New French Oak; 70% Used French and American Oak	15.5%
CASES	VINEYARD		TA
250	Gianoli		0.59 g/100ml