

2013 SHAMROCK VINEYARD 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

At 2,800 feet, Shamrock Vineyard is one of the highest elevation vineyard sites in Mendocino County, on the northern border of Humboldt County. The vineyard sits on a small 2.1-acre site perched high above the fog line. Growing Zinfandel in this extreme climate is a bit "on the edge" – where threats of frost and altitude make it a challenge to bring the fruit to full ripeness. It's the vineyard's sunny southwest exposure that makes the difference, steadily bringing the fruit to maturity with a powerhouse of intense, round flavors. The vines are young – this is just the 8th crop of Zin – which lends a youthful bravado in the glass.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

Always the most savory of the Edmeades Zinfandels, aromas of bay leaf, cherry pit, crushed cranberries, and dried herbs comprise the wine's bouquet. Flavors of fresh blackberries, cherries, and blood orange are framed by bright acidity and firm tannins.

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STATISTICS		2013 SHAMROCK VINEYARD ZINFANDEL		
APPELLATION	COMPOSITION	OAK	ALCOHOL	
Mendocino County	97% Zinfandel 3% Syrah	26% New French Oak; 74% Used French and American Oak	15.5%	
			TA	CASES
			0.59g/100ml	250 cases