

2012 GIANOLI ZINFANDEL**PHILOSOPHY**

Edmeades is pure Mendocino. It is the authentic taste of one of California's final viticultural frontiers — the Anderson Valley. Our approach is traditional and natural; our methods are decidedly low tech. We believe in native yeast fermentations in small, open-top bins, hand punchdowns, minimal manipulation and no fining or filtration at bottling. The simplicity of our methods allows the soils and climates of each site to be clearly heard in our wines.

HISTORY

Edmeades is famous for its limited bottlings of iconoclastic Zinfandel from the cool, coastal 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. Today, owners Mike and Jenny Kelly continue that viticultural legacy with their mountain-grown zinfandel.

NOTES

The 2012 Edmeades Gianoli Vineyard Zinfandel expresses intense notes of blackberries, forest floor, cracked black pepper, and cherry liquor. Flavors of ripe cherries, black fruits, extra dark chocolate, and bay leaf blend together on the palate. The finish is long with lingering notes of tobacco leaf, pepper, and spice.

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STATISTICS			
2012 GIANOLI VINEYARD ZINFANDEL			
APPELLATION	COMPOSITION	OAK	ALCOHOL
Mendocino Ridge	100% Zinfandel	15 months in 81% French oak barrels, 19% American oak barrels, 40% new	15.5%
CASES			TA
250			0.56 g/100ml