

2011 SHAMROCK VINEYARD 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, and minimal manipulation. 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

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

“The 2011 Shamrock Zinfandel expresses aromas of ripe black fruits, cedar, leather, forest floor, black licorice, and caramelized sugar. The wine is round and full bodied, with ultra-ripe cherry and plum flavors. A cracked black pepper spice transitions to an intense, smooth dark chocolate finish.”

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STATISTICS				
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APPELLATION	COMPOSITION	OAK	ALCOHOL	PH
Mendocino County	100% Zinfandel	15.0 months in 65% French oak (0% new), 35% American oak (5% new)	15.0%	3.63
			TA	CASES
			0.58g/100ml	225 cases