

EDMEADES™

EST. 1972

2005 CHASE VINEYARD ZINFANDEL**PHILOSOPHY**

Edmeades is pure Mendocino: intense, challenging, out of the box. It may be just across the Sonoma County border, but a totally different state of mind prevails. To capture the soul of these cool, rugged vineyards, our approach is traditional and our methods decidedly low tech. We believe in doing things naturally: native yeast fermentations in small open-top bins, hand punchdowns, minimal manipulation, no fining or filtration. The simplicity of our methods allows the soil and climate of each site to be clearly articulated in our wines.

HISTORY

Edmeades is famous for limited bottlings of cool-climate Zinfandel that challenge every pre-conceived notion you might have about this wine. In the cool, coastal vineyards of Mendocino County, Dr. Edmeades planted his first 11 acres of vineyards in 1963. He founded the winery and launched his own brand in 1972. The Jackson Family purchased Edmeades in 1988 and brought current winemaker Van Williamson on board in 1994. And the rest, as they say, is history.

VINEYARD

Redwood Valley lies in the cool, northeastern hills of Mendocino, where vineyards perch on rugged, rolling hills. Just 35 miles from the Pacific Ocean, Chase Vineyard was first planted in 1971. Small head-trained vineyards are farmed organically in the rich red soils. Grower Leroy Chase stands 6 ft. 4 in. tall, his work-roughened hands tenderly caring for the vines for 35 years. Like Leroy, the 2005 Chase Vineyard Zin is big – a purple giant in the bottle.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

“Think cherries ... loads of ’em. Chocolate-covered cherries, dried Bing cherries, candied cherries, perfumed cherries. Mendocino Zin may be known for cherry and berry flavors, but this bottling is over the top, with cherry bursting out in all directions, topped with a rich toasty oak bouquet with a touch of butterscotch. Bold and big, with excellent cellaring potential for five to ten years.”

-Van Williamson, Winemaker

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STATISTICS				
2005 CHASE VINEYARD ZINFANDEL				
APPELLATION	COMPOSITION	OAK	ALCOHOL	PH
Redwood Valley	100% Zinfandel	16 months in 100% French (50% new)	17%	3.86
RELEASE DATE	AGE OF VINES		TA	CASES
05.01.07	40 years		0.55g/100ml	750