

**2006 PERLI 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 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 Van Williamson on board in 1994.

**VINEYARD**

If the “Hand Tended” block of the Perli Vineyard were located at a ski resort, it would be considered double black diamond. With grades approaching 60% and soils that are more rock than soil, this steep site is one of the most radical in all of California. First planted in the late 1800s by Santo and Rosie Perli, this southwest-facing, high altitude (1,500 feet) vineyard is a mere 10 miles from the Pacific Ocean.

**RANDOM THOUGHTS**

“The Perli Vineyard Zin is composed with multiple varieties, creating a Zin that leans more toward a Claret in style. Bramble berries and spice are the predominant aromas, but you can also find hints of toffee, fresh flowers, chocolate and nectarines. The flavors are soft and supple with loads of cherries interlaced with berries, finished with stone fruits and an aftertaste approaching infinity or at least until you take another sip.”

– Van Williamson, Winemaker

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<b>STATISTICS</b>					<b>2006 PERLI VINEYARD ZINFANDEL</b>				
<b>APPELLATION</b>		<b>COMPOSITION</b>		<b>OAK</b>		<b>ALCOHOL</b>		<b>PH</b>	
Mendocino Ridge		76.5%	Zinfandel	14 months in 83%		15%		3.88	
<b>RELEASE DATE</b>		14%	Merlot	French (46% new,		<b>TA</b>		<b>CASES</b>	
7.08		9.5%	Syrah	37% one year old),		0.65g/100ml		494	
				17% American oak					
<b>PRIMARY FRUIT SOURCES</b>									
<b>VINEYARD</b>		<b>LOCATION</b>			<b>AGE OF VINES</b>		<b>COMPOSITION</b>		
Perli		Fish Rock Road			14 Years		100%		