

2006 PIFFERO 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, 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 Van Williamson on board in 1994.

VINEYARD

Piffero Vineyard lays claim to some of the most unforgiving ground in Mendocino's Redwood Valley. How unforgiving, you ask? Well, in 1930, Vitorio Piffero cleared this land using a horse, blasting powder and bare hands. His wife, Rose, followed behind planting the Zinfandel vines in the rocky red soil. It was a labor of love, to be sure. And was it all worth it? Well, if you like super-concentrated, thick, scrumptious Zinfandel, packed with black cherries and spice, then yes, it was worth it.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

The 2006 Piffero, like always, is not our big blockbuster style Zinfandel. It shows the elegance that makes Edmeades wines different than the other big style producers of Zinfandel. One of the few Zinfandels that always shows a sense of place, with bright black cherry and rose petal aromas, and minerals on the palate. This vintage shows off the intensity of fruit we get from the red soils of Redwood Valley and the minerals from the potato sized rocks. Not for the fans of "bigger is better" but plenty of intensity of fruit and long lasting aftertaste with balance and structure for aging a decade.

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STATISTICS		2006 PIFFERO VINEYARD ZINFANDEL		
APPELLATION	COMPOSITION	OAK	ALCOHOL	PH
Redwood Valley	95% Zinfandel 4% Petite Sirah 1% Syrah	16 months in 91% French oak barrels & 9% American	15.8%	3.65
RELEASE DATE			TA	CASES
April, 2009			0.61 g/100ml	500 cases