

2006 SHAMROCK 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

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 Zin 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 3rd crop of Zin, which lends a youthful bravado in the glass.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

“This wine has a bit of a split personality. From the young vines we get a healthy dose of youthful angst – dark dense and brooding, kinda like your 15-year-old nephew. But on the flip side it shows a mature, powerful body structure – wise beyond its years. The combination is intense. Look for an overload of wild blueberries, dark chocolate and dried cherries, with an underbelly of vanilla bean, toast and spice. This is a true mountain Zin.”

-Van Williamson, Winemaker

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STATISTICS		2006 SHAMROCK VINEYARD ZINFANDEL		
APPELLATION	COMPOSITION	OAK	ALCOHOL	PH
Mendocino County	80% Zinfandel 20% Syrah	14 months in 100% French (53% new)	15.3%	3.86
FRUIT SOURCE	RELEASE DATE		TA	CASES
95.4% Shamrock 4.6% Piffero	03.08		0.58g/100ml	250