

2007 MENDOCINO COUNTY ZINFANDEL**PHILOSOPHY**

Mendocino is more than a geographical location; it's a state of mind. Cross the border from Sonoma County and your perspective suddenly changes. 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.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

"The 2007 Mendocino is a little different from past vintages. Instead of being dominated by cherry aromas, this leans more towards a mixed bowl of berries. The other interesting point is an aroma like a rustic mountain cabin with fresh red meat and spices being prepared for dinner and then freshly baked wild berry pies for dessert - of course the wood stove damper is not working well so there is a little smoke in the room..."

The tannins are soft and supple, but the acidity comes through with a bit more acid structure than in past vintages and stays with you till the cows come home. We always add a little Syrah and Petite Sirah for the mid palate, filling in the hole of the donut, but this year it is a little more pronounced in the flavors and aromas, hence the gamey and meatiness underneath all the mixed fruits.

With aging the wine should evolve into a very layered and complex Zinfandel, with toast and spice from the oak picking up in intensity and the creaminess becoming more apparent after a few years."

– Van Williamson, Winemaker

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STATISTICS	2007 MENDOCINO COUNTY ZINFANDEL			
APPELLATION	COMPOSITION	OAK	ALCOHOL	PH
Mendocino County	84.1% Zinfandel 9.2% Petite Sirah 4.9% Syrah	10 months in 57% French (9% new) and 43% American (12% new)	15.2%	3.78
RELEASE DATE	1.3% Grenache .3% Merlot .1% Barbera		TA	CASES
09.08			0.60g/100ml	36,795