

**2009 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 continue to pioneer Zinfandel from Mendocino County.

**RANDOM THOUGHTS**

“The 2009 Edmeades Mendocino Zinfandel is loaded with aromas of red cherries and subtle notes of toasted vanilla. This year's tannins are once again soft and supple, the fruit is powerful, and the additions of Petite Sirah and Syrah have added a nice rural feel while also providing nice structure. Aging the wine should evolve into a nicely layered and complex Zinfandel, with toast and smokiness from the oak picking up in intensity.”

– David Ready, Jr., Winemaker

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<b>STATISTICS</b>				
<b>2009 MENDOCINO COUNTY ZINFANDEL</b>				
<b>APPELLATION</b>	<b>COMPOSITION</b>	<b>OAK</b>	<b>ALCOHOL</b>	<b>PH</b>
Mendocino County	Zinfandel Petite Sirah Syrah	10 months in 57% French and 43% American, 31% new	15.7%	3.87
<b>RELEASE DATE</b>			<b>TA</b>	<b>HARVEST SUGAR</b>
May 2011			0.67 g/100ml	25.3 Brix