

2010 SHAMROCK 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, and minimal manipulation. 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 on current Winemaker Ben Salazar in 2012.

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 Zinfandel 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 6th crop of Zin – which lends a youthful bravado in the glass.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

"The 2010 Shamrock Zinfandel is layered with aromas of spiced plums, cherry preserves, and star anise. A dense and chewy texture, which is a hallmark of this mountain-grown fruit, is complemented by the richness of its red and black fruit characteristics. Intense flavors of espresso roast coffee beans, dark chocolate and cocoa powder resonate on the finish." – Ben Salazar, Winemaker

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STATISTICS	2010 SHAMROCK VINEYARD ZINFANDEL			
APPELLATION	COMPOSITION	OAK	ALCOHOL	pH
Mendocino County	78% Zinfandel 22% Syrah	18 months in 70% French oak (35% new), and 30% American oak	16%	3.75
RELEASE DATE			TA	CASES
April 2013			0.62g/100ml	200 cases