



# EDMEADES MENDOCINO ZINFANDEL 2012

Appellation: Mendocino County, California; USA

**Winemaker:** Ben Salazar  
**Closure:** Cork  
**Alcohol:** 14.7%



## Vineyard

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.

## Tasting Notes

The 2012 Mendocino County Zinfandel is layered with aromas of wild blackberries, spiced plums, cherries, cracked black pepper, and clove spice. A round and lush texture, with flavors of blackberry compote and red-fleshed plum, is balance by fine tannins and a pleasing acidity. Notes of toasted oak, vanilla, cherry cola, and chocolate highlight a warm and juicy finish.

## Winemaker's Comments

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. In 1963 Dr Donald Edmeades, a cardiologist, became the first modern-day grape grower in the Anderson Valley when he planted 24 acres. He founded his winery and launched his own brand in 1972. Son, Deron, completed the first vintage, laying the groundwork for Edmeades wine to become the standard-bearer on the Mendocino County fine wine frontier. The Jackson Family purchased Edmeades in 1988 and continues to pioneer Zinfandel from Mendocino County.

