

EDMEADES MENDOCINO COUNTY ZINFANDEL, 2013

BACKGROUND

EDMEADES IS PURE MENDOCINO. IT IS THE AUTHENTIC TASTE OF ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S FINAL VITICULTURAL FRONTIERS - THE ANDERSON VALLEY. THE APPROACH IS TRADITIONAL AND NATURAL; THE METHODS ARE DECIDEDLY LOW TECH AND THEY BELIEVE IN NATIVE YEAST FERMENTATIONS IN SMALL, OPEN-TOP BINS, HAND PUNCHDOWNS, MINIMAL MANIPULATION, AND NO FINING OR FILTRATION AT BOTTLING. THE SIMPLICITY OF THEIR METHODS ALLOWS THE SOILS AND CLIMATES OF EACH SITE TO BE CLEARLY HEARD IN THEIR WINES.

THE FIRST ROW OF VINES WERE BARELY IN THE GROUND WHEN THE NEIGHBOURS BEGAN LINING UP TO LEAN ON THEIR SHOVELS AND SCOFF. GRAPES IN ANDERSON VALLEY? NOBODY COULD MAKE IT WORK, THEY INSISTED. THE NAYSAYERS GREW SO VOCAL THAT DR. DONALD EDMEADES DRAGGED SOME OLD REDWOOD PLANKS OUT FROM BEHIND THE BARN, FOUND SOME RED PAINT, AND CHRISTENED HIS VINEYARD WITH A SIGN OUT ON HIGHWAY 128: 'EDMEADES' FOLLY.'

'WHEN WE FIRST PLANTED UP THERE, PEOPLE SAID WE WERE NUTS,' SAID DERON EDMEADES, SON OF THE PASADENA CARDIOLOGIST WHO FOUNDED THE WINERY AND VINEYARDS. NEARLY FOUR DECADES LATER, NOBODY IS LAUGHING AT ANDERSON VALLEY WINES.

WHEN THE OWNERS SOLD EDMEADES IN 1988 TO JESS JACKSON OF JACKSON WINE ESTATE HE RETOOLED THE WINERY AND REPLANTED VINEYARDS. HE HIRED GREENWOOD RIDGE WINEMAKER VAN WILLIAMSON IN 1994 TO CREATE THE BEST WINE EVER UNDER THE EDMEADES NAME. SINCE THAT YEAR, EDMEADES HAS SET THE WINE WORLD ABLAZE, AVERAGING 10 GOLD MEDALS A YEAR AT MAJOR COMPETITIONS FROM 1994 THROUGH 2004. DURING THE SAME PERIOD, EDMEADES CLAIMED 57 CRITICAL RATINGS OF 90 POINTS OR BETTER.

TASTING NOTES

THE WINE EXPRESSES AROMAS OF RIPE RASPBERRIES, CHERRIES, RED CURRANTS, AND NECTARINES. THE FRUIT CHARACTERISTICS ARE COMPLIMENTED BY NOTES OF CINNAMON, VANILLA BEAN, GRAHAM CRACKERS, AND TOASTED OAK. SOFT TANNINS AND A MEDIUM BODY ACCENTUATE THE WINE'S GENEROUS FRUIT PROFILE. A REFRESHING ACIDITY LENDS THE WINE SPRYNNESS THAT LETS THE FRUIT RESONATE AND SLOWLY FADE OVER A LONG FINISH.



VINTAGE: 2013

WINERY: EDMEADES ([HTTP://WWW.EDMEADES.COM](http://www.edmeades.com))

REGION: CALIFORNIA

AVAILABILITY: VINTAGES

LCBO NUMBER: 105924

BOTTLE SIZE: 750 ML

COMPOSITION: ZINFANDEL (100%)