

Domaine Eden

Technical notes 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon Santa Cruz Mountains

Yield: 1.75 tons per acre
Harvest: October 1th-November 15th
Numbers @ Harvest: 22.9° Brix
3.38 pH
6.5 grams acidity

Blend - 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc,
4% Petit Verdot, 1% Malbec

Barrel Regimen - French- 33% new; aged 24 months in barrel

Bottling - August 2012; no fining or filtration

2,796 cases produced

About Domaine Eden

Domaine Eden is a nearby mountaintop wine estate purchased by Mount Eden Vineyards in 2007. It was founded and built by the late Tom Mudd in 1983, and was initially planted with the Mount Eden clonal selections of Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon, which evolved to include Pinot Noir from various Dijon and California selections.

The viticulture at Domaine Eden is approached with the same level of naturalness and sustainability as Mount Eden's estate vineyards. The soils here, however, are different from the estate's Franciscan shale so even though Domaine Eden is a mere mile away "as the crow flies", the wines express more varietal fruit with expansive mid-palate flavors than the soil-driven minerality of Mount Eden estate wines.

With the differences in vineyard character, the property inspired a new wine brand, Domaine Eden, which focuses on Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from this special site and Bordeaux varieties from Mount Eden's larger home, the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Winemakers notes at release: Early Spring 2014

2010, as it is entering into the marketplace, is revealing a different style for California. The spring was emphatically wet and cold. Late bud break and subsequent vine development pushed the harvest date way into October. This is significant because Cabernet that ripens this late in the fall is creating nuance rather than power. We envisioned an old world Bordelaise vintage and that was what we made.

We compose this wine from many local vineyards: our vines at Mount Eden, Domaine Eden and Tollgate; as well as House Family all in Saratoga. In addition, we include McCarthy and La Rusticana D'Orsa vineyards in Los Gatos. This master blend is a reflection of our small pocket of the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Youthful aromas of cassis, leather, and currant are enticing. The palate is deceptively lithe yet with penetrating, nuanced black-berry, sage and forest floor flavors. Medium-long on the finish with an overall expression of harmony and balance, this Cabernet is a lovely reflection of a cool year in a cool area.

Aging potential is mid-term: 7 to 15 years.