

# Domaine Eden

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## Technical notes 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Santa Cruz Mountains

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Yield: 2.5 tons per acre

Harvest: September 28th - October 26th

Numbers @ Harvest: 23.2° Brix

3.40 pH

6.6 grams acidity

Blend - 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot,  
2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec

Barrel Regimen - French 50%- 10 % new; American 50%- 10% new  
aged 24 months in barrel

Bottling - October 2014; no fining or filtration

Alcohol: 14%

2,624 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*: Spring 2016

When this wine was created in 1999 (then called "Saratoga Cuvee") it was to introduce the essence of our home, the Santa Cruz Mountains. Mount Eden's Estate Cabernet was already firmly established among the iconic Cabernets of California, yet we felt wine lovers needed to know more about the beautiful region we live in and the Cabernets produced there. Thus this wine was born.

2012 was a great year for Cabernet Sauvignon in California. Although a drought year, amazingly the vines did not suffer. The harvest was late and under perfect "Indian Summer" conditions. This allowed full ripeness at a slow pace. As always, the vintage is a composite of five vineyards, all within Saratoga and Los Gatos in the mid-section of the Santa Cruz Mountains appellation. Mount Eden either grows or carefully supervises all of the vineyards that blend into this wine.

The winemaking is traditional, which is Mount Eden and Domaine Eden's signature. Beautiful aromas of black currant, graphite and cedar wood dominate the nose. A full-bodied palate with black fruit and earth flavors, along with structure that is typical of mountain cabernets.