

# Domaine Eden

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Technical notes

## 2013 Chardonnay Santa Cruz Mountains

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Yield: 3.0 tons per acre  
Harvest: August 14th - September 11th  
Numbers @ Harvest: 23.7° Brix  
3.35 pH  
7.5 grams acidity

Barrel Regimen - French 35% new; aged 10 months in barrel *sur-lie*; 100% Malolactic  
Bottling - July 2014  
Alcohol: 14.5%

3,058 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

Mount Eden's goal is to create wines every year that reflect the specific vintage. It starts with our high altitude vineyards which are farmed to an extraordinary level of vine stress (no irrigation, no fertilizer and totally hand-worked) emphasizing small yields from each individual block. The winemaking is designed to be in the background so as to let the terroir speak and the growing season express.

All of our Chardonnays are fermented in small barrels and aged for nine months on their lees. The complexity and ageability that results is our goal.

2013 was the third year of the current drought cycle and this Chardonnay shows it in its density of character. A solid core of youthful citrus, orange blossom and honeysuckle aromas, combine with flavors that are broad, savory and multilayered with a seamless, long finish. Still a baby, this 2013 should drink well for another decade. This wine is composed of 72% Mount Eden estate fruit and 28% Domaine Eden fruit.