

# Domaine Eden

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Technical notes

## 2017 Pinot Noir Santa Cruz Mountains

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Yield: 1.7 tons per acre  
Harvest: September 6th-10th  
Numbers @ Harvest: 23.5° Brix  
3.50 pH  
8.5 grams acidity

Barrel Regimen - French Burgundy-1-5 years old; aged 11 months in barrel  
Bottling - August 2018; no fining or filtration  
Alcohol: 14.5%

1,848 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 2020

2017 was a picture-perfect growing season with abundant rainfall and a cold winter. Budbreak was normal and the grapes were harvested in the first half of September; a little heat before picking resulted in added concentration.

This is a powerful vintage with a deep red color. On the nose, there is an immense perfume of sandalwood, damp earth, violets and red raspberry. The palate frames layers of red fruit flavors with bright acidity and modest tannins. The overall complexity and generosity are beguiling. This wine displays the potential of the variety going back to the Burgundian, Paul Masson and his pivotal Pinot Noir planted in 1900.

The 2017 should drink well for another twenty years.