

Domaine Eden

Technical notes

2018 Chardonnay Santa Cruz Mountains

Yield: 2 tons per acre
Harvest: September 3rd-10th
Numbers @ Harvest: 23.4° Brix
3.3 pH
7.4 grams acidity

Barrel Regimen - French 2-5 years; aged 10 months in barrel *sur-lie*; 100% Malolactic
Bottling - July 2019
Alcohol: 14%

1,232 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 2021

You could say that great mountain Chardonnays and Mount Eden are synonymous with each other. The same can be said for our Domaine Eden Chardonnays. Our growing and winemaking style is consistent throughout our lineup. Given that all of our vineyards are high elevation and dry-farmed, we pick early to preserve natural acidity and low pH. Minimal intervention in the cellar allows the wines to reflect our *terroir*.

2018 was beautiful. Harvest began in the first half of September under optimal conditions. The wine was then aged in French oak for ten months *sur-lie* before bottling. Precise and detailed aromas of marzipan and lime zest emerge in the nose, balanced on the palate with citrus, cardamom, and yeasty flavors—great acidity in the long finish.

In a recent vertical tasting, starting with our first Domaine Eden Chardonnay vintage (2008), this wine is beginning to perform, just like our Estate Chardonnay. Lovely.

This wine's composition is 74% Domaine Eden fruit and 26 % from the Mount Eden Estate.