

Domaine Eden

Technical notes

2018 Pinot Noir Santa Cruz Mountains

Yield: 1.5 tons per acre
Harvest: September 1st-19th
Numbers @ Harvest: 23.0°Brix
3.40 pH
7.5 grams acidity

Barrel Regimen - French Burgundy-2-5 years old; aged 11 months in barrel
Bottling - August 2019; no fining or filtration
Alcohol: 14%

1,999 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

Back in 2008 our first Domaine Eden Pinot Noir was created and in the decade from 2008 to 2018 we have learned so much about this vineyard and the remarkable aging potential these Pinot Noirs show. Two years ago, we hosted a 34-year vertical tasting of our Estate Pinots with renowned wine critic Antonio Galloni. All the wines going back to 1983 were vigorous and delicious. We see the same trajectory for our Domaine Pinot. Ten years after vintage, the aromas exhibit complex fragrance and are deeply satisfying on the palate.

2018 has rich aromas of red raspberry, blueberry, wild anise, and moist earth dance on the nose. Firm and slightly tannic on the palate, the flavors are concentrated, intense and totally youthful. The density of flavors are hard to separate, yet it predicts a long evolution in the bottle. Gorgeous.