

Domaine Eden

Technical notes 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Santa Cruz Mountains

Yield: 2.5 tons per acre

Harvest: September 27th - October 19th

Numbers @ Harvest: 23.5° Brix

3.45 pH

6.5 grams acidity

Blend - 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot,

2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot, and 1% Malbec

Barrel Regimen - 2/3 French Bordeaux & 1/3 American Oak;

2-5 years old; native ferments

Bottling - August 2020; no fining or filtration

Alcohol: 14%

3,478 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 2022

Our Domaine Eden Cabernet is unique in the California Cabernet world, as it is a blend of five distinct vineyards in the middle of our large appellation. Based on the classic Bordeaux blends of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Petit Verdot and Malbec, all the varieties are fermented individually on native yeasts and aged in oak separately until the final blending at fifteen months. Once the lots are blended together, the wine sees an additional seven months of barrel age.

Balanced aromas of cassis and loamy earth frame the nose. Fresh, lively flavors of savory herb and blackberry engage the palate. The depth of flavor and length of finish complete the experience.

Of course, this is enjoyable now, yet it will continue to be an incredible bottle for the next decade or more.