

Domaine Eden

Technical notes

2019 Pinot Noir Santa Cruz Mountains

Yield: 1.5 tons per acre

Harvest: September 9th-12th

Numbers @ Harvest: 23.0° Brix

3.40 pH

7.5 grams acidity

Fermentation - 20% Whole Cluster, Native Ferments

Barrel Regimen - French Burgundy-1-5 years old; aged 11 months in barrel

Bottling - August 2020; no fining or filtration

Alcohol: 14%

2,363 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

When we first started making Domaine Eden Pinot Noir in 2008, the plan was to create a wine to consume young and not be too expensive. Well, after reviewing the Domaine Pinots aging in our library, we have realized this is a serious wine deserving of your cellar.

We were fortunate that the rain in 2019 was abundant. As a result, the vines grew well with little stress and the crop was average in size. Our Domaine Eden property is about a mile away from our Mount Eden Estate, as the crow flies, but to drive the six miles there takes thirty minutes. That pretty much sums up the Santa Cruz Mountains.

There is a lot to like with this young wine: medium in body, it displays aromas of raspberry, anise and vanilla with a core of classic Burgundian character. This vintage has good acidity and supporting tannins, with five to fifteen years of aging potential.