

2019 Domaine Eden Cabernet Sauvignon

Santa Cruz Mountains

History

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, who initially planted the Mount Eden clonal selections of Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon, which evolved to include Pinot Noir from various Dijon and California selections. This is the former home of Cinnabar Winery.

This 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 2023

2019 was a beautiful year for grape growing in the Santa Cruz Mountains. The winter was generous with moisture and coolness. The spring was stormy in May, but the late-season Bordeaux varieties escaped harm and set a modest crop. The harvest schedule was more typical and started in late September and into October, which was encouraging.

This wine is a composite of our appellation, produced from our Domaine Eden Cabernet vineyard and three other distinct vineyards. All of them are a short distance from Domaine Eden, with our staff farming the majority. When we started this in 1999, we wanted to offer a wine reflecting our region, which is unlike any other. A coastal, high elevation, Cabernet-based Bordeaux blend made to the Mount Eden style—structured and terroir-driven—that is also ageable and affordable.

All fermentations were indigenous, with no fining or filtration. There are loamy earth scents along with currant, blackberry and cedar. The palate is bright with blue fruit, acidity and balanced tannins. A good cellar choice for the next 7-12 years.

The Santa Cruz Mountains AVA

Mount Eden's larger home is the Santa Cruz Mountain Appellation. It is America's first mountain AVA—recognized in 1981—with winegrowing dating back to the 1860s.

The appellation encompasses the Santa Cruz Mountain range, with boundaries defined by the elevation of the fog levels at daybreak in the spring and summer months, typically between 400 feet on the western side and 800 feet on the east.

The region is planted to approximately 1300 acres of vineyards, of different varietals and soil types. The wines come from high-altitude, small vineyard lots—surrounded by native chaparral and, in some locations, Redwood trees—growing atop ancient seabed. These growing conditions give the wines a distinct character and regional identity.

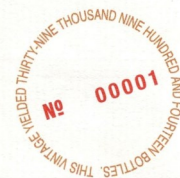


Reviews

- 94 points Antonio Galloni presents *Vinous*
- 91 points *Wine Enthusiast Magazine* **Cellar Selection**
- 90 points *Wine Spectator*
- 90 points *Wine & Spirits Magazine*

Domaine Eden

Eighty-one percent Cabernet Sauvignon, fourteen percent Merlot, two percent Cabernet Franc, two percent Petite Verdot and one percent Malbec, this wine is composed of five vineyards in and around the towns of Saratoga and Los Gatos above the floor of the Santa Clara Valley in the Santa Cruz Mountains



**CABERNET
SAUVIGNON
2019**

Winemaking and Technical Data

Rain Total 2019 Season: 52 inches

Yield: 2 tons per acre

Harvest Dates: September 9th—October 19th hand harvested

Brix: 23°

pH: 3.37

TA: 6.0

Fermentation: Native ferments

Barrels: 100% barrel aged in 66% French Oak and 34% American; 1-4 years old

Aging: 22 months

Bottled: July 2021, no fining or filtration

Cepage: 81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot & 1% Malbec

Alcohol: 14.5%

Cases produced: 3266 cases-750ml

Talking Points for Presentation

The Domaine Eden Cabernet program is a combination of Bordeaux varieties, mainly Cabernet Sauvignon from Domaine Eden (50%) and other exquisite sites in Saratoga and Los Gatos. It is a true Bordeaux style blend encompassing the top five Bordeaux grape varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot with small additions of Petit Verdot and Malbec. The lots are fermented separately using natural fermentations. Aging this wine to maturity for two years in French and American oak, it is neither fined nor filtered prior to bottling.