

# 2021 Domaine Eden Pinot Noir, 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 2024

Despite the challenge of drought in 2021, the Pinot Noir vineyards at our Domaine Eden site gave us an average yield. Luckily, our vines are well established so they have developed a deep root system over the years, allowing them to thrive even in extreme years.

The aromas are youthful and vibrant with curry spice, cardamom and strawberry scents. Medium-bodied, the flavors continue the aromas with notes of raspberry and mountain forest (reflecting the woods surrounding the vineyard.)

This Pinot Noir will pay dividends with continued aging.

## 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.



## The Vineyard:

Acreage: 13.75

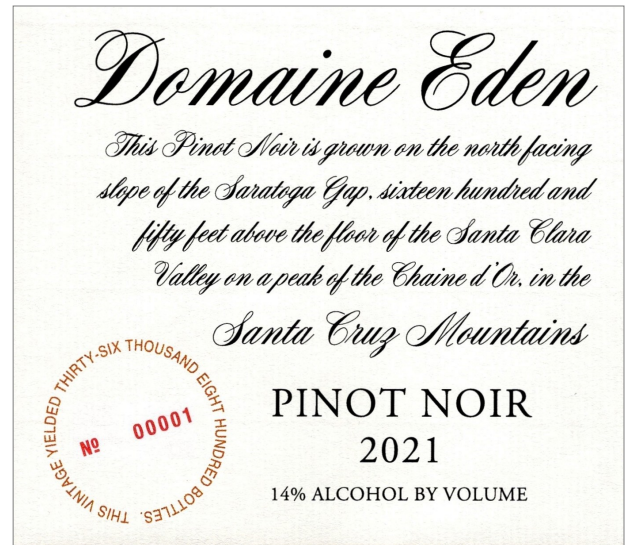
Average Age of Vines: 20 years

Clones: Dijon 667, 777, and 828,  
historic selections: Mount Eden,  
Calera, Swan, and Pommard

Training: Vertical shoot positioning

Spacing: 6 X 10

Soils: Los Gatos Clay Loam



## Winemaking and Technical Data

**Rain Total 2021 Season:** 12.7 inches

**Yield:** 2.7 tons per acre

**Harvest Dates:** September 2nd-30th, hand harvested

**Brix:** 23.7°

**pH:** 3.38

**TA:** 7.0

**Fermentation:** 15% Whole cluster

**Barrels:** 100% barrel aged in French Oak 2-5 years old

**Aging:** 11 months

**Bottled:** August 2022, No fining or filtration

**Alcohol:** 14%

**Cases produced:** 2,974

## Talking Points for Presentation

This Pinot Noir is a mosaic of different selections and clones grown at Domaine Eden. Each parcel is farmed to strict standards of sustainability and low yields. These are the same exacting methods employed for Mount Eden's Estate wines: natural indigenous fermentations—both primary and secondary, French Burgundy barrels, no fining, filtration or any other manipulation.

**Reviews:** Coming Soon