

Domaine Eden

Technical notes 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Santa Cruz Mountains

Yield: 2 tons per acre

Harvest: September 11th - October 1st

Numbers @ Harvest: 23.5° Brix

3.40 pH

6.6 grams acidity

Blend - 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 2% Malbec, 1.5% Petit Verdot,
1.5% Cabernet Franc

Barrel Regimen - French 50%- 10 % new; American 50%- 10% new

Bottling - July 2015; no fining or filtration

Alcohol: 14%

2,390 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 2017

One of the beauties about being a winemaker at a small winery is the freedom to make the kind of wines you enjoy drinking yourself. Because of our size, we do not have to succumb to pressures from the market to style our wines to the moment. Instead we follow the middle path, not underripe, not overripe, moderate alcohol, oak, density and price. We grow our vines in an old-fashioned way with no irrigation, no fertilization in the vineyard and no yeasts or cultures in the winery. This natural approach can only be done successfully on a small scale.

2013 was an early harvest, with an early bud break and relatively warm growing season. Picking was done by the end of September. *Decanter Magazine* (February 2017) rated this wine 98 points, the highest out of a field of 191 Cabernets from California. One of the judges, Stephen Brook had this to say, "Exquisite black currant nose! This leads onto a silky, lean, elegant palate with fresh acidity in an atypically mouthwatering style of California Cab. It has intensity, persistence, charm and finesse."