

Domaine Eden

Technical notes

2014 Pinot Noir Santa Cruz Mountains

Yield: 1.3 tons per acre
Harvest: August 4th - 30th
Numbers @ Harvest: 23.4° Brix
3.50 pH
7.35 grams acidity

Barrel Regimen - French Burgundy-10% new; aged 13 months in barrel
Bottling - October 2015; no fining or filtration
Alcohol: 14%

1,680 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

In the throes of a drought, 2014 gave us a lot of headaches. Only fourteen inches of rain fell during the winter; which is the lowest in my thirty-five years of farming on our mountaintop.

What to do? We decided to cut the crop at pruning to survival mode so yields were down as we expected. Fortunately, concentration was up. This was the first time I have ever done this procedure and I was extremely concerned about the precious long-term health of the vineyards: happily, it was a success.

The 2014 has a density and tannin that is bigger than previous Domaine bottlings. Cranberry, raspberry, pomegranate flavors are strong with a touch of bergamot, bay and mint adding to the mix.

For lovers of classically made Pinot, this is a great addition to your cellar.