

# Domaine Eden

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Technical notes

## 2016 Pinot Noir Santa Cruz Mountains

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Yield: 1.5 tons per acre

Harvest: August 17th - September 16th

Numbers @ Harvest: 23.0° Brix

3.40 pH

8.0 grams acidity

Barrel Regimen - French Burgundy-1-3 years old; aged 11 months in barrel

Bottling - August 2017; no fining or filtration

Alcohol: 13.5%

1,558 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 2019

Our Domaine Eden Pinot is a classic interpretation of the variety. The word is "elegant" – nothing is exaggerated or out of place and the acidity is balanced with moderate alcohol. It is just as it should be.

Grown on a north facing slope at 1600 feet on our Domaine Eden estate, the grapes were harvested from August 17th - September 16th under perfect late summer days. All fermentations were natural and the wine was aged for 12 months in one to three-year-old French oak. There was no fining or filtration before bottling, a natural wine in its essence.

The aromas speak of cherries with a note of forest spice. Flavors echo the more deep cherry fruit and subtle oak flavors. This Pinot will continue to develop and improve for the next decade.