

# Domaine Eden

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## Technical notes 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Santa Cruz Mountains

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Yield: 1.75 tons per acre

Harvest: September 16th - 29th

Numbers @ Harvest: 23.0° Brix

3.42 pH

6.8 grams acidity

Blend - 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot,  
5% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot, and 1% Malbec

Barrel Regimen - French & American; 1-3 years old; native ferments

Bottling - July 2018; no fining or filtration

Alcohol: 14%

2,699 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*: Summer 2019

Thankfully, California's five-year drought ended in 2016. Cool-weather and ample rainfall during the winter helped to slow the growing season. Harvest was not super early, giving the grapes time to develop a depth of flavor.

Fresh, vibrant aromas of red raspberry and loamy earth merge with a concentrated palate of currant, earth notes, and characteristic iron.

This wine is unique in the Santa Cruz Mountains in that it is an appellation wine. Our partners in this endeavor: McCarthy Family Vineyards, La Rusticana d'Orsa, Tsai Family and, of course, our Mount Eden and Domaine Eden sites all contribute to this wine. The result is a Bordeaux blend that reflects the middle of the mountain range, Saratoga and Los Gatos specifically. The vines range from sixteen to forty years old: Bordeaux varieties have an innate vigor that, with good viticulture, can allow prosperous old age. The final blend is Cabernet Sauvignon 75%, Merlot 15%, Cabernet Franc 5%, Petit Verdot 4%, and Malbec 1%.