

Domaine Eden

Technical notes

2017 Chardonnay Santa Cruz Mountains

Yield: 2.5 tons per acre
Harvest: September 11th-14th
Numbers @ Harvest: 23.5° Brix
3.45 pH
8.0 grams acidity

Barrel Regimen - French 1-5 years; aged 10 months in barrel *sur-lie*; 100% Malolactic
Bottling - July 2018
Alcohol: 14%

1,942 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 2020

2017 was a beautiful vintage across all of our wines, Chardonnay included. A long growing season due to mild temperatures in the summer gave the wine full maturity and complexity.

Barrel-fermented in our mountain cave, the composition of this wine is 64% Domaine Eden fruit and 36% Mount Eden Estate fruit. A departure from earlier vintages where Mount Eden fruit was the majority, this shift has created a more approachable Chardonnay with aromas of honeysuckle blossom, gunflint and lemon zest dance on the nose. On the palate, impressions of lemon custard and loamy earth are pervasive on the long finish.

Expect further development in the bottle for another ten years.