

# Domaine Eden

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Technical notes

## 2019 Chardonnay Santa Cruz Mountains

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Yield: 2.5 tons per acre  
Harvest: September 12th-13th  
Numbers @ Harvest: 22.0° Brix  
3.40 pH  
8.0 grams acidity

Barrel Regimen - French 1-5 years; aged 10 months in barrel *sur-lie*; 100% Malolactic  
Bottling - July 2020  
Alcohol: 14%

1,666 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 2022

In 2019, late rains hit the flowering season hard and brought our harvest down to the lowest yields since 1998.

That said, here in the Santa Cruz Mountains, we are accustomed to the twists of nature. The wine quality is the only thing that genuinely matters and the vintage turned out wonderfully—subtle aromas of hazelnut, anise and vanilla. On the palate, crisp minerality with firm structured acidity is foremost. Flavors of citrus, earth and brown spice come to the fore.

Given the winemaking style, which emphasizes Burgundian ageability, expect future development over the next ten years.

This wine's composition is 76% Domaine Eden fruit and 24 % from the Mount Eden Estate.