

# 2020 Domaine Eden Cabernet Sauvignon

## Santa Cruz Mountains

### History

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, who initially planted the Mount Eden clonal selections of Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon, which evolved to include Pinot Noir from various Dijon and California selections. This is the former home of Cinnabar Winery.

This 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 2024

Our Domaine Eden Cabernet is sourced from four local vineyards, including four acres at our Domaine Eden site, in contrast to our Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, which is solely from our Mount Eden Estate. These vineyards share our commitment to conservative yields, hand tending and sustainable practices.

2020 was a drought year, the start of a three-year cycle; however, there was abundant rain in 2019, which lessened the effects. Harvest was leisurely in late September/early October with full ripeness.

Classic black currant aromas with nuances of mint and olive; the youthful tannins are soft and present. Beautiful round flavors of currant, plum and earth come across the palate with a surprising sense of harmony. Although tempting to drink now, this vintage will continue to evolve over the next decade.

### The Santa Cruz Mountains AVA

Mount Eden's larger home is the Santa Cruz Mountain Appellation. It is America's first mountain AVA—recognized in 1981—with winegrowing dating back to the 1860s.

The appellation encompasses the Santa Cruz Mountain range, with boundaries defined by the elevation of the fog levels at daybreak in the spring and summer months, typically between 400 feet on the western side and 800 feet on the east.

The region is planted to approximately 1300 acres of vineyards, of different varietals and soil types. The wines come from high-altitude, small vineyard lots—surrounded by native chaparral and, in some locations, Redwood trees—growing atop ancient seabed. These growing conditions give the wines a distinct character and regional identity.

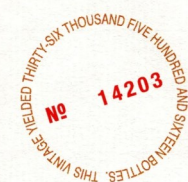


### Reviews

Coming Soon

## Domaine Eden

*Seventy-seven percent Cabernet Sauvignon, eighteen percent Merlot, two percent Cabernet Franc, two percent Petite Verdot and one percent Malbec, this wine is composed of five vineyards in and around the towns of Saratoga and Los Gatos above the floor of the Santa Clara Valley in the Santa Cruz Mountains*



**CABERNET  
SAUVIGNON  
2020**

### Winemaking and Technical Data

**Rain Total 2020 Season:** 20.6 inches

**Yield:** 2.5 tons per acre

**Harvest Dates:** September 9th—October 19th hand harvested

**Brix:** 24°

**pH:** 3.37

**TA:** 6.0

**Fermentation:** Native ferments

**Barrels:** 100% barrel aged in 66% French Oak and 34% American; 1-4 years old

**Aging:** 22 months

**Bottled:** July 2022, no fining or filtration

**Cepage:** 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot & 1% Malbec

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**Cases produced:** 2,982 cases

### Talking Points for Presentation

The Domaine Eden Cabernet program is a combination of Bordeaux varieties, mainly Cabernet Sauvignon from Domaine Eden (50%) and other exquisite sites in Saratoga and Los Gatos. It is a true Bordeaux style blend encompassing the top five Bordeaux grape varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot with small additions of Petit Verdot and Malbec. The lots are fermented separately using natural fermentations. Aging this wine to maturity for two years in French and American oak, it is neither fined nor filtered prior to bottling.