



"This iconic winery continues to offer wines with personalities and styles that set them apart (especially the estate wines) from just about anything else readers will taste from California." - RMP

EXCEPTIONAL *Domaine Eden*

SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS

Founded in 1942 by Martin Ray and perched on a 2000 foot peak in the Santa Cruz Mountains 15 miles from the Pacific, **Mount Eden** is California's original artisan winery. Jeffrey Patterson has been winemaker since 1981. With the luxury of outstanding vineyards – excellent exposure, soils, and altitude that naturally limit yields and enhance varietal typicity – Patterson can emphasize down-to-earth vinegrowing rather than forceful winemaking, turning his passion for European traditions into world-class wines.

Domaine Eden is a nearby mountaintop wine estate the Pattersons purchased in 2007. Modeled after the Mount Eden estate, the property was founded and built by the late Tom Mudd in 1983. Mudd even planted the vineyards with Mount Eden clonal selections of Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon, evolving to include Pinot Noir from various Dijon and California selections. This is the former Cinnabar Winery.

Domaine Eden CHARDONNAY

Jeb Dunnuck on 2014: **92pts** "Showing a deep gold color, the 2014 Chardonnay (57% declassified Mount Eden fruit, aged 10 months in 35% new barrels) offers lots of orchard fruits and buttered citrus, terrific minerality and reductive notes, medium-bodied richness and a silky texture."

Domaine Eden PINOT NOIR

WE on 2014: **93pts** "This wine's wild raspberry, mace, composting violets, kola nut and musk hints make for a very pretty but extremely complex nose. Fermented with 30% whole clusters, it's energetic on the palate, with dark cranberry and sharp raspberry flavors enhanced by allspice and anise. It has a very long finish."

Domaine Eden CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WE on 2014: **93pts** "Once again, this more affordable "younger brother" to the Mount Eden bottling competes with gusto. Including 14% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot and 1% Malbec, it shows savory black plum, black pepper, char, leather and dried herb aromas on the nose. The palate is hearty and almost salty tasting, with beef, charred black fruit, pine resin and caramel flavors. Very satisfying and full of umami characteristics."

also from Mount Eden Vineyards

CHARDONNAY "Old Vines" Edna Valley

Mount Eden has made this since 1985, from Edna Valley's oldest vineyard, planted in 1976 and dry-farmed. *Vinous*: **90pts** "Soft contours and mid-weight structure give the 2015 much of its immediacy and sheer appeal. Orchard fruit, sweet floral notes, light honey, apricot and a hint of oak grace the silky, mid-weight finish. This is one of the very finest California Chardonnays in its price range."

CHARDONNAY ESTATE

Parker's *WA*: **94pts** "Pure silk on the palate, the 2013 Chardonnay Estate offers textbook notes of buttered apples, brioche, toasted bread and hints of minerality to go with medium to full-bodied richness, beautiful purity of fruit, no hard edges and impeccable balance." *Decanter*: **95pts**; *WE*: **95pts**

CHARDONNAY ESTATE RESERVE

Vinous on 2013: **94+pts** "Translucent and lifted, the 2013 Chardonnay Reserve is yet another brilliant wine from Mount Eden. Lemon confit, white flowers and mint all grace this exquisite, super-inviting Chardonnay."

PINOT NOIR ESTATE

Parker's *WA*: **96pts** "The 2013 Pinot Noir Estate is one of the stars from the appellation, and the vintage. Offering fabulous notes of black cherries, currants, crushed rocks and sous bois, this beauty hits the palate with medium to full-bodied richness, building tannin and a killer finish. This is a sensational Pinot Noir that can be enjoyed today, or cellared for a decade or more."

CABERNET SAUVIGNON ESTATE

Vinous on 2013: **94+pts** "The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon is wine of real pedigree and class... Blackberry jam, grilled herbs, smoke and plum all resonate on the palate. Inky, deep and plush... positively striking today, with compelling inner sweetness, tons of perfume and exceptional balance." *WE*: **95pts**; *Decanter*: **95pts**

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