



"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

ICONIC MOUNT EDEN VINEYARDS

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.

CHARDONNAY "Old Vines" Edna Valley

Edna Valley's oldest vineyard, the dry-farmed Wolff was planted in 1976. Mount Eden has made **this** Chardonnay for **31 YEARS** – since 1985! *Vinous on 2015: 90pts* "The 2015 Chardonnay (Edna Valley) is once again the hidden gem in the Mount Eden range. 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.**"

Domaine Eden CHARDONNAY

Jeb Dunnock 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."

CHARDONNAY ESTATE

Parker's *WA on 2013: 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. It's beautiful today, but should evolve gracefully for at least 5-6 years. Looking at the 2013s from Jeffrey Patterson, these are serious wines that need to be on your short list for purchasing, and both the Chardonnay and Pinot Noir are in the top handful of wines in the appellation." *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."

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."

PINOT NOIR ESTATE

Parker's *WA on 2013: 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."

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."

CABERNET SAUVIGNON ESTATE

Vinous on 2013: 94+pts "The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon is wine of real pedigree and class that is going to need at least a handful of years to enter the prime of its drinking window. Blackberry jam, grilled herbs, smoke and plum all resonate on the palate. Inky, deep and plush, the 2013 remains quite primary. I will not be surprised at all if the 2013 develops into an even better wine with time. That said, the 2013 is positively striking today, with compelling inner sweetness, tons of perfume and exceptional balance." *WE: 95pts; Decanter: 95pts*

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MOUNT EDEN

SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS

"Jeffrey Patterson is one of the most soft-spoken winemakers in California, but don't let that fool you; he is a man of deeply held convictions, with strong views that inform all of his wines. Mount Eden and its sister estate Domaine Eden remain surprisingly under the radar. Part of that is undoubtedly a result of the decision to sell most of the production through distribution rather than direct to the consumer, where there is a greater opportunity to build a stronger bond and brand awareness with the end customer. What that means in practical terms is that these wines sell for far less than wines of similar quality from other parts of the US and around the world.

"The Mount Eden wines remain reference points for the Santa Cruz Mountains, while the Domaine Eden range is designed to deliver that pedigree at more accessible prices. In addition to these current releases, Patterson also showed me all of the vintages of his Chardonnay Reserve. For his Reserve, Patterson takes a portion of the Chardonnay juice and gives it an additional six months in tank, a reductive approach favored by a number of top growers in Burgundy, including (Domaine) Leflaive and Roulot, among many others. ...

"Although the Santa Cruz Mountains has seen a rush of interest in the last few years, when all is said and done there are two winemakers who remain the unquestioned reference-points because of their unparalleled track records; Paul Draper and his team at Ridge and Jeffrey Patterson at Mount Eden." – Antonio Galloni, [Vinous](#)



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