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2015 MOUNT EDELSTONE

GRAPE VARIETY

100% 103 year-old single-vineyard shiraz grown on the Mount Edelstone Vineyard in the Eden Valley wine region, managed with organic and biodynamic practices.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 10 – 19 March | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.48 | Acidity: 6.36g/L

MATURATION

Matured in 22% new and 78% seasoned (78% French, 22% American) oak hogsheads for 18 months prior to blending and bottling. Bottle aged in the Henschke cellar for museum release.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Deep garnet with crimson hues. Intensely fragrant aromas of blackberry, black cherry and satsuma plum are complemented by bay leaf, sage and black pepper, with subtle notes of cedar, charcuterie and leather. A powerful yet refined palate of dark berry fruits, black tea, cocoa and cassis is framed by lively acidity and fine-grained tannins, delivering impressive length.

BACKGROUND

The beautiful and historic name Mount Edelstone is a translation from the German Edelstein meaning 'gemstone', a reference to the small yellow opals once found in the area. The Mount Edelstone Vineyard was planted in 1912 by Ronald Angas, a descendant of George Fife Angas who founded The South Australian Company and played a significant role in the formation and establishment of South Australia. Unusual for its time, the vineyard was planted solely to shiraz. The ancient 500-million-year-old geology in the vineyard has given rise to soils that are deep red-brown clay-loam to clay, resulting in low yields from the ungrafted centenarian vines. The wine was first bottled as a single-vineyard shiraz in 1952 by fourth-generation Cyril Henschke. By the time Cyril purchased the vineyard from Colin Angas in 1974, Mount Edelstone was already well entrenched as one of Australia's greatest shiraz wines. Crafted by the Henschke family for 70 years now, Mount Edelstone is one of the longest consecutively produced single-vineyard wines in Australia.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

A traditionally wet winter, mild spring and excellent fruit set provided a great start to the 2015 vintage after four vintages with below-average yields. Spring was dry and led into a very mild, dry summer with no disease, resulting in fruit with higher natural acidity and incredible flavour and colour concentration. January started with dry, hot and windy weather; however, by the end of the first week, relief came with 60–75 mm of rain and a record-breaking coolest January in 11 years. The rain was perfectly timed and the mild weather that followed from February through to April provided a fairytale vintage. The 2015 vintage produced elegant Shiraz that shows extraordinary flavour, purity of fruit and acid balance with the potential for excellent ageing.

DRINKING WINDOW

Exceptional vintage;
drink now to 2045+.

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