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2006 MOUNT EDELSTONE

GRAPE VARIETY

100% 94-year-old single-vineyard shiraz grown on the Henschke Mount Edelstone Vineyard in the Eden Valley wine region, managed with organic and biodynamic practices.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 30 March – 20 April | Alcohol: 14% | pH: 3.55 | Acidity: 6.3g/L

MATURATION

Matured in 90% new and 10% seasoned (67% French, 33% American) oak hogsheads for 21 months prior to blending and bottling. Bottle aged in the Henschke cellar for museum release.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Deep garnet with brick-red hues. Fragrant and complex aromas of blackberry, blueberry, mulberry and black plum are layered with pink peppercorn, bay leaf and cedar. A rich and concentrated palate unfurls dark berry fruits, sage and spice, with vibrant acidity and silky tannins carrying through to a long, powerful finish.

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 dry-grown, ungrafted centenarian vines. First bottled as a single-vineyard wine 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 over 65 years now, Mount Edelstone is arguably the longest consecutively-produced, single-vineyard wine in Australia.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The 2006 vintage shaped up as another high-quality year, but with only average yields. Winter and spring rains were some of the best for years in the lead-up to flowering, although some varieties such as riesling and shiraz suffered more than others from poor set. While there was some frost damage, this only had a minor impact on the overall yield. Summer was mild with brief heat waves that were early enough not to affect quality.

DRINKING WINDOW

Excellent vintage;
drink now to 2045+.

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