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Mount Edelstone 2001

Grape Variety

100% 90-year-old single-vineyard shiraz grapes grown in the Eden Valley wine region.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 4-27 April | Alcohol: 14% | pH: 3.45 | Acidity: 6.2g/L

Maturation

Matured in new and seasoned French and American hogsheads for 21 months prior to blending and bottling.

Background

The Mount Edelstone vineyard, situated in the Eden Valley, was planted in 1912 by Ronald Angas, a descendant of George Fife Angas, who founded South Australia. Unusual for its time, it was planted solely to shiraz. The ancient 500-million-year-old soils on the vineyard are deep red-brown clay-loam to clay, resulting in low yields from the nearly 90-year-old dry-grown ungrafted centenarian vines. First bottled as a single-vineyard wine in 1952, it became recognised as one of Australia's greatest shiraz wines.

Vintage Description

The season began with good winter and spring rains, although there were some isolated black frost pockets in October. Good set at flowering continued on to one of our hottest summers on record. Occasional timely thunderstorms arrived to maintain the humidity with a few millimetres of wonderful rain. Vintage began two to three weeks early but the heat had the potential to reduce flavours and produce high pHs and frighteningly low acids. With the arrival of milder autumnal weather came a natural rebalancing, providing only average yields but excellent whites and exceptional reds.

Wine Description

Deep brick red in colour. Classic Mount Edelstone aromas of concentrated spicy plum, sage oil and black pepper with developing creamy oak and herbal notes. The beautifully balanced palate shows plum, rosemary, sage, anise and black pepper flavours, with great depth and structure, finishing with fine acidity and long silky tannins.

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Cellaring Potential

Excellent vintage,
20+ years (from vintage).

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