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Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards

Mount Edelstone 1999

Grape Variety

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

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 19 March-24 April | Alcohol: 14.4% | pH: 3.31 | Acidity: 5.9g/L

Maturation

Matured in new and seasoned French and American hogsheads for 18 months prior to blending and bottling. Bottle aged at Henschke Cellars in Keyneton for museum release.

Background

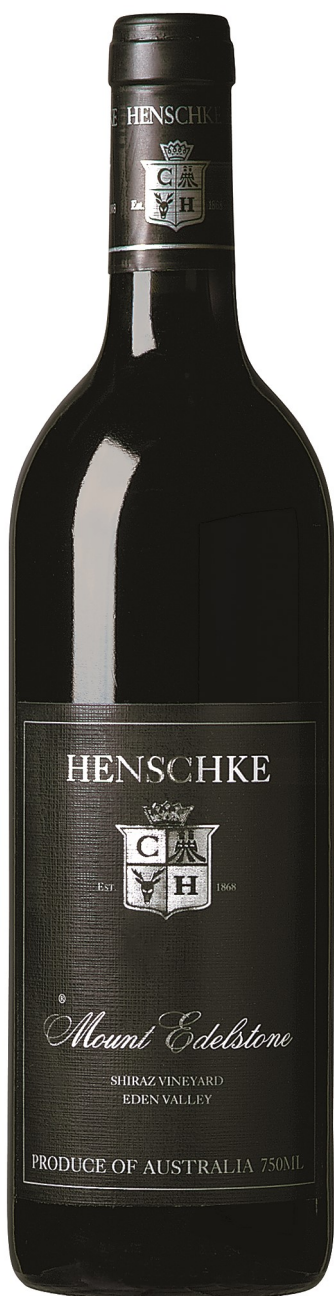
The Mount Edelstone vineyard, situated in the Eden Valley, was planted in 1912 by Ronald Angas, a descendant of George Fife Angas, who founded South Australia. Unusual for its time, it was planted solely to shiraz. The ancient 500-million-year-old soils on the vineyard are deep red-brown clay-loam to clay, resulting in low yields from the nearly 100-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 latter part of spring led into one of the hottest summers on record, with virtually no rain. The drought conditions resulted in smaller berry size, producing spicy, dark intense reds. Tropical cyclones Elaine and Vance brought unseasonal rains in mid-March, causing widespread botrytis problems requiring careful handpicking. 1999 proved to be another challenging vintage for Eden Valley although the final quality results made it worthwhile.

Wine Description

Vibrant crimson with deep red hues. Concentrated aromas of dark plums, cherry skins and blackcurrants with savoury hints of sage, black pepper and cedar. The palate expands on this with rich blackberry compote and ripe black fruits, and beautifully developed fine-grained tannins balanced by an elegant acid backbone that provides a long and plush finish.



Cellaring Potential

Excellent vintage,
20+ years (from vintage).

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