



# HENSCHKE

*Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards*

## Mount Edelstone 1994

### Grape Variety

100% 82 year-old single-vineyard shiraz grapes grown in the Eden Valley wine region.

### Technical Details

*Harvest Date:* Late March | *Alcohol:* 14.2% | *pH:* 3.32 | *Acidity:* 6.7g/L

### Maturation

Matured in new and seasoned French and American hogsheads 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, the vineyard was planted solely to shiraz in ancient 540 million-year-old soils which are deep red-brown clay-loam to clay, resulting in low yields from dry-grown ungrafted vines. The name Mount Edelstone is a translation from the German 'Edelstein', meaning gemstone and was first bottled as a single-vineyard wine in 1952.

### Vintage Description

Due to a mild summer there was quite a late, slow start to the 1994 vintage. March temperatures were mild to high, which had a dramatic effect, causing everything to ripen at once. The fruit quality was fantastic, with below average yields and exceptional colours, flavours and acid balance in the reds. The 1994 vintage was one of the best years on record.

### Wine Description

Crimson in colour with brick-red hues. Enticing aromas of Satsuma plums, blackberries and blue fruits are supported by signature Mount Edelstone characters of crushed sage and black pepper, and a hint of roasted game meats. The palate is rich, fleshy and fruit driven with herbal complexities and savoury notes. A beautiful line of acidity and fine-grained tannins endure for an elegant and lingering finish.

### Cellaring Potential

Exceptional vintage, 30+ years (from vintage).

### Reviewed July 2017

