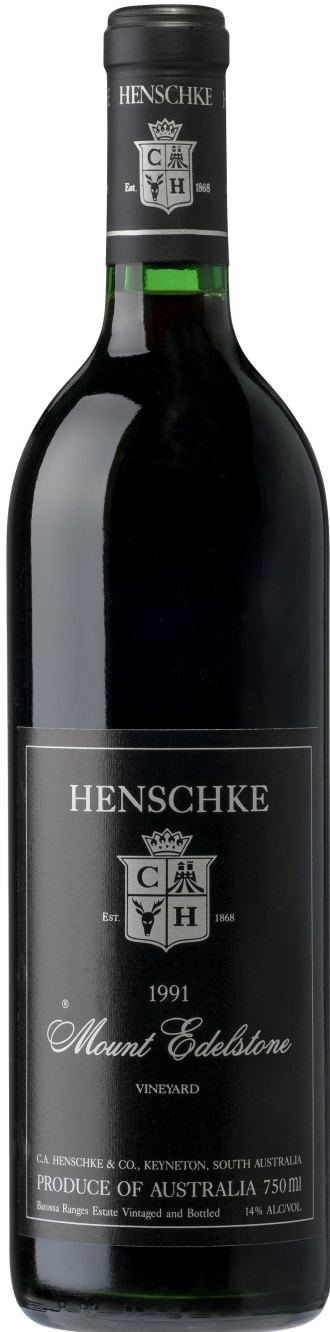




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Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards



Cellaring Potential

Excellent vintage, 15+ years.

Mount Edelstone Shiraz 1991

Grape Variety

100% 79-year-old-vine shiraz grown in the Eden Valley wine region.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: mid-April | Alcohol : 14% | pH: 3.28 | Acidity: 6.5g/L

Maturation

Matured in new and seasoned American and French oak hogsheads for 18 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 80-year-old dry-grown ungrafted vines. First bottled as a single-vineyard wine in 1952, it became recognised as one of Australia's greatest shiraz wines.

Vintage Description

The growing season was preceded by a late, mild winter with a below average rainfall. Budburst was 2-3 weeks early, in mid-September, and a 'model' mild spring allowed for perfect flowering conditions in early December. The vintage also began 2-3 weeks early after a hot dry summer, with once again little wind as per the 1990 season. The autumn weather, which was warm to hot with no rain until Easter, encouraged rapid ripening and excellent maturity of the fruit.

Wine Description

Crimson red in colour. Sweet, ripe and spicy nose with coconut, vanilla, plum, anise and pepper hints. The lush, concentrated palate exhibits sweet, ripe plums with layered, velvety tannins and a long, dry finish.

Reviewed August 2008.