



# HENSCHKE

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## 1989 MOUNT EDELSTONE

### GRAPE VARIETY

100% 77-year-old single-vineyard shiraz grown on the Henschke Mount Edelstone Vineyard in the Eden Valley wine region, managed with organic practices.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 18 March - 3 April | Alcohol: 13.5% | pH: 3.28 | Acidity: 6.0g/L

### MATURATION

Matured in oak for 21 months prior to blending and bottling. Bottle aged in the Henschke cellar for museum release.

### WINE DESCRIPTION

Medium garnet with tawny hues. Alluring aromas of baked plum, raspberry jam and rosehip are laced with sage, bay leaf, black pepper, mushroom, leather and umami-soy notes. A delicate mid-palate of plum compote, cherry, vanilla, anise and dark chocolate is framed by oak, earth and soft, velvety tannins that drive a long, elegant 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. The wine was first bottled as a single-vineyard shiraz 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 1989 vintage was preceded by a mild winter with above-average rainfall and a hot, windy start to spring. Further drizzly, windy weather during flowering resulted in poor fruit set in some varieties. A mild, dry summer set the scene for excellent quality, which was only impacted by two weeks of excessive heat when vintage started in late February. A great vintage with average to good yields.

### DRINKING WINDOW

Great vintage;  
drink now.

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