

HENSCHKE



Tasting Notes

Wine and Vintage

Mount Edelstone 1986

Grape Variety

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

Background

The Mount Edelstone vineyard, meaning gemstone, is a single delineated historic vineyard planted in the 1920s on the eastern slopes of the hill of the same name, located near Keyneton high in the ranges east of the Barossa Valley. Aged vines, deep loam soil, Mediterranean climate and traditional winemaking techniques have continued to create one of Australia's most unique old vine shiraz wines. The 70-year-old dry-grown vines are low yielding producing extraordinary intensity of colour, depth of fruit flavours, complexity and palate length. The Mount Edelstone wines have received awards at national wine shows since 1956.

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

Very deep crimson in colour. Perfumed with sweet spice, showing intense blackberry, ripe plum, prune, licorice and tar aromas and subtle hint of gaminess, cedar and bacon. The palate is rich and complex with powerful fruit, opulent structure and wonderful texture with velvety tannins and a very long finish.

Cellaring Potential

Exceptional vintage, optimum year 2010.

Serving Idea

Simple juicy grilled steak of well-aged beef with red wine butter.

Technical Data

Harvest date:	19 March-20 April
Alcohol:	14.4
pH:	3.31
Acid:	5.9