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1994 MOUNT EDELSTONE

GRAPE VARIETY

100% 82-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: Late March | Alcohol: 14.2% | pH: 3.32 | Acidity: 6.7g/L

MATURATION

Matured in new and seasoned French and American oak hogsheads prior to blending and bottling. Bottle aged in the Henschke cellar for museum release.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Deep garnet with brick-red hues. Intensely aromatic signature Mount Edelstone characters of crushed sage and bay leaf, atop burnt orange and plum compote, and more earthy aromas of shiitake mushroom, licorice root and leather. The palate is rich with juicy with lashings of blackcurrant and fig jam, savoury charcuterie, sandalwood, dried sage and black peppercorn. A bright raspberry-like acidity and very fine, velvety tannins round out the palate with complexity and elegance.

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. First bottled as a single-vineyard wine 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

A mild, dry summer resulted in 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 balance of acidity in the shiraz. The 1994 vintage was one of the best years on record.

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