



# HENSCHKE

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## 2013 MOUNT EDELSTONE

### GRAPE VARIETY

100% 101-year-old single-vineyard shiraz grown on the Henschke Mount Edelstone Vineyard in the Eden Valley wine region, managed with organic and biodynamic practices.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 5 - 9 March | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.59 | Acidity: 6.1g/L

### MATURATION

Matured in 34% new and 66% seasoned (81% French, 19% American) oak hogsheads for 18 months prior to blending and bottling. Bottle aged in the Henschke Cellar for museum release.

### WINE DESCRIPTION

Dark crimson with bright ruby hues. Lifted aromas of sage, bay leaf, black pepper, brown baking spices, plum pudding and blue fruits are woven together with charcuterie and earthy notes. The palate is rich and complex with layers of blackcurrant, blackberry and Satsuma plum, expressing hints of cedar and leather. Balanced acidity and fine-grained tannins reveal incredible length and depth.

### 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

The lead-up to the 2013 vintage saw an early onset of summer, with occasional thunderstorms and only four heat spikes, into the 40s, over summer. A cooler than average January followed by a warm February, brought the predicted early vintage even further forward. Even after the dry-fecta of winter/spring/summer the word from the winery floor was that it would be another great Eden Valley riesling year, followed up with some great old-vine shiraz. Fortunately, a desperately needed 16mm of rain came, the first for nearly six months, at the beginning of March to help the dry-grown vines struggle through to full maturity. The roller-coaster weather ride continued through March with almost weekly cycles of hot and cold. Cool drizzly weather at the end of March nearly brought the harvest to a halt, but a return to the Indian summer conditions in early April gave us a chance to get the late varieties in Eden Valley over the line for another great vintage of average yields and fabulous, rock-solid quality.

### CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage;  
Drink now – 2045+

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