



# HENSCHKE

*Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards*

## Mount Edelstone 1995

### Grape Variety

100% 83-year-old single-vineyard shiraz grapes grown in the Eden Valley wine region.

### Technical Details

*Harvest Date:* Late April | *Alcohol:* 13.5% | *pH:* 3.39 | *Acidity:* 5.9g/L

### Maturation

Matured in French and American (new and seasoned) hogsheads for 18 months prior to blending and bottling. Bottle aged at Henschke Cellars in Keyneton for museum release.

### 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 100-year-old dry-grown ungrafted centenarian vines. First bottled as a single-vineyard wine in 1952, it became recognised as one of Australia's greatest shiraz wines.

### Vintage Description

The 1995 vintage saw a culmination of two drought winters, record severe frosts, poor fruit set and a hot dry summer that made the start of vintage difficult. A warm, dry January and February combined with low crop levels brought on an early harvest. The coldest March on record with ripening halted for two to three weeks allowed fruit to develop more flavour and intensity. Fortunately, the weather remained dry and cold nights retained the natural acidity in the fruit. A warmer April gave rise to good colour and quality.

### Wine Description

Deep crimson in colour with brick red hues. Enticing aromas of ripe red and blue fruits with characteristic savoury notes of sage and black pepper. The lush palate shows layers of texture, savoury fruit and velvety tannins and a long, fine finish.



### Cellaring Potential

Excellent vintage,  
20+ years (from vintage).  
Ideal to drink now.

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