

HENSCHKE



Tasting Notes

Wine and Vintage

Mount Edelstone 1989 Museum Release.

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

Great vintage, average to good yields. The vintage was preceded by a mild and above average winter rain rainfall and a hot, windy start to spring. Further drizzly windy weather during flowering resulted in poor fruit set in some shiraz in the Barossa Ranges. A mild, dry summer set the scene for excellent quality which was only spoiled by two weeks of excessive heat when vintage started in late February.

Wine Description

Brick red/crimson in colour. The cherry plum bouquet shows slightly sappy hints. On the palate it is sweet, light and juicy with chewy tannins and a long finish.

Cellaring Potential

Excellent vintage, optimum year 2005.

Serving Idea

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