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Mount Edelstone 1992 (Museum Release)

Grape Variety

100% 80-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 lead-up to the 1992 vintage saw a late wet winter, although the yearly rainfall was 50mm below average. The mild spring was ideal for flowering and encouraged excellent berry set. A long, dry, cool summer with the coolest January on record delayed harvest. Despite the predictions being just above average, actual yields were only 10% less than the big 1990 vintage.

Wine Description

Crimson with brick red hues. Sweet red and black fruit aromas with savoury herbal notes of sage, bay leaf and black pepper, and a hint of leather and roast meats. The palate is lush and complex with dark fruit, chocolate and dried herb flavours, and textural layers of fine, velvety tannins for a long, elegant finish.

Cellaring Potential

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

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