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Cellaring Potential

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Mount Edelstone Shiraz 2003

Grape Variety

100% 90-year-old-vine shiraz grown in the Eden Valley wine region.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 4-11 April | *Alcohol :* 14.5% | *pH:* 3.44 | *Acidity:* 6.2g/l

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 vines. First bottled as a single-vineyard wine in 1952, it became recognised as one of Australia's greatest shiraz wines.

Vintage Description

After one of the worst droughts in history the soil moisture profile and dams were lower than at the start of winter. Spring was frosty and windy but not overly wet. The frosts in October were bad news for many, although the rains were at least strategic, which resulted in better fruit set than the previous year. The hot, dry and windy weather during summer stressed the vines severely, reducing the berry size and crop. A serious rain event occurred in late February causing some fruit split. 2003 must surely go down on record as being one of our hottest, driest and windiest summers, leading to a smaller vintage of potentially very good quality

Wine Description

Deep crimson in colour. Sweet ripe lifted blackberry, plums, prunes and anise with tar and bacon oak characters. The palate is sweet, fine and solid with a chunky texture; big and rich. Lots of tannins, firmer structure and good length.