



# HENSCHKE

OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



## 1992 MOUNT EDELSTONE

### GRAPE VARIETY

100% 80-year-old single-vineyard shiraz grown on the Henschke Mount Edelstone Vineyard in the Eden Valley wine region, managed with organic practices.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

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

### MATURATION

Matured in new and seasoned French and American oak hogsheads for 18 months prior to blending and bottling. Bottle aged in the Henschke cellar for museum release.

### WINE DESCRIPTION

Medium tawny with crimson hues. Deep, brooding aromas of dried sage, crushed flowering herbs, cooking spices, leather and black peppercorn, with blackberry compote and wild red berries. A lively, dry and savoury palate of brown spice, sage leaf and peppercorn, with a lift of tart red fruit on the palate, is balanced by bright rhubarb-like acidity and fine-grained tannins.

### 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 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. Yields were excellent and above average.

### CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage;  
Drink now - 2030.

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