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Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards

Mount Edelstone Shiraz 1993

Grape Variety

100% 81-year-old-vine shiraz grown in the Eden Valley wine region.

Technical Details

Harvest : mid-April | Alcohol : 14.6% | pH: 3.67 | Acidity: 6.2g/L

Maturation

Matured in new and seasoned American and French oak hogsheads for eighteen months prior to blending and bottling.

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 over 80-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

The wines from our 125th vintage, 1993, experienced a very difficult start to the season. 51% of the annual rainfall fell during September to December 1992 thus being our wettest year since 1851 and the recorded wettest December for 26 years. Spring weather was unpredictable and not particularly conducive to flowering or berry set.

Enormous problems occurred due to very heavy rainfalls and flooding during these months. Vintage was about a month late due to the dry, mild to cool temperatures during summer. February was the coolest since 1954. In general the 1993 wines are very good to excellent with good concentration of colour and flavor.

Wine Description

Brick red to crimson in colour. Sweet, earthy and toasty bouquet with hints of vanilla, spicy plums, blackberries, tar and anise. The palate is sweet, ripe, lush and juicy with velvety tannins and great length.

Reviewed July 2008



Cellaring Potential

Great vintage, 20+ years.