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## Mount Edelstone 1988

### Grape Variety

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

### Technical Details

Harvest Date: Mid March | Alcohol: 13.5% | pH: 3.56 | Acidity: 5.6g/L

### Maturation

Matured in new and seasoned French and American hogsheads 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, the vineyard was planted solely to shiraz in ancient 540 million-year-old soils which are deep red-brown clay-loam to clay, resulting in low yields from dry-grown ungrafted vines. The name Mount Edelstone is a translation from the German 'Edelstein', meaning gemstone, and was first bottled as a single-vineyard wine in 1952.

### Vintage Description

The 1988 vintage proved to be a particularly eventful year with excellent winter rains, hail damage in spring, rains during flowering and a very hot summer. A week and a half of century heat in January was followed by a cool and misty February until another 10 day heat wave at the end of March. Despite a roller-coaster of weather events the 1988 vintage in Eden Valley produced excellent quality fruit with concentrated flavours.

### Wine Description

Deep crimson with brick red hues. A bouquet of lifted spicy plums, prunes and anise with a hint of chocolate and mint. The palate is rich and concentrated with layers of sweet, ripe plum and berry fruits entwined with savoury, earthy notes; complex fine-grained tannins providing texture, balance and length for a soft, lingering finish.

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### Cellaring Potential

Excellent vintage,  
20+ years (from vintage).  
Under ideal cellaring  
conditions.

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