



HENSCHKE MOUNT EDELSTONE SHIRAZ, 2012

BACKGROUND

ONE OF THE LONGEST-ESTABLISHED NAMES IN THE BAROSSA. JOHANN CHRISTIAN HENSCHKE PURCHASED LAND FOR A FARM AT KEYNETON IN 1861, AFTER FLEEING RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION IN KUTSCHLAU, SILESIA (GERMANY). HE PLANTED A SMALL VINEYARD AND AN ORCHARD, AND AFTER INITIALLY MAKING WINE FOR FAMILY CONSUMPTION PRODUCED HIS FIRST COMMERCIAL VINTAGE IN 1868, BELIEVED TO BE PRINCIPALLY RIESLING AND SHIRAZ.

HIS SON, PAUL GOTTHARD, CONTINUED FARMING AND WINEMAKING AND PLANTED MORE VINES TO INCREASE WINE PRODUCTION. UPON HIS FATHER'S DEATH IN 1914, THIRD-GENERATION PAUL ALFRED TOOK OVER THE PROPERTY AND AS DEMAND FOR FORTIFIED WINES GREW, WINEMAKING ASSUMED GREATER SIGNIFICANCE. EACH GENERATION BUILT UPON THE REPUTATION FOR QUALITY, BUT IT WAS FOURTH-GENERATION CYRIL ALFRED HENSCHKE WHO IN 1958 CREATED THE WINE THAT HAS MOST CAPTURED THE RED WINE WORLD'S IMAGINATION - HILL OF GRACE - HIS FIRST VINTAGE OF THIS SHIRAZ WAS PRODUCED IN 1958. TODAY, FIFTH-GENERATION STEPHEN HENSCHKE AND HIS WIFE PRUE UPHOLD THE FAMILY NAME AND REPUTATION, AS WINEMAKER AND VITICULTURIST RESPECTIVELY.

TASTING NOTES

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.

REVIEWS

98 POINTS. JAMES HALLIDAY (AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION):

"VIVID, DEEP PURPLE-CRIMSON; THIS IS A BLUE-BLOOD ARISTOCRATIC SHIRAZ, CERTAIN IN ITS SUPREME POWER, LENGTH AND BALANCE, AND NOT GOING OUT TO PROVE ANYTHING. IF ANYONE DOUBTS ITS QUALITY NOW, THE SCALES WILL FALL FROM THEIR EYES OVER THE DECADES AHEAD, AS IT WILL BE RECOGNISED BY ALL AND SUNDRY AS ONE OF THE GREATEST MOUNT EDELSTONES. DRINK BY: 2062"



VINTAGE: 2012

WINERY: HENSCHKE ([HTTP://WWW.HENSCHKE.COM.AU/](http://www.henschke.com.au/))

REGION: BAROSSA VALLEY

AVAILABILITY: VINTAGES

LCBO NUMBER: 718601

BOTTLE SIZE: 750 ML

COMPOSITION: SHIRAZ / SYRAH (100%)