

The Wine Advocate

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Mitolo, which began operations in 1999, is a partnership of Frank Mitolo and winemaker Ben Glaetzer. The focus is on McLaren Vale fruit from Willunga, the most southern part of the district.

2007 SAVITAR McLAREN VALE SHIRAZ *93 points*

The saturated purple 2007 Savitar Shiraz delivers scents of underbrush, plum, and black fruits. Opulent, layered, and dense, this rich, succulent Shiraz will evolve for several years and offer prime drinking from 2011 to 2020.

2007 REIVER BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ *92 points*

The 2007 Reiver Shiraz is opaque purple-colored with legs that ooze down the glass. Aromas of cedar, spice box, mineral, espresso, and wild blueberry are followed by an intense, sweetly fruited lengthy wine.

2007 SERPICO McLAREN VALE CABERNET SAUVIGNON *91 points*

The 2007 Serpico Cabernet Sauvignon offers up toast, chocolate covered cherries, and mineral notes. Structured and a bit compact, it will round out with a few more years of bottle age but without the generosity normally associated with this cuvee.

2007 G.A.M. McLAREN VALE SHIRAZ *91 points*

The higher-end wines begin with the 2007 G.A.M. Shiraz. Purple-colored, it offers an alluring bouquet of spice box, black cherry, blueberry, and a hint of chocolate. This leads to a concentrated, ripe, layered wine with excellent depth and length. Already complex, it will continue to evolve with another several years of cellaring. Drink it from 2011 to 2020.

2007 JESTER SHIRAZ *91 points*

The 2007 Jester Shiraz is dark ruby/purple-colored with an alluring perfume of mineral, earth notes, blueberry, black cherry, and blackberry. Smooth textured, ripe, and intensely flavored, the wine conceals enough structure to evolve for 4-6 years. The finish is lengthy and pure. I was also shown the 2002 Jester Shiraz and, I know this is hard to believe, at age six it tastes like a small scaled version of Guigal's La Landonne.

2007 JESTER CABERNET *90 points*

The 2007 Jester Cabernet Sauvignon spent 11 months in oak. Purple-colored, the nose reveals smoke, black currant and cassis. This leads to a medium to full bodied ripe wine with excellent depth and concentration. Currently the wine is a bit tight but 1-2 years of additional bottle age should round it out nicely. It should be at it's peak from 2010 to 2017.