

# MITOLO

purity · elegance · power

2005 G.A.M. SHIRAZ

*Vineyard Region*  
McLaren Vale



**95 points**

“Fashioned from a McLaren Vale vineyard, the 2005 Shiraz G.A.M. (named after the Mitolo children – Gemma, Alexander and Marco) is a deep ruby/purple-hued effort displaying beautiful blackberry, white pepper, liquorice, and toasty oak notes. Rich full-bodied, and intense, with blueberry and blackberry flavors, sweet tannin, and excellent purity, it is a *tour de force* in winemaking. Enjoy it over the next decade.”

**The Wine Advocate, Robert Parker, 2006**

**90 points**

**Wine Enthusiast, April 2007**

“There is a lot of black opulence here, but it is super controlled. The ripeness, strength, and yet softness of this wine's tannins is a lesson in what is possible, as is the vague lilt of coffeed, smoky, roasted oak, the perfect glove to the hand of slippery, dark, plummy, jammy fruit. I love the smell, I love the taste, I love the feel. There is warmth here, especially tasting it in summer, but consumed in winter, as it is meant to be consumed, it will carry its alcohol easily. This is a super smart wine. Drink: 2008-2017. 93 points.”

**The Wine Front, Campbell Mattinson, February 2007**

**Blue/Gold**

**2007 Sydney International Wine Competition**

“The palate is really beautiful with ripe, not jammy fruit. Youthful but ripe tannins which offer support, structure, persistence and balance. This should be absolutely terrific in a year or two. It integrates seamlessly with food. A gorgeous, fine wine.”

**Sydney International Wine Competition 2007, Martin Moran**

**GAM 2005**

“This is a rich, well balanced, classic McLaren Vale style showing blackberry varietal character with just a hint of spice. The palate is particularly mouthfilling, but not jammy, and the oak is very well integrated. This is an excellent expression of region and variety.”

**Winewise, Volume 23, June 2007.**

**Silver Medal**

**Decanter World Wine Awards 2007**

“Full red purple in colour. Full dark chocolate and blackberry and licorice. The palate is rich warm with the alcohol making it's presence known over the fruit. The palate is rich and mouthfilling with excellent full oak characters. Good back palate before a good long warming finish. An excellent rich warm wine. Not sure about it for the long term but in the medium term it will age magnificently.”

**Murray Almond, [www.vinosense.com](http://www.vinosense.com), March 2007**

“With talented Ben Glaetzer at the controls, McLaren Vale's Mitolo's specialities are shiraz. They are excellent drops in every respect from a very fine vintage...”

**Sunday Telegraph, John Fordham, March 2007**

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