

MITOLO

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2006 JESTER CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Vineyard Region
McLaren Vale



PRESS REVIEWS

90 Points

“Bright purple. Deeply concentrated blackberry and blueberry aromas are brightened by exotic flowers, tobacco and Asian spices. Supple dark berry preserve flavors coat the palate, with gentle tannins adding support. Finishes with impressive cling and length, echoing the dark fruit and floral notes. I'd err on the side of youth and drink this over the next few years to best enjoy its flamboyant fruit.”

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, September 2008.

“A bit of inside track on this wine...Mitolo made no Serpico this year (their massively serious top of the range Cabernet) and so all unused Serpico fruit flowed straight into this wine. For me this is the stand out Mitolo red of the vintage, with it's licorice and chocolate flavours, and it just happens to be the cheapest! Do the right thing!”

The Matthew Jukes 100 Best Australian Wines 2008, May 2008.

“The Mitolo brand arrived out of the blue in 1999, combining the viticultural and winemaking talents of Frank Mitolo and Ben Glaetzer respectively. The new releases are delicious regional specialities sourced from Mitolo's vineyards at Willunga, at the southern end of the “Vale”. The cabernet is idiosyncratic- pure and fruity, with an unusually fleshy palate, derived, says the press release, from drying the fruit on racks for weeks prior to fermentation. a la Verona's Amarone method.”

Chris Shanahan, Sunday Canberra Times, April 2008

90/100

“Beautiful leafy black currant of cabernet dominates the nose with an understatement of cedary oak. Palate is sweet and supple with a dense middle. Silky smooth and very long in the mouth. Like the dense, succulent middle palate.

Ray Jordan, West Australian, April 2008

5 Unbeatable

“Something different, a really interesting dry red made from McLaren Vale cabernet grapes, including a significant amount of rack-dried fruit in the Italian Amarone style. Rich and complex with sweet and savoury tastes, imposing to a point but not ponderous or overwhelming, the Jester is a must-buy for those in search of individuality and innovation in Australian red wine.”

Paddy Kandler, Quaffing, The Herald Sun, March 2008.

92 Points

“The 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon “Jester” includes 20% dried grapes in the style of Amarone. Purple colored, it has a fragrant bouquet of black fruits, tar and violets This leads to a smooth-textured, layered, dense wine with enough structure to evolve for 4-6 years. It has a long, pure finish and can be enjoyed over the next 15-20 years. It is a superb value in Cabernet Sauvignon”

Jay Miller for Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate November 2007

“I worry sometimes when I read my tasting notes. What am I supposed to make of this: “I'm tasting this and I feel as though there is a hurricane lancing in from my left”. I mean ...what? It was late in the day. Some excuse. Ok. This is pretty dense stuff- plum skins, dates and prunes- but it's saved from being OTT by a swish of herbs and a surprising streak of lemon zest.”

Oz Clarke- Oz Clarke Wine Buying Guide 2008, Dec 2007