

# MITOLO

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## 2006 VINTAGE

## TASTING NOTES

JESTER SANGIOVESE ROSE

**Vineyard Region**  
McLaren Vale



### **Background:**

Mitolo Wines is a family owned winery, established in 1999 by Frank and Simone Mitolo. Individual, handcrafted, premium wines built on passion and an uncompromising commitment to quality define Mitolo Wines. Winemaker, Ben Glaetzer became a partner in the business in 2001.

Mitolo Wines express purity of varietal flavour, show elegance of structure with soft tannins whilst being rich, powerful and complex.

### **Key Facts:**

This Rose is distinctive, elegant and true to its variety, showing vibrant varietal character, clean acidity and soft texture which leads into a long, dry and balanced finish. Sangiovese is wonderful with food and compliments an array of dishes.

### **Vineyard:**

The vineyards are in the Willunga district in the southern end of McLaren Vale. The heavy grey loam soils over sandstone, intermixed with black Biscay clay, combined with a maritime climate, contribute to an even ripening period and the development of rich fruit flavours and ripe tannins.

### **Vintage 2005:**

2006 has been another pleasing vintage. An early heat wave in late January caused defoliation to many varieties in McLaren Vale but fortunately Mitolo's vineyards had developed healthy canopies throughout December and January which provided the fruit with adequate protection from the harsh northerly winds. Harvest of the Sangiovese grapes commenced relatively early (10 March).

### **Vinification:**

A combination of whole berry and low fermentation temperatures contribute a lifted bouquet. The juice is left on skins for 3 days, then using free run only, drained off and fermentation occurs at low temperatures for 3 weeks. The wine is then cold stabilised and filtered before bottling.

### **Tasting Notes:**

Red cherry colour. The nose features a fragrant combination of red cherry and strawberry aromas. It is rich, juicy and has plenty of mouth-coating flavour. The palate displays layers of red berry fruit which combine with mineral notes, leading to a long dry finish. It has excellent depth of fruit which is carried through to the back palate by the clean acidity and just a touch of tannin to avoid any cloying. A pretty and elegant wine.

### **Cellaring:**

Drink Fresh. Will age reliably under screw cap for 2 years.

### **Winemaker:**

Ben Glaetzer