

Vineyard Region  
McLaren Vale



## PRESS REVIEWS

**94 Points**

Deep crimson-purple, uses the Amarone technique, with 20% of the grapes air dried for eight weeks before being crushed. It adds a dimension of richness to the blackcurrant fruit and creating a velvety texture.

**Wine Companion, James Halliday, November 2011**

**88 Points**

Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2010 Jester Cabernet Sauvignon has a nose of ripe black currant, dried Mediterranean herbs, dried plums and cumin seed with a whiff of toast. Full-bodied and with a generous amount of herbal cassis flavors, it offers a medium level of grainy tannins, lively acid and a long finish.

**Wine Advocate, Robert Parker by Lisa Perotti Brown M.W., December 2011**

Mitolo's Jester Cabernet Sauvignon fits the bill perfectly. It's from McLaren Vale, so the first thing you can assume is that it will be rich, but soft, with plenty of chocolaty generosity. Check! There's a core of ripe plummy fruit with a touch of red fruits too and, being cabernet, there's a dry dusty finish and some nice just gripping tannin. Twenty per cent of the fruit was air dried, giving this wine an edge over more traditional cabernets. It lends a sweet almond character. I'm always a fan of cabernet with tomato-based dishes, so I'm sure it will match beautifully with this week's lasagne.

**Canberra Times, Fergus McGhee, August 2011**

The type of red that will impress on a formal dinner table without stretching the budget into a higher price bracket. The vibrant fruit in the 2010 Jester Cabernet has an immediate impact on the nose and the palate. There is a spicy edge to the wine, with berry and chocolate sitting on savoury tannins.

**Launceston Examiner, Mike Burnett, September 2011**

**8.8/10**

Kings and queens had jesters, one of whom this is named after, but why not modern leaders? The leader of the opposition? Meanwhile this wine is no joke.

**Grape Expectations, Max Crus, September 2011**

A reticent young wine, delivering a delicate earthy nose with hints of liquorice. Fresh and clean, Jester gives a polished palate with tantalisingly smooth tannins and crisp acidity. Though not particularly gutsy, subtle flavours of berries and chocolate will develop well with cellaring. A tasty addition to lamb dishes.

**Geelong Advertiser Wine Jury, Leanne Churchill, September 2011**

Aged in oak barrels used for the premium Serpico cabernet, the Jester cabernet is a rich, flavorsome amalgam of ripe fruits and subtly integrated oak.

**The Courier, Ross Noble, August 2011**

Twenty percent of the hand-picked fruit was air-dried for 8 weeks, adding depth and texture to this ripe well-crafted Cab. A subtle earthiness and scent of spiced rose underlies the ripe berry fruit and vanilla. Dry, medium-full bodied and generous, the well-integrated tannins and refreshing acidity provide balance to the ripe spice-infused fruit. Long, fresh spicy on the finish, it's looking for a nice juicy steak.

**Susan Desjardins, Ontario, October 2011**

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Jammy blackberry aromas rough things up on the nose, with red liquorice, raspberry, cherry liqueur and perfume working well in secondary slots. Fullbodied and quite juicy, the Mitolo straddles a fine line between overdone oak and alcohol, yet somehow doesn't manage to succumb to either. The big, chewy cassis, anise and light herbal notes marry well on the palate. The finish is a bit hot, but nothing a big piece of protein won't fix.

[www.wineaccess.ca](http://www.wineaccess.ca), Ben MacPhee-Sigurdson, December 2011

The innovative Mitolo range takes inspiration from European wine regions, in this case Italy and the red wines of the Veneto. Andre Bondar describes this wine as '20% amarone' with some of the Cabernet grapes having been raisined to enrich the must. The result is a lively yet rich wine with enticing blackcurrant and mocha fruit. Pasta dishes with red meat or braised lamb shanks should be on the menu.

Patricia Langton, Slurp, December 2011

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[www.savvycompany.ca](http://www.savvycompany.ca), Susan Desjardins, October 2011

### Japan Wine Challenge 2012

Silver Medal

### 94 Points

Wine Showcase Magazine, October 2012