

Vineyard Region
McLaren Vale



MITOLO

Press Reviews

The Wine Advocate, Robert Parker, 91 points

"...it is hard to find a better Cabernet for the price than Mitolo's 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon Jester which spent nine months in used French oak prior to bottling. Approximately 20% of the grapes were dried on racks (a traditional Amarone technique) in order to concentrate the flavor. Yet there is no pruny or raisiny character to the wine. It is a dense ruby/purple tinged offering displaying loads of roasted meat, blackcurrant and plum aromas, deep, medium to full-bodied flavors, sweet tannin, and an expansive savory texture. This is a stunning Cabernet Sauvignon to drink now and over the next 7-8 years."

The West Australian, Ray Jordan, 6th October 2005

"The Jester Cabernet Sauvignon is a cracker of a wine drawn from fruit which has been culled hard to achieve the intensity and quality they want. Some of the fruit comes from newer vineyards but Mitolo said the fruit was too good to sell off in bulk and so ended up in here. I had to agree the fruit was damn good."

The interesting complexity is the addition of 25 per cent of the amarone-style dried fruit component that was originally destined for the higher price Serpico Cabernet. This has added complexity and weight to the middle palate together with a delicious textural component. I just loved the fleshy ripe flavours and the purity of varietal expression."

Matthew Jukes, October 2005

"Super smooth, velvety work from Frank and Ben. This wine is the equivalent of a lush purple sofa that you sink into and never want to get up from. Cassis is used a lot when describing Cabernet Sauvignon – here there is no other word that does justice to this incubus of a wine."

The Wine Spectator, 88 points

"Bright and juicy. A polished wine that's appealing for its pure currant and blackberry flavors..." - Wine Spectator June 30, 2005

The International Wine Cellar (USA), Steve Tanzer, 88+ points

"Deep, bright ruby. Dusty, floral notes of dogwood blossom and rose lift the black cherry and dark chocolate aromas. Juicy, fresh and tightly wound, with flavors of fresh black cherry and cassis and a note of raw meat. Offers good texture and depth, but still tightly wound."

Wine Journal, January 2006

"A sweet black, Amarone-style nose with a touch of green pepper underneath. The palate is very sweet, perhaps excessively for some with fresh prunes, dates and blackberries. Quite a hedonistic wine and a little forced on the finish."