

# MITOLO

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2005 JESTER SHIRAZ

**Vineyard Region**  
McLaren Vale



## PRESS REVIEWS

"Frank Mitolo's wines are always richly appointed, plush and unbelievably glossy. This is a wine for nightstalkers and vampires such is its sumptuous, sanguine appeal and unctuous viscosity. It is hard to believe this is youthful McLaren Vale Shiraz rather than the sort of elixir that Kate Beckinsale carries around her porcelain neck."

**Matthew Jukes, October 2006 - UK**

### 92 Points

"The 2005 Shiraz Jester exhibits an opaque purple color along with sweet aromas of blackberries, charcoal, white chocolate and espresso roast. Rich, full-bodied, heady, and long. It explodes on the back of the palate (always a good sign). Drink over next 5-7 years."

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

### Top 100

"In my humble opinion this is Mitolo's finest 2005 vintage release – strange that it's the cheapest! Dramatic fruit and oak balance and a stunning, laconically appointed demeanor make it a must buy!"

**Matthew Jukes, Top 100, 2007**

"Yep, it's a 2005 red ready for drinking now. It will improve in the cellar too, but if you like your reds vibrant and packed with plenty of juicy fruit flavours, then drink the Jester now. This is delicious drinking with ripe berry flavours, a hint of vanillin and marzipan oak with fine persistent tannins. You could not fail to impress the guests at your next dinner party with this wine; it is just packed with flavour."

**The Canberra Time, Fergus Mcghe, July 19th 2006**

"Very bright fruit. An open, accessible wine that is already enjoyable. Big, bold and sweetish. Another great-value wine."

**Jancis Robinson, January 2007**

### Wine of the Week

"There has been a Mitolo Wine in our annual 100 Best Australian Wines hotlist every year since we launched it in 2004, testament to the quality of the wines produced by the partnership of Frank and Simone Mitolo with star winemaker Ben Glaetzer. Whilst many of their wines are around the £25-30 mark, this week's WoW proves that they can also deliver at the £10 point too."

The 2005 Jester Shiraz ...coats your mouth in unctuous, black cherry flavours, ripe tannins and sweet spice notes. There is a little black pepper, and nice structure, so the wine is moreish and a little indulgent, without ever being too weighty. A wine to curl up in front of the fire with, or serve with roasted meat dishes."

**www.matthewjukes.com, Matthew Jukes, January 2007**

### 4 stars

### 92 points

"A big, rich, fruit-driven style with bags of chocolate and liquorice fruit in remarkable concentration for its price. The palate is dense, with mouth-coating tannins. Alcohol-warm and almost chewy, but big, big flavours."

**Gourmet Traveller Wine, Huon Hooke, August/September 2006**

### 4 Stars

### 92 Points

"An animated and bright nose showing flashes of black pepper and stone fruits. The multilayered palate is rich and full-bodied with flavours of blackcurrant, anise and mixed spice. The finish is long with supple tannins."

**Gourmet Traveller Wine, 100 Top New Releases, October 2006**

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"Abundant plum, blackberry, dark chocolate and spice aromas and flavours; soft but adequate tannins; controlled oak.

**The Australian Wine Companion 2008, James Halliday, April 2007**

"Amidst the flurry of fussiness thank goodness at least one wine met with favour from the critical pillions. 8.5/10."

**Northern Star, Max Cruis, October 2006**

"If there's steak on the plate there has to be Shiraz in the glass. McLaren Vale in SA has long been famous for great Shiraz: dark, velvety and dense. This Mitolo does the trick in a more subtle way."

**Who Weekly, Robin Powell, October 2006**

### Recommended (Has no faults and offers most enjoyable drinking)

"Ripe and coconut-scented, with some VA lift. A big mouthful of young shiraz."

**Winewise, December 2006**

"An inky bright purple young fresh and vibrant wine. Lashings of sweet dark liquorice with good cedary oak and coconut and spicy overtones. Deep, rich and promising. Classic blackcurrants, blueberries as well as a savoury dimension. Dark fruits follow which are well pronounced on the palate. Fine grainy tannins as well along with a good length. An excellent food wine, try it with braised lamb shanks. Value at around \$28. Drink to 2015. 92/100."

**www.femail.com.au/wine-talk, Paul Ippolito, August 2006**

"To get things off to a flying start we would like to introduce you to one of the best value Australian wines around at the moment, one that has quickly become one of our firm favourites. ... In our view this is one of the most immediately attractive McLaren Vale shiraz released in years. The intense spice and leather nose combined with a sweet-edged red berry fruit flavour is reminiscent of the trail-blazing Aussie shiraz that dominated the market a decade ago. Welcome back!"

**The Week Wine Club, April 2007**

### 97 points

"Mitolo's Shiraz is intense and rich, laced with notes of jam and spice as well as woody-chocolatey nuances. The robust and very velvety mouth yeilds a surprising wine, to be drunk in the coming years on it's fruit, with, for example, filet mignon brochettes."

**Cellier Magazine, December 2007**