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Robert Parker The Wine Advocate, October 2004

90 points

A more exuberant, fun-styled effort is the value-priced 2002 Shiraz, The Jester. Aged in a combination of neutral French and American oak, it exhibits exemplary ripeness, tremendous fruit, loads of blackberry and cassis characteristics, a hint of licorice, and subtle wood and earth in the background. A fruit-forward Shiraz, it is meant to be consumed over the next 3-4 years.

Jancis Robinson Website

16/20

Bright crimson. Very concentrated and deep. Rather Cabernet-like with its leafy scent. Backbone and aroma. Salty undertow, very Australian. Still very chewy and tannins a bit grainy. Lots of tar and minerality.

McLaren Vale Wine Show

Top Trophy for best red under A\$25

Baltimore Sun, April 2004

This full bodied, complex red offers both immediate satisfaction and the prospect of further development. It is packed with blackberry, chocolate and smoked-meat and herb flavours, and it gets extra points for being bottled with modern screw-top technology. US\$18

Divine Magazine, March-May 2004

Doug Neale

Lifted red berries, violets and suede great the nose. The rounded palate is full of raspberries and dried herbs that finish with a spicy edge. Easy-drinking and highly approachable, it will continue to roll about in the bottle for a few years.

Donna Hay, July 2004

A big ball of blackberries, plums and spicy new oak, but all in balance. Serve alongside slow-cooked veal and black olives.

International Wine Cellar, July/August 2004

90 points

(US\$21) Good medium ruby. Aromas of blackberry, eucalyptus and sweet oak. Juicy, bright and spicy, with enticing black fruit and sweet oak flavors lifted by a violet component. This shows good life and definition in the mouth, not to mention serious underlying spine. Finishes with sweet tannins, good energy and a note of charred oak. From a single vineyard cooled by ocean breezes. *Stephen Tanzer*

James Halliday – The Wine Companion 2005

90 points

A complex mix of blackberry, spice, earth and dark chocolate; savoury tannins to finish; a very different style. Screwcap. Drink 2012.

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Canberra Sunday Times - TOP DROPS, 17th October 2004

This was the red highlight of a recent solid week's tasting on the South Coast. Frank Mitolo founded Mitolo Wines in 1999 and commenced production in 2000, employing the extraordinarily talented Ben Glaetzer as winemaker. The wines to date have been sensational. Twist the screwcap from this latest release, pour a glass and be lured to the very last drop, its aroma and flavour are pure shiraz but with extraordinary vitality and a unique peppery, savoury lift. I can still taste this one week later. Cellar door number is 08 8282 9012 or log onto www.mitolowines.com *Chris Shanahan*

Wine Enthusiast Best of Year Issue, December 31, 2004 Editor's Choice 90 points

"Mitolo has the right idea here, delivering a suave, balanced, medium-sized Shiraz, under screwcap, for only 20 bucks. It has chalky, smooth tannins and understated black fruit dusted with mocha. Sees a surge of clay, and a flash of eucalyptus, on the finish. There's a little alcoholic warmth, but it's a solid wine overall."

Quaff 2005 - Max Allen and Peter Forrestal

This is the cheapie. Robust, bold and powerful yet smooth, succulent and approachable. A good drink.

The Saturday Daily Mail - London, Matthew Jukes, 5th February 2005

The intensity and gloss in this superb, black-fruit-driven Shiraz is simply amazing . . . this is a big, bold wine, with a velvety texture and a minutes-long finish. Drink it with steak and chips and you'll be in seventh heaven.

The Independent on Saturday - Anthony Rose, 6th March 2005

This screwcapped new red is aromatic, spicy and peppery, delivering a wine of approachable blackberry richness.

Wine State, March / April 2005

4 Stars

Savoury nose exhibiting smoky bacon-like aromatics. A complex and mature palate that has great depth of berry fruit flavours balanced by soft gentle tannins.