

MITOLO

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2005 SAVITAR SHIRAZ

Vineyard Region
McLaren Vale



PRESS REVIEWS

96 points

'Named after a mythical monster, the 2005 Shiraz Savitar emerges from rocky, low vigor soils, and was aged for 15 months in primarily new French oak barrels. Dazzling aromas of acacia flowers, blueberries, crushed rocks, graphite, liquorice, and espresso roast emerge from this tightly knit, but intense, fleshy, rich effort. Its multilayered palate, huge body, sweet tannin, and 'monster' finish suggest this brilliant wine will be drinkable between 2008 and 2020. It is a superb example of McLaren Vale Shiraz.'

The Wine Advocate, Robert Parker, 2006

"This is, as the saying goes, the inside thigh of wine. Bugger the handsome prince – pour a drop of this on sleeping beauty's mouth and she's wake up in a flash and demand a Riedel full. It's a glorious, smooth, long, plummy, intoxicating wine that finishes chalky and loamy and firm, despite its velvety ride. ... There's an aftertaste of smoky, cedary oak, but glorious McLaren Vale fruit and tannin is the story here. Superb."

The Wine Front, Campbell Mattinson, April 2007

"The last wine today is the Mitolo McLaren Vale Savitar Shiraz 2005 (\$73), the only Mitolo wine for the day that is sealed with a cork. This is, as the saying goes, the inside thigh of wine. Bugger the handsome prince - pour a drop of this on Sleeping Beauty's mouth and she'd wake up in a flash and demand a full Riedel full. It's a glorious, smooth, long, plummy, intoxicating wine that finishes chalky and loamy and firm, despite its velvety ride. I couldn't, right now, necessarily call it complex - but less than two years ago it was still hanging out on the open vine, and we are wrong to demand too much complexity in baby wines. There's an aftertaste of smoky, cedary oak, but glorious McLaren Vale fruit and tannin is the story here. Superb. Drink: 2013-2020. 96 points."

The Wine Front, Campbell Mattison, February 2007

"Black black black with a purple tinge edge. Powerful, yet soft nose. The French oak separates this from the other shiraz in the wine. Rich Blackberry chocolate and plum on the nose with gorgeous spice characters. The palate is wonderful with multiple layers of flavour that build across the palate. Wonderful rich smooth characters, wonderfully smooth before a good long finish. A magnificent young wine well and truly set up for the long haul."

Murray Almond, www.vinosense.com, March 2007

"With talented Ben Glaetzer at the controls, McLaren Vale's Mitolo's specialities are shiraz. They are excellent drops in every respect from a very fine vintage..."

Sunday Telegraph, John Fordham, March 2007

"Deep dark purple. Inky glass staining purple. Black fruits dominate with blackcurrants, blueberries and plums. Quite upfront and intense yet with a savoury dimension of black olives and earthiness. Good oak, quite firm reflecting some coffee and cedary nuances – the alcohol is also there but in sync with the other elements of the wine. Glorious plum pudding flavours on a lingering palate. Good varietal McLaren Vale Shiraz. A big yet also complex red with a fine future ahead of it. Try it with oven roasted lamb shanks. Drink Now to 2020. 93/100."

Paul Ippolito Talks Wine: Volume 28

"This is without doubt one of the finest modern McLaren Vale Shiraz produced on rocky meagre soils that only yield small amounts of intensely concentrated fruit. It is no shrinking violet, rather it is a massively endowed red chock-a-block full of ripe fruit flavour."

Wine-Ark, March 2007

"This I believe is the finest Shiraz from Australia, still young, but in years to come you can say that you did try this once. These prices are going to go up and up. The important point about the Savitar is that it is gentle, possibly you could say top Rhone, forget it this is far above that, just stunning."

Roger Jones, The Harrow Inn (UK), December 2006

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"Liquorice, almond, blackberry spice, clove, coffee. Bit closed though. Soft, supple fruit, good lifting acidity and intergrated tannins. Menthol but should blend well. 5-10 years
Decanter Magazine January, 2008

5 Stars

"A lush McLaren Vale shiraz from one of the region's new stars, Mitolo Savitar is a dense, powerful drop. Plum, bitter chocolate and smoky barrel ferment characters mark the nose and it tastes velvet-smooth and profound. The palate has length and complexity, but it is still a pup. Smooth, ripe tannins feature."

Epicure, Ralph Kyte-Powell, November 2007

96 points

"Saturated with aromas and flavours; some savoury notes along with blackberry fruits and dark chocolate, lingering tannins; good oak."

The Australian Wine Companion 2008, James Halliday, April 2007

"A big wine at a big price, if only it was better known so others could see your good taste and fortune."

Max Crus. June 2007.