

2007 SAVITAR SHIRAZ

Vineyard Region  
McLaren Vale**94 Points**

Dense, deep purple-crimson: full-bodied, with rich and luscious plum, blackberry and dark chocolate is supported by good oak and appropriate tannins.

**James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion 2010, August 2009**

**93 Points**

The saturated purple 2007 Savitar Shiraz delivers scents of underbrush, plum, and black fruits. Opulent, layered, and dense, this rich, succulent Shiraz will evolve for several years and offer prime drinking from 2011 to 2020.

**The Wine Advocate, February 2009, Jay Miller for Robert Parker**

**95 Points**

This is a powerful, heavy-weight win with sensational concentration and intensity. Black plum, cherry and berry fruit swirls with liquorice and vanilla oak. The wood is firm and disjointed, but it will integrate with time. Still extremely primary, it demands a long time to come together.

**Tyson Stelzer, Wine 100, August 2009**

**Wine 100 Top Wines of the Year 2009, Tyson Stelzer, December 2009**

**93 Points**

Opaque purple. Exotically perfumed bouquet of ripe blackberry and boysenberry, with complicating notes of cracked pepper, five spice powder, musky herbs and vanilla. Lush and creamy in texture, offering deep, pliant dark berry compote flavors and fully absorbed tannins. The spicy quality resonates on the finish, which is strikingly pure and very persistent. There's nothing to stop you from drinking this now but I'd hold mine for at least another five years and then serve it with a spicy braised lamb or beef dish.

**Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, September/October 2009**

**91 Points**

Velvety in texture and sharply focused to aim its tobacco and spice-accented plum and blackberry flavors true as they sail through the long, generous finish. Best from 2010 through 2017.

**Wine Spectator, January 2009, Harvey Steiman**

**96 Points**

Vibrant purple hue. Heady aromas of black cherry, plum and rum cake with hints of raisin and black cherry. Jammy flavors of plum and blackberry. Plush tannins and layers of blueberry, mocha and vanilla drive the endless close.

**Lyn Farmer and Abraham Horowitz, BuyLine, Wine News, July 2009**

**94 Points**

“Something of a statement in the later harvest style of modern shiraz, which is generally something that fails to move me. It’s obviously over-ripened, but despite that provides very pleasing length, balance and structure. It needs plenty of breathing for its subdued fruit sweetness to overcome its more overt raisined and meaty aspects, but then delivers a charming and surprising spectrum of wild, briary fruit, cloves, licorice and mocha that ease into delightful meaty and gamy influences. It’s quite minty, with menthol undertones, and has been artfully married to spicy vanilla oak and surprisingly firm tannin. Give it plenty of aeration.”

**Jeremy Oliver, The Australian Wine Annual 2010**

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From the Chinese Block in Willunga and named after a mythical dragon whose tail ‘swept the stars from the sky and flung them to the earth’, this is a wine groaning with symbolism and valid hype. Considered to be a lighter vintage and yet easily as gripping and bold as the rich 2006, this is a thrilling wine with clove, woodsmoke, black liquorice and even pastrami notes in its vast panoply of flavours. Mitolo is riding the crest of the wave and perhaps a dragon’s tail, too.

**Matthew Jukes, 2010 Matthew Jukes Top 100 Best Australian Wines, May 2010**

#### 93 Points

Mitolo’s top Shiraz offering from 2007 is its Savitar bottling, from McLaren Vale. This full-bodied, creamy, lush, expansive wine features aromas of toast and vanilla upfront, followed by mixed berries that seem to grow in intensity with every sip.

**Wine Enthusiast, December 2009**

#### 90 Points

By anyone’s standard, this McLaren Vale Shiraz from ace winemaker Ben Glaetzer is big, rich and powerful and very much true to type, highly concentrated that is, with lots of smoky oak, dark berry flavours, spice and powerful alcohol.

Its power may be overwhelming for some, but the intense richness here is mitigated by supple textured tannins and excellent fruit purity.

**The Wine Gang, October 2010**

#### 91/100

Dense, sweet, spicy and slightly meaty with powerful flavours of rich berry fruits. Hints of tar and mint, too.

**www.wineanorak.com, Jamie Goode, August 2011**

A recent tasting of Mitolo wines proved that quality and patience are linked, and here reference is made to the Savitar wine, which is the flagship of Mitolo Shiraz. This is produced in very limited quantities but exhibits powerful and multi-dimensional flavours. The Savitar Shiraz is located in the Willunga district, at the southern end of McLaren Vale, from vines averaging 20 years of age grown on rocky, skeletal soils. The Wine was deep black showing aromas of camphor and cassis mixed with cracked pepper, truffles and earth. A solid full bodied and rich wine to my liking at 15% Alcohol. This will cellar for at least 10-15 years.

**homesguide.com.au, Greg Bondar, December 2011**