

Vineyard Region
McLaren Vale



PRESS REVIEWS

93+ Points

Aged 14 months in 100% new oak (90% French / 10% American), the 2009 Savitar Shiraz has a deep garnet-purple color and an earthy / savory nose with notes of tree bark, meat, tobacco and black truffles with a warm mulberry and black plum core plus a fragrant hint of sandalwood. Full bodied with plenty of mouth-filling savory and blackberry flavors, it's well supported with very crisp acid and a medium level of chewy tannins, finishing long. Still a little tight, it should drink best 2013 to 2020+.

The Wine Advocate, Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW for Robert Parker, February 2012

93 Points

(\$70) Glass-staining purple. A kaleidoscopic bouquet of raspberry and blackberry preserves, oak spices, potpourri and smoky minerals. Deep, weighty and powerful but almost shockingly lively, offering fresh black raspberry, mulberry and Asian spice flavors, with candied violet and vanilla notes building with air. Finishes with serious length and superb clarity. Very spicy and rich but also very nicely balanced.

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, Josh Reynolds, September 2011

90 Points

Opens with a thunderclap of big tany, ripe fruit. Has cherry oak presence in mouth, and the fruit flavours drive long, strongly and boldly. Finishes chewy and earthy. Interesting, if not complete, and on an impressive scale.

WBM, Mike Bennie, June 2012

2009 Mitolo Savitar Shiraz (A\$80) is a powerful and deeply flavoured wine, which is beginning to develop well, but still needs time to show its true worth. Bennie joined me in supporting it strongly, adding, "Smoky barrel-derived aromas, with dark berry fruit and a ferrous element. Concentrated fruit characters, without being overbearing, and charr oak. Viscosity, tempered with fresh acidity and a graphite texture. Chewy.

Australian Gourmet Traveller Wine, National, Texi Nick, July 2012

Japan Wine Challenge 2012

Bronze Medal

95 Points

Excellent crimson-purple; the bouquet has spicy cedary cigar box nuances to both the bouquet and the tapestried, full-bodied palate; the use of oak and tannin management lengthens and complexes the finish and aftertaste.

Tasted 12 Dec 2011 Drink to 2030.

James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2013 Edition

90 Points

Wine Showcase Magazine, October 2012

5 Stars

Mitolo's flagship red jumps from the glass with involved aromas of savory herbs, espresso roast, gamy notes, forest floor/earthiness and dark ripe berry fruit...whew. A heavily textured, full-bodied gusher of black currant jelly, black juicy cherry and blueberry tart coat the palate interwoven with black licorice and good moderating acidity. It's balanced, complex and structured with a lingering finish and aftertaste. Good to go now, especially with grilled rack of lamb.

Winecurrent.com, Vic Harradine, October 2014