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The Wine Spectator, 15 June 2003

92 points

Rich, beautifully focused and dense, with blueberry, plum and sweet spice flavors. Firm in texture but open enough to let the flavors sing beautifully through the round, generous finish. Drink now through 2010. 300 cases made. – H.S. US\$50

The Wine Advocate, Robert Parker

91-93 points

“from a 15-20 year old vineyard, its opaque purple colour is accompanied by layers of flavour, full body, great balance, and uncanny purity and depth of blackberry, blueberry fruit. Sweet, impressively concentrated and impeccably well balanced, it should drink well for the next 10-12 years”.

International Wine Challenge, London 2003

Silver medal

Max Allen: The Weekend Australian, Saturday 17th May 2003

“...multilayered deeply satisfying brambly Savitar (about \$65)...”

James Halliday -The Australian Wine Companion

94 points and 5*

Medium purple-red; the complex bouquet has a quite different range of aromatics, with edges of game, leather and spice; the palate is once again true to the Mitolo style, with multi-layered dark berry fruits, and fine-grained tannins suggesting long maceration.

Gourmet Traveller Wine

June/July 2003

“...toasty, coffeed oak in full force but also tonnes of juicy, even savoury, black fruit and a spank of real flavour persistence.”

Jancis Robinson – Website

18/20

Very deep crimson. Colour right out to the rim. Subtlety on the nose and then a massive attack of super-ripe fruit on the palate. No shortage of refreshment value though - hooray! Definitely quite a bit of acidity and tannin but they are beautifully hidden. Very grown-up. Lots of sophisticated glossy pleasure on a base of mineral-laden McLaren Vale fruit. Very dry (as opposed to sweet but not drying) finish. Needs time ideally though it could actually be started sooner than the GAM bottling.

The only other Australian Shiraz to score 18/20 was Grange 1998

Decanter

4* rating

Quite sweet. Excellent balance, good fruit – lovely ripe tannin. Lovely. 2-5 years

Ralph Kyte-Powell - The Age, November 2003

5* Uncorked

In only a few years Frank Mitolo's wines have made a big impression. This McLaren Vale Shiraz is a concentrated, solidly built wine of surprising complexity. It is meaty-rich with jammy blueberry fruit and savoury earthy touches. Smoky oak folds harmoniously into the background, and the rich, opulent texture leads into ripe fine tannins.

Winestate's Best Wines of 2003

4* rating

Big colour. Tarry/meaty aromas. Huge, sweet, 'thick' malty/caramel palate. Nice savoury character.