

# MITOLO

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2004 SERPICO CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**Vineyard Region**  
McLaren Vale



## PRESS REVIEWS

“Lock up your daughters, here comes a fleet of Vikings, primed to slaughter anything in their way. Serpico is the definitive destroyer – it makes you forget every other wine you’ve ever tasted.”

**The Matthew Jukes 100 Best Australian Wines 2006**

“The 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon Serpico (aged 12 months in new American hogsheads as well as small French barrels) comes from the Willunga district of the southern sector of McLaren Vale near the ocean). It exhibits a dense purple color in addition to an extraordinary bouquet of smoke, blueberries, black raspberries and cassis. Superbly endowed with admirable purity, sweet tannin, a floral/fruity component and a fabulously layered, concentrated mid-palate as well as finish. It is one of the best Cabernet Sauvignon’s to ever emerge from South Australia. It should age well for 10-15 years.”

**The Wine Advocate, Robert Parker. 94 points**

“Potent, powerful blackcurrant, dark chocolate and cassis aromas. Very dense and rich mouthfeel, with masses of dusty tannins; some suggestion of juice run off. Drink 2015.”

**2007 Wine Companion, James Halliday. 5 Stars. Rating 94**

“This producer has built its reputation on shiraz, so when Frank Mitolo decided to make a McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon, he was keen for it to have a point of difference. He achieved this by using Italy’s amarone method to process the grapes. This involved drying the fruit before production, and the result is simply stunning. This has many of amarone’s bitter-sweet characters but is also richer and smoother. A silky wine that is quite unique for Australia.”

**The Daily Telegraph, Jeff Collerson, 21st December 2005**

“This is quite freaky. It is intensely herbal, but it’s also sweet and nutty (aspects of it are not unlike Frangelico), with dust and then, yes, a swaggering, liquorous, luscious generosity that jams your mouth with flavour. It’s like an old condom packed with walnuts and blackberry jam and chocolate, and yet it retains a sense of dusty, tannic structure too – this is Mitolo’s attempt at an Amarone, and it is their most successful attempt yet. Drink: 2005-2015”

**Winefront Monthly, Campbell Mattinson, Oct/Nov 2005. 94 points**

“And then there is the distinctive Serpico cabernet sauvignon 2004, which is sourced totally from McLaren Vale and gets a good 10 months in all-new French oak. The feature is the use of the amarone-style dried fruit. This classic Italian style of winemaking involves harvesting the grapes and then leaving them on racks for about six to seven weeks, during which time they dry out, losing up to 30 per cent of the volume of juice. It results in a tremendously concentrated essence. But when you taste the wine, you don’t see any hint of dried-out, tired, prune-like flavours. The wine has remarkable life and freshness that is rich and concentrated with great oak.”

**The West Australian, Ray Jordan, 6th October 2005**

“Serpico is stronger than the wines normally recommended here, but it still holds beautiful balance, with natural acidity acidity to match its formidable alcohol. Moody, minty fruit of great intensity and silky McLaren Vale smoothness makes it as much like Shiraz as Cabernet.”

**Philip White, The Advertiser, Adelaide, 25th January 2006. 94 points**

“Inky violet color. Superripe but focussed on the nose, potent aromas of blackberry and clack cherry liqueur, cured meat, smoky herbs, lavender and sext oak. Unbelievably lush and almost sweet, with mouthfilling, liqueur-like dark berry and ripe plum flavours tinged by intriguing notes of charred herbs and anise. Finishes with excellent persistence of dark berry fruit.”

**International Wine Cellar (USA), Steve Tanzer, July/August 2005. 92 points**

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“Now to the good bits...Of 50 wines which were scored 9/10 or better – not a bad success rate really 0 40 were reds, the top scorer being Mitolo Sepico 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon, the only wine to hit 9.5/10.”

**Max Crus, Daily Advertiser, January 2007**

“Beautifully perfumed, sweet nose with some exquisite herb and tea notes. Open and smooth. The palate is concentrated, open and lovely with smoothness and nice weight. Full and spicy with some blackcurrant character. Very good/excellent 94/100”

**www.wineanorak.com, January 2007**

“Liquorice - certainly not flabby or sweet. Very muscular for the moment, this still needs quite a lot of time. ...Glaetzer's aim is to maximise the difference between the open sweetness of the McLaren Vale wines and the earthier, truffle characters of the Barossa.”

**Purple Pages, Jancis Robinson, January 2007**