

Vineyard Region  
McLaren Vale



## PRESS REVIEWS

**93+ Points**

Made in the “Amarone” method with grapes picked at 12.5% potential alcohol and semi-dried slowly, the 2009 Serpico Cabernet Sauvignon was aged in 100% new oak barriques, 90% French. It offers a deep garnet color and aromas of tobacco, meat, dried mulberries and dried Mediterranean herbs over a core of creme de cassis and a whiff of menthol. The full bodied palate is savory, layered and complex with a generous amount of flavor supported by a medium to high level of chewy tannins and crisp acidity. The finish is long, taut and a little firm at this stage. Consider drinking it 2013 to 2022+.

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

**94 Points**

(\$70) (made from fruit that is air-dried for up to two months; 15% alcohol): Inky purple. Vibrant, high-pitched blackberry and smoky mineral aromas, with exotic floral and spice notes adding complexity. Very ripe but energetic as well. Silky and sweet on entry, then deeply concentrated, sweet and seamless in the middle, offering dense, very intense cherry and cassis flavors. Expands with aeration and finishes with broad, suave tannins and outstanding length. I find this utterly delicious right now but have no doubt that it will reward another decade of patience.

**Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar, Josh Reynolds, September 2011**

Made entirely from grapes dried in the style of Amarone. Dark garnet in the glass this wine has a nose of dried black cherry and chocolate. In the mouth wonderfully aggressive tannins wrap around black cherry and chocolate flavors with notes of leather that linger in the finish. Intense and interesting. And for being made from dried grapes, quite bright. Score: around 9.

**www.vinography.com, March 2010, Alder Yarrow**

**Bronze Medal**

Sommelier Wine Awards 2013

**4.5/5 Stars**

This is absolutely delicious; it snuggled up to 5 stars. Hi-toned aromas of dark cherry, baking spice and black briary berry abound. It’s full bodied and fully flavoured with cassis, warm, toasty oak plus red and black berry fruit supported by moderating acidity and a creamy smooth mouth feel. The complex, lengthy aftertaste is underpinned by fine-grained tannin for structure. Good to go now and on to the 2020s.

**Winecurrent.com, Vic Harradine, April 2014**

**93 Points**

Serpico is the flagship of the fine Aussie winery Mitolo. It’s made in an unconventional manner for Australian reds, following the Amarone technique of Italy, in which grapes are left to dry on mats for weeks after harvest before they’re crushed and fermented. The concentrated berries yield more intense, complex flavours, and the results in this mature gem represent something distinctive for Australia. It’s luscious, yes, with a hint of raisin answered by bright acidity. The tannins are substantial but supple, framing nuances of sweet berries, leather, shoe polish and dried aromatic leaves. Think of blackberry jam served in a Prada loafer with a dusting of tea leaves and tobacco. The wine could pass for a men’s cologne if it weren’t so drinkable. Serve it with roast beef or lamb or cellar it for up to 20 years.

**The Globe and Mail, Beppi Crosariol, June 2014**