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SERPICO / CABERNET SAUVIGNON / McLAREN VALE / 2003



The Adelaide Advertiser - Philip White, 27th October 2004 93 points

Here's a distinguished bottle of Vales gentility as its smooth, most accomplished and supple. As you'd expect of something with this level of presumption, the wine has quite prominent oak, with enough creamy black fruit to offer. It has some cabernet leaf, but lashings of soft and royal blackcurrant too, with very fine drying tannins.

Robert Parker – The Wine Advocate 92 points

Aged 10 months in new French oak, the intensely varietal 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon Serpico boasts a fragrant blackcurrant, floral, tobacco leaf and spice box-scented nose along with intense fruit, wonderful purity, superb density and remarkable elegance as well as definition. It will be interesting to see how this beauty evolves and ages. While accessible, it appears to have the stuffing and balance necessary to evolve for a decade or more.

Jancis Robinson Top 10 Best Aussie Wines for Cellaring

Good Living (Sydney Morning Herald) - Huon Hooke, 19th July 2005

“Ben Glaetzer, who makes Mitolo Serpico Cabernet Sauvignon, grown in McLaren Vale, says the technique is aimed at achieving fully ripe, soft tannins. Shiraz regularly achieves this from McLaren Vale, cabernet not so reliably. ‘We do it to concentrate the varietal character and soften the tannins by changing the phenolics,’ says Glaetzer, ‘but we avoid porty flavours. The wines still have to be vibrant’. A portion of the grapes undergo air-drying on racks. The result is a lavishly rich, decadently opulent red wine.”

International Wine Cellar (USA), Steve Tanzer 91 points

Dark ruby. Intense, spicy aromas of cassis, dark cherry, licorice, cigar box and clove. Large-scaled and dense, with solid structure and good focus. Powerful flavors of ripe cherry, red plum and spicy oak. The long, weighty finish displays chewy tannins and admirable sweet berry flavor.

James Halliday Wine Companion 2006 4* rating, 89 points

Powerful red berry fruits and even more powerful tannins; still coming together.