

MITOLO

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2004 VINTAGE

TASTING NOTES

SERPICO CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Vineyard Region
McLaren Vale



Background:

The family owned Mitolo Wines was established in 1999 by Frank and Simone Mitolo. Their vision is to create individual, handcrafted premium wines built on passion and an uncompromising commitment to quality. Winemaker, Ben Glaetzer became a partner in the business in 2001.

Key Facts:

These elegant wines express purity of flavour, whilst being rich, powerful and complex. Soft tannins allow the wines to be approachable at any age. Ageing in ultra fine grained high quality French oak to enhance the nuances of the individual parcels of fruit.

Vineyard:

The Cabernet comes from the Willunga district of McLaren Vale. The grapes are grown on black Biscay clay and hand harvested at around 13 Baume onto 10 kg drying racks. Yield is around 2 tons an acre. Harvested from 5-7th March 2004.

Vintage 2004:

A longer than usual vintage attributed to cool conditions during ripening which was welcomed by winemakers who reported the production of red as being extremely high quality. Cabernet Sauvignon reached full flavour ripeness, achieved excellent colour, and tannin with wines exhibiting great varietal flavours and aromas.

Vinification:

The grapes were left to dry on the 10kg drying racks for 8 weeks in the traditional Amarone manner to concentrate flavour. The wine was fermented on skins for 2 weeks and then left to macerate for a further 3 weeks prior to pressing.

Maturation:

Aged in 100% new French oak barriques and hogheads for 9 months.

Cellaring:

Will age reliably for 15 - 20 years with careful cellaring.

Tasting Notes:

Vibrant Purple colour. The fragrant nose shows blackcurrant, cassis and mulberries aromas with a touch of cedar and spice. This opulent, rich and powerful Cabernet displays lush red and black berry fruits complexed by chocolate, mocha and forest floor characters. This mid-palate shows immense power and concentration which are followed by pillars of ripe, silky tannins. The seamless integration of oak, tannin and fruit allow this distinguished wine to be drunk now.

Winemaker:

Ben Glaetzer