

# MITOLO

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## 2004 VINTAGE

## TASTING NOTES

JESTER 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:**

The Jester wines are upfront in style and approachable for early appreciation, and deliver excellent quality at the price. Jester Cabernet is our 'baby' Serpico using 20% Amarone technique of dried Cabernet fruit adding roundness and fullness to the mid palate.

### **Vineyard:**

The grapes come from the Willunga district of McLaren Vale, where the heavy grey loam soils over sandstone, intermixed with black Biscay clay, combined with the maritime climate, contribute to an even ripening period and the development of rich fruit flavours and ripe tannins. Yield is around 4 tons an acre.

### **Vintage 2005:**

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

### **Vinification:**

20% of the grapes were left to dry on the 10kg drying racks or 5 weeks in the traditional Amarone manner to concentrate flavour. The fruit for Jester is fermented on skins for 5 to 6 days at a cool temperature to enhance the pure berry fruit. The wine is then pressed and undergoes partial barrel fermentation. A natural malolactic fermentation is completed before the wine is racked.

### **Maturation:**

Aged in 2-4 year old French oak for 9 months.

### **Cellaring:**

Will age reliably for 5-8 years.

### **Tasting Notes:**

This wine has a beautiful fragrance of cassis, blackberry, mulberry and plum aromas. The palate is rich and robust with excellent concentration, complex fruit and integrated oak. There is loads of dark fruits on offer with hints of earth and mocha. The soft and supple tannins lead in to a long finish.

### **Winemaker:**

Ben Glaetzer