

MITOLO

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2002 VINTAGE

TASTING NOTES

JESTER SHIRAZ

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 Shiraz is our 'baby' G.A.M. using the same barrels that G.A.M. was aged in previously.

Vineyard:

The Shiraz grapes for Jester were hand harvested in the Willunga district of McLaren Vale, South Australia, 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.

Vintage 2002:

The 2002 vintage in McLaren Vale has produced some exceptional wines despite lower than average yields in many of the vineyards with many winemakers comparing the 2002 vintage with the 1990 and 1998 vintages. The summer was South Australia's coolest on record and allowed for a cooler ripening period for all varieties meaning flavour ripeness was gained at high sugar levels, while good natural acidity was maintained.

Vinification:

Each parcel of fruit used for Jester was fermented on skins for five to six days prior to pressing and partial barrel fermentation. A natural malolactic fermentation was completed before the wine was racked and returned to two to four year old barrels previously used for ageing GAM and matured for twelve to fourteen months.

Maturation:

Aged for 9 months in oak that is 2nd and 3rd year old which was previously used for ageing G.A.M.

Cellaring:

Will age reliably for 5-7 years

Tasting Notes:

Intense bright red with purple hues. The nose displays ripe plummy fruit with a subtle touch of French oak. Ripe fruit again on the palate, soft velvety tannin with blackberry fruit. Well rounded with good length. Will age reliably under Stelvin for six years.

Winemaker:

Ben Glaetzer