

MITOLO

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2004 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:

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 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 which was welcomed by winemakers who reported the production of red as being extremely high quality. Shiraz reached full flavour ripeness, achieved excellent colour and tannin with wines exhibiting great varietal flavours and aromas.

Vinification:

Each parcel of 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 12 months.

Cellaring:

Will age reliably for 5-7 years.

Tasting Notes:

Deep Purple Colour. The nose shows concentrated blackberry, plum and chocolate aromas with a subtle touch of French oak. The palate displays masses of rich black fruits and dark chocolate that combine with the sweet velvety tannins. Ripe and full bodied this well rounded wine has good structure, intensity and concentration of fruit which lead into a long generous finish.

Winemaker:

Ben Glaetzer