

MITOLO

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2005 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 vineyards are located in the Willunga district at the southern end of McLaren Vale. The heavy grey loam soils over sandstone, intermixed with black Biscay clay, combined with a maritime climate, contribute to an even ripening period and the development of rich fruit flavours and ripe tannins. Yield is around 4 tonnes an acre (70 hl/ha).

Vintage 2005:

After a reasonably wet winter, the vines burst well with good early shoot growth. Mild summer temperatures allowed canopies to be maintained right up until vintage time, with minimal irrigation, which resulted in an excellent and even ripening period. Overall the quality was good particularly for Cabernet and Shiraz.

Vinification:

The fruit was fermented on skins at cool temperatures in order to capture and enhance the bright, pure berry fruit. The wine was then pressed and underwent partial barrel fermentation with natural malolactic fermentation occurring before the wine was racked.

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:

An animated and bright nose showing flashes of black pepper and stone fruits. Rich and full bodied on the palate with flavours of blackcurrant, anise and mixed spice. The palate is multilayered and finishes with supple tannin.

Winemaker:

Ben Glaetzer