

FRANK MITOLO

Frank Mitolo was born in Adelaide in 1967. His father, Bruno, immigrated to Australia with his parents at the age of 13 and his mother, Angela, was born in Australia to immigrant parents. Frank has two brothers John and Darren.

Frank attended Rostrevor College and whilst studying worked actively in the Mitolo family owned horticultural business, Comit Farm Produce.

Upon finishing his education, Frank entered the family business as Sales Manager and gradually assumed the roles of General Manager, Managing Director and Director of Sales and Marketing, respectively.

During this time Comit Farm grew rapidly, diversifying its interests and now operates commercially as The Mitolo Group. The largest entity- Comit Farm- is the largest packer and exporter of potatoes and onions in the Southern hemisphere, currently exporting to 6 countries around the world. Domestically the company is the major supplier of potatoes to Coles supermarkets in Australia.

In addition Frank was instrumental in the launch of the Mitolo Group's own extra virgin olive oil. Derived from the family grove in the Riverland region of South Australia, **ollo** hit domestic supermarket shelves in 2005. It is presently the fourth largest Australian brand and is exported to 7 countries.

The evolution of Mitolo Wines began in the early 1990's when Frank developed an interest in wine and winemaking. He began making wine, as a hobby, in 1995 and then subsequently completed a winemaking course at Regency TAFE. In 2000 he produced the very first vintage of Mitolo G.A.M Shiraz named after his children- Gemma, Alex and Marco. In 2001 acclaimed winemaker Ben Glaetzer joined Mitolo Wines as winemaker and business partner.

Mitolo Wines has swiftly achieved recognition, with outstanding reviews from Australia and around the globe. Consistently scoring 90+ with notable wine critics such as Robert Parker and James Halliday, Mitolo Wines are now sold in more than 20 countries around the world.

