

`Jester` McLaren Vale Shiraz 2016

McLaren Vale, South Australia, Australia



Grape Varieties	100% Syrah/Shiraz
Winemaker	Ben Glaetzer
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	14.5%
Residual Sugar	2g/L
Acidity	5.59g/L
Wine pH	3.55
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan

PRODUCER

Mitolo is a family owned winery established in 1999 by Frank Mitolo, with a vision 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. The fusion of Frank's intimate knowledge of the land and business acumen with Ben's winemaking talent has led to the creation of one of Australia's most exciting wineries. In early 2022, Mitolo welcomed Luke Mallaby as Head Winemaker. Ben's new role as consultant enables him to support Frank, Luke and the team and help ensure the continued success of these wines.

VINEYARDS

The vineyards for the Jester Shiraz are located at the southern end of McLaren Vale, close to the seaside town of Aldinga. The combination of cool sea breezes and gully winds provide ideal conditions for growing fruit with intensity and balance. The vines grow in heavy clay, which gives the wine powerful fruit flavours.

VINTAGE

The 2016 vintage in McLaren Vale will be remembered as one of the earliest and most condensed in history thanks largely to a dry and warm growing season. A drier than usual winter was followed by a warm and dry spring, which promoted shoot growth and flowering. These conditions continued into summer until a short period of heavy rain at the beginning of February, immediately before the bulk of the region was to be harvested, increased bunch weight and boosted vineyard yields.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were crushed immediately after delivery to the winery and the skin and juice was then left to warm naturally over several days before fermentation began. The ferment was held at relatively low temperatures to retain bright primary fruit characteristics. Post fermentation the wine was carefully pressed and transferred to oak barrels (10% new) for 18 months prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

This wine has a bright ruby red colour with a vivid purple rim in the glass. Aromas of ripe dark fruits such as blood plum and blackberry are complemented by savoury notes of black olives and oak char. On the palate, it is a full-bodied, mouth-filling wine, with fine grained tannins and concentrated dark fruits, and a hint of coffee and mocha on the long finish.

AWARDS

Sommelier Wine Awards 2019, Gold