

2008 JESTER SANGIOVESE ROSÉ

Vineyard Region
McLaren Vale**Gold Medal****New Zealand Liquorland Top 100 Wines, September 2008.****89 points**

"The 2008 Jester Sangiovese Rose has an enticing bouquet of rose petals, strawberry and cranberry. Crisp, dry and intensely flavored, the medium bodied wine is savory and food friendly".

The Wine Advocate, Great Value Australian Wines, Jay Miller, September 2008.

90 Points

Light, bright pink. Redcurrant and wild strawberry on the nose, with a nervy blood orange note adding energy. Clean and dry, with sharply focused red berry and citrus flavors and good mineral snap. This grown-up wine shows very good finishing cut but also gained weight with air, suggesting that it will stand up to full-flavored foods.

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, September 2008.

"This exciting new McLaren Vale producer used the famed Tuscan red grape sangiovese to create this medium-dry, stylish tippie suited to alfresco dining. It has sangiovese's raspberry and cherry fruit on the nose with more of the same, along with dried herbs and spice, in the mouth. The finish is soft and crisp. A great pink wine for spring."

Jeff Collerson, Daily Telegraph, October 2008.

"Market gardener and produce merchant Frank Mitolo, in association with ace winemaker Ben Glaetzer, set up the Mitolo operation at McLaren Vale in 1999 and has used the Italian sangiovese variety to good effect in the second-label Jester rose wines. This 2008 version would be fine with antipasto, pumpkin gnocchi or sesame-crusted Atlantic salmon fillets. It is vivid pink in the glass and has ripe cherry and anise scents. Bright, crisp raspberry flavour shows on the front of the palate and spearmint and spice characters chime in on the middle palate. Steely acid refreshes at the finish".

John Lewis, Uncorked, Newcastle Herald, October, 2008

"Frank Mitolo has meticulously shaped this outfit into one of McLaren Vale's best. Each of the wines, crafted by Ben Glaetzer, has a story behind it including Giacomo who was the king of all jesters. It's a crisp, classy rose with sweet berry and strawberry on the nose and palate, some background spice and zippy acidity. Drink it now with antipasto."

Kerry Skinner, Grape Expectations, September 2008.

"With a big strawberry nose, this sangiovese is fresh, lively and bone dry with a rich, yet refined palate.

Drink young, gently chilled. Great with lighter dishes".

John Hawkesbury, Herald Canvas, September 2008

"The warmer months are here, and that's rose time. This is a good one- mid-pink with refreshing cherry and strawberry flavours. It is dry and savoury (nothing too sweet) and carries a delightful spicy edge that kicks in right at the end. Great for a casual slurp."

Rick Allen, Cuisine Scene, September 2008.

"Cool and dry early summer growing conditions were very favourable for the 2008 Jester Sangiovese Rose. "Fortunately our fruit was picked prior to the extended heat period," Frank Mitolo said. "This resulted in excellent colour and lifted perfumed notes of strawberry and raspberry." Continuing the clean, crisp style of 2007, the 2008 vintage is dry, yet cool fermentation has produced a mouth-filing complexity."

Sunshine Coast Daily, January, 2009.

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“Bright fuschia pink; attractive red fruits dance the song to a beat of dry spicy
minerality. Good food style.”

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion 2010, August 2009.

Highly Recommended

“2008 Mitolo Jester Sangiovese Rose The delicate pink colour catches the eye, and the nose and palate don't disappoint. This appealingly dry rose smells and tastes of fresh red berries, and would suit a wide range of dishes.”

Winewise, March 2009

“Ben Glaetzer makes a sweeter style of rose here, with ripe sweet redcurrant and strawberry flavours”

Peter Forrestal, Sunday Times, February 2009

90 Points

“Pale pomegranate hue. Crisp scents of raspberry and wild cherry. Juicy flavors of wild cherry and cassis. Silky tannins in the refreshing close.”

Lyn Farmer and Abraham Horowitz, BuyLine, Wine News, July 2009

“WITH Christmas behind us and not much more of the holiday season remaining, now's the time to try something different in the drinking department. Mitolo Wines hail from South Australia's McLaren Vale region and are known for their big reds. Its Rose wines are also fairly fulsome but very attractive and food friendly nonetheless. The 2008 is still fresh with some very appealing red fruits and savoury/spicy elements.”

Sunday Examiner Tasmania, January 2010