

## THE WINE ADVOCATE - ROBERT PARKER 2006

## MITOLO RANGE

G.A.M. SHIRAZ  
McLaren Vale

### 95 points

'Fashioned from a McLaren Vale vineyard, the 2005 Shiraz G.A.M. (named after the Mitolo children – Gemma, Alexander and Marco) is a deep ruby/purple-hued effort displaying beautiful blackberry, white pepper, liquorice, and toasty oak notes. Rich full-bodied, and intense, with blueberry and blackberry flavors, sweet tannin, and excellent purity, it is a *tour de force* in winemaking. Enjoy it over the next decade.'



SAVITAR SHIRAZ  
McLaren Vale

### 96 points

'Named after a mythical monster, the 2005 Shiraz Savitar emerges from rocky, low vigor soils, and was aged for 15 months in primarily new French oak barrels. Dazzling aromas of acacia flowers, blueberries, crushed rocks, graphite, liquorice, and espresso roast emerge from this tightly knit, but intense, fleshy, rich effort. Its multilayered palate, huge body, sweet tannin, and 'monster' finish suggest this brilliant wine will be drinkable between 2008 and 2020. It is a superb example of McLaren Vale Shiraz.'



REIVER SHIRAZ  
Barossa Valley

### 94 points

'The 2005 Shiraz Reiver, made from 60 year old Shiraz vines in the Greenock area of the Barossa, was aged 16 months in lightly toasted French oak. Its inky/blue/purple hue is followed by a lovely perfume of flowers, blackberries, espresso, and liquorice, aged completely in 300 liter hogsheads, it offers stunning richness and length, and should drink well for 10 – 12 years.'



SERPICO CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
McLaren Vale

### 94 points

'The 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon Serpico (100% McLaren Vale fruit) was treated like Amarone with the grapes picked relatively underripe and green, then dried for seven weeks before they were fermented. The result is a distinctive, full-bodied Cabernet with no pruny or raisiny characteristics whatsoever. Its fresh acidity and lively backbone support a wine of enormous richness and intensity, offering classic *crème de cassis* notes intermixed with white chocolate, damp forest, cedar, and toasty oak. Full-bodied, opulent, powerful, and totally dry, with a sweet, rich mid-section. It should age well for 10-15 years.'



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