

# MITOLO



(Pictured) The beach at McLaren Vale — the breezes off the St. Vincent Gulf provide ideal temperature moderation for the Mitolo vineyards

## Angela 2018 McLaren Vale, Australia

### ESTATE

In a short period of time Mitolo has become recognized as one of the finest producers in McLaren Vale and all of Australia. Mitolo is a family owned business, started and led by Frank Mitolo and his vision of harnessing his Italian heritage to create a range of wines of individuality, integrity and utmost quality.

### WINE

The Lopresti Family growers have provided fruit for Mitolo from the very beginning. Sourced from Sandra’s Block, matriarch of the Lopresti family, this wine is a tribute to Frank Mitolo’s mother, Angela, matriarch of the Mitolo family. Angela is lifted with pure, ripe berry flavors at the forefront and subtle oak, allowing the fruit flavors to shine.

### VINEYARD

Angela is a slightly different expression of Shiraz which comes from Sandra’s block, and is located about 3 miles south of the Chinese Block. The soil and geology of this block differ slightly with less black Biscay clay and more alluvial Christies Beach formation.

*Soils:* Clay and alluvial, with rocky fragments that have been sheared off the nearby hills and deposited in this soil millions of years ago. It is free draining, resulting in less vigor over spring and more content vines in the ripening period.

*Farming:* All vineyards are farmed sustainably.

### WINEMAKING

*Variety:* 100% Shiraz

*Vinification:* The grapes for Angela were destemmed and crushed gently then pumped over once daily for around ten days. The ferment was kept cool throughout in an attempt to extract the tannin, color and flavor very softly and to hold onto the pure fruit characteristics.

*Aging:* A combination of 20% new and one and two year old barrels, mainly French origin, for 16 months before being blended. The final blend is clarified by racking only, and bottled without fining or filtration.

*Alcohol:* 14.5%

### VINTAGE

A drier than average growing season for the third consecutive year, which contributed to lower yields across the board. The season commenced with good winter rainfall, but a dry spring followed reducing vine vigour.



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*Robert Parker*  
WINE ADVOCATE

*“Vanilla and mulberries mark the nose of the clay-grown 2018 Small Batch Series Angela Shiraz. It’s a rich but elegant offering, with ample weight and depth, dark overtones of mocha and black olive, a round, plush feel in the mouth and a lingering finish. It should drink well for a decade, possibly more.” - J.C., 2/2021*

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