



The “moonraker” or “hope in heaven” as it was sometimes called, is the sail at the very top of the mast, designed to provide maximum speed when conditions were perfect. Not all ships carried the “moonraker” but for those who did, it meant the swiftest, smooth sailing en route to the land down under. In similar fashion, the Merlot vine produces its best results when everything is just right, delivering a beautifully smooth wine to enjoy now and for years to come.

VINTAGE 2019

The McLaren Vale wine region relied on its advantage, natural and constructed, to have a successful vintage for 2019. Reliable spring rainfall and access to multiple irrigation sources helped vineyards cope with a challenging dry and hot season.

Disease pressure was very low for this vintage.

At harvest, vineyards generally had lower yields of fruit with more intense flavour. Vines had more open bunches, which weighed less than average. The reduction in vine size and yield is partly attributed to the summer, but also to two specific extreme weather events.

The combination of hail in November and hot weather in January and February is expected to reduce the overall size of our harvest compared to recent years.

ALCOHOL	14.5%
REGION	McLaren Vale
pH	3.33
TA	6.71

TASTING NOTES

This is a wine full of subtle nuances from the careful use of French and American oak, balanced with plum and mulberry characters.

The full rounded palate lingers, finishing with soft silky tannins—an elegant and smooth wine.

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MOONRAKER
2019 MERLOT

