



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 2021

The 2021 vintage in McLaren Vale Wine Region was generally more productive, producing higher yields at harvest, compared to recent seasons. Importantly the increase in vine yields was combined with excellent quality which was well received by the region's wine-makers.

January was slightly hotter but still below average. The temperatures in February were ideal with no days above 35 degrees and temperatures staying around the high 20's low 30's each day.

It was a long , drawn out vintage compared to what has been the recent experience. Grape picking took 8 weeks to complete starting at full pace in the first week of March and ending in the second week of April. Overall the season producing great quality.

ALCOHOL	14.5%
REGION	McLaren Vale
pH	3.64
TA	5.4

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
2021 MERLOT

