



*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 2022

In 2022 McLaren Vale received below average rainfall. Vines held condition well due to a cool summer, and winemaking was made easier by gentle ripening conditions.

Tonnages were lower than 2021 due to cold and windy conditions during flowering (mid Spring). Adding to this the November temperatures were lower than average, leading to lower berry set.

The mild Summer and warm Autumn produced a slow ripening period and delayed harvest. The months of March and April were busy for grape picking. Overall the 2022 vintage is ranked highly with intense, rich and balanced flavours and colours.

ALCOHOL	14.5%
REGION	McLaren Vale
pH	3.42
TA	6.32

## 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.

**SHAW FAMILY VINTNERS**  
**MOONRAKER**  
**2022 MERLOT**

