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MOONRACER 2019 VINTAGE

Our work at the SLD Estate Vineyard continues to evolve and the 2019 Moonracer is our best effort yet, showcasing the complexity of our south, east and southeast-facing slopes. This vintage contains the largest percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon to-date, with no Cabernet Franc or Petit Verdot. Our goal is to reflect the best of the site and vintage with precision, and only the strongest lots from the estate are used in the final blend.

Blend: Stags Leap District AVA. Blend of 98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Merlot

Vineyard: Realm SLD Estate Vineyard

Wine Profile: This wine embraces the full spectrum of fruit – blue, red and black, with perfumed layers of cardamom, cassis, and fresh earth. The 2019 Moonracer is the complete package with incredible complexity, depth and tightly packed layers that continue to reveal itself long after the sip. It is a quietly confident wine that invites reflection and leaves you salivating for more.

THE STORY BEHIND MOONRACER

Our SLD Estate Vineyard sits on Wappo Hill, named after the Native American tribe that used this hill as a central lookout. Jack London, who wrote about the curious inter-tribal races that took place during full moons, noted that the Wappos often won. Thus Moonracer, an oblique reference to the earliest inhabitants of the place Realm calls home.

For the label, Barcelona-based artist Sergio Albiac inserts data taken from weather stations at the Moonracer vineyard, including temperature, wind, and solar radiation, into an algorithm that produces abstract images based on the data. Each vintage of Moonracer is represented by data from that particular year and each of the 6,000 labels are different.

