

S K I P S T O N E

2009 SKIPSTONE OLIVER'S BLEND

Winemaker

Philippe Melka

Varietal Composition

76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Cabernet Franc – from Skipstone's hillside estate vineyard above Alexander Valley. Certified organic and sustainable farming.

Vintage Notes

2009 was a temperate growing season that featured slow ripening and a larger-than-average harvest. The long growing season yielded perfect phenolic ripeness

Winemaking regime

Philippe's team hand sorted the grapes, which were fermented and left on the skins for 26 days prior to pressing. The wine was aged for 18 months in 68% new French oak barrels prior to being bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

386 cases produced

"Bursts from the glass with explosive dark red fruit, spices, licorice and tobacco ... rich, deep, intensely perfumed and totally seductive. It shows fabulous balance and classiness to match its powerful, intense personality. Flowers, mint and spices reappear to frame the dazzling finish. This is a showstopper from Skipstone and consulting oenologist Philippe Melka ... very impressive Cabernets that deserve serious attention."

– Antonio Galloni

