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2010 SKIPSTONE OLIVER'S BLEND

Winemaker

Philippe Melka

Varietal Composition

94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot – from Skipstone's hillside estate vineyard above Alexander Valley. Certified organic and sustainable farming.

Vintage Notes

A very long cool season was followed by extreme heat spikes in August. Yields were low but the resultant wine was fantastic. Meaty and dense, the 2010 exhibits leather, dark chocolate, plum and vanilla.

Winemaking regime

Philippe's team hand sorted the grapes, which were fermented and left on the skins for 28 days prior to pressing. The wine was aged for 18 months in 66% new French oak barrels prior to being bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

386 cases produced

*"Gorgeous. A deep, intriguing wine, the 2010 is loaded with considerable aromatic and flavor complexity. Smoke, bacon fat, ash, incense, tobacco, plums and black cherries meld together in the glass. There is an intense vein of underlying minerality that gives the wine much of its focus and energy."*

– Antonio Galloni

