

SKIPSTONE

2010 SKIPSTONE VIOGNIER

Winemaker

Philippe Melka

Varietal Composition

100% Viognier – 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.

Winemaking regime

Philippe’s team hand sorted the grapes, which were fermented and aged for 16 months in 42% new French oak barrels and 58% stainless steel. The wine underwent no malolactic fermentation to preserve acidity and freshness to balance the natural weight of the viognier grapes.

120 cases produced

An inviting golden straw yellow color creates the primary sensory experience for the Makena’s Vineyard Viognier. On the nose abundant aromas of tropical fruits and banana are embellished with delicate spring floral elements of honeysuckle and chamomile. A lush palate with medium body and crisp acidity on the finish gives freshness and vivacity to the wine.

